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**Meeting Minutes**  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING #11**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**Injinoo Boardroom**

## **Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council**

### **Ordinary Council Meeting #11**

**To commence at 9.00am**

**On**

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### Agenda Item 1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting:

Mayor Poipoi welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 08:38am with a prayer by Cr Yoelu

### Agenda Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Poipoi paid respects on behalf of the Council to the traditional owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of the Northern Peninsula Area region; and to their elders past, present and emerging.

Meeting paused at 08:38am for deputation by Rio Tinto

### Agenda Item 3. Present

#### Mayor & Councillors

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor	
Cr David Byrne	Division 1	
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor	
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Division 3	(via videoconference)
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5	

#### Other Attendees

Kate Gallaway	CEO
Gus Yates	Executive Manager Operations
Lew Rohjan	Executive Manager Corporate & Finance Services
Brett de Chastel	Advisor
Benjamin Schierhuber	Financial Controller
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

Cr Gebadi has requested to attend the meeting via videoconference. A resolution is required.

#### Resolution

##### That Council:

accepts for Cr Gebadi to attend the meeting via videoconference.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C3.1-25022025

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### Agenda Item 4. Apologies

#### Resolution

##### That Council:

Does not grant a leave of absence for Cr Bond who is away on study leave.

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C4-25022025

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### Agenda Item 5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil

### Agenda Item 6. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#### Resolution

##### That Council:

Notes and confirms the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Moved: Cr Elu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C6.1-25022025

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#### Resolution

##### That Council:

Notes and confirms the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

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### Agenda Item 7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Action items were discussed as per the Action Task List



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### Agenda Item 8. Reports

#### Agenda Item 8.1. Social Housing Accelerator Program - Studio and Extension Funding

##### Resolution

##### That Council:

1. Note the report

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C8.1-25022025

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#### Agenda Item 8.2. Community Housing Project – Preliminary Concept for 40 Langie Draha, New Mapoon Refurbishment

##### Resolution

##### That Council:

1. Approve the preliminary concept drawing for 40 Langie Draha refurbishment at New Mapoon

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C8.2-25022025

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#### Agenda Item 8.3. Sole Supplier Register

##### Resolution

##### That Council:

Resolve to:

- 1) Request that the finance team create a sole supplier register, and resubmit after review every financial year.
- 2) Approve the additional proposed suppliers attached as nominated sole and/or specialised service providers under s 235(a) and (b) of the *Local Government Regulation, 2012* for the supply of equipment and services, for the remainder of the current 2024-25 financial year:
  - Bowyers Group  
(Quarry products – Archer River Quarry)
  - Emmett Contracting Pty Ltd  
(Coarse Sand)
  - B&B Electrical  
(Electrical inspection and repair work at the NPA airport)

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

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Morning Tea Break at 10:20am

Return from Morning Tea at 10:48am

### Agenda Item 8.4. Veolia's Variation SCADA RTU's PLCs

#### Resolution

##### That Council:

Delegate authority to the CEO and Executive Manager, Operations to increase the purchase order value to the value to \$555,410 (ex GST) in favour of Veolia, under the Terms of the *Operation and Maintenance Services of the Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System NPARC-2022-03-01* agreement for the replacement RTU and PLC's and associated works, within the water treatment system.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C8.4-25022025

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### Agenda Item 8.5. ALPA Contract Review

#### Resolution

##### That Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 ("LG Reg"), to close this part of the meeting to the public;
2. Pursuant to section 254J(5) of the LG Reg:
  - a. The matters to be discussed includes negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government
  - b. An overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed is the Agreement for the operation of the Umagico Supermarket

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C8.5.1-25022025

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Cr Gebadi joined meeting at 11:02am

Cr Gebadi left meeting 11:06am

Cr Gebadi returns 11:20am

Cr Yoelu left the meeting 12:03pm

Cr Yoelu returns 12:03pm

Cr Gebadi left the meeting 12:07pm

Cr Gebadi returns 12:09pm

Cr Byrne left the meeting 12:12pm

Cr Byrne returns 12:15pm



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**Resolution**

**That Council resolves:**

1. To open the meeting to the public

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C8.5.2-25022025**

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**Resolution**

**That Council:**

1. Note the report
2. Confirm Option 2, tender out the entire operation, management, and maintenance of the supermarket, including staffing, as the preferred option
3. Request that the CEO and Executive Manager Community and Regulatory Services undertake a tender for this services including preparing tender documentation and draft contract taking into consideration the financial and operational analysis presented in the report.
4. Commence consultation processes with staff as required under the NPARC Certified Agreement 2023

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C8.5.3-25022025**

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**Agenda Item 9. Managers Reports**

**Agenda Item 9.1. Operational Update on Works Department**

Cr Yoelu left the meeting 12:52

Cr Yoelu returns 12:53

Cr Gebadi left the meeting 1:10pm

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

1. Note the report

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**

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**Agenda Item 9.2. Operational Update on Regulatory Services**

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

1. Defer to the March ordinary council meeting

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C9.2-25022025**

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Council meeting Break for lunch -13:13pm

Moved: Cr Elu

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Carried

Council meeting opens after lunch – 13:13pm

Moved: Cr Byrne

Seconded: Cr Elu

Vote: 4/0

Carried

**Agenda Item 10. Financial Reports**

**Agenda Item 10.1. January 2025 Financial Report**

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

Note and accept the Finance report for the period ending 31 January 2025

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C10.1-25022025**

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**Agenda Item 9.2. Update from Financial Controller**

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

- Note the verbal update from the financial controller from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Yoelu**

**Resolution: C10.2-25022025**

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Council meeting Break for afternoon tea – 15:02pm

Council meeting opens – 15:15pm

**Agenda Item 11.**

**Mayor Report**

**Update about New Fire Station**

- Visitors from Queensland Fire Station attended to provide an update on the progress on the new fire station
- Current practical completion is in the middle of the year
- It will be two buildings of an office area and a shed with bays
- Local staff have advised they are unaware of the full time position at the Fire Station. Currently following up this commitment with the state

**Stakeholder Deputations**

- Thank you to the Councillors and Agencies that attended the first round of stakeholder deputations
- It was a very positive engagement and look forward to these continuing with the various stakeholders

**Alcohol Management Plan**

- I had a phone meeting with Minister Simpson regarding our request for removal of alcohol restrictions
- She appreciated the on-the-ground feedback and will be following up with us shortly
- I intended to speak to Minister Simpson regarding this at Community Cabinet on Sunday

**Draft Public Health Plan**

- Thank you to all the councillors for attending the briefing session on the Draft Public Health Plan with Environmental Health from Cairns
- It was good to see strong community engagement to inform the different priorities

**Local Disaster Management Group Meeting, Exercise & Training**

- Last week we have the Emergency Management Coordinators visit to hold an LDMG meeting, a group exercise and induction training for new members
- The exercise was very topical looking at high wind events during peak tourism seasons. It was good to have all members contributing towards the exercise to help our preparedness
- Thank you to the Emergency Management Coordinators for visiting and facilitating the few days

**Interact-TSI**

- I met with representatives of Interact-TSI which is a company who undertake legacy metal waste recovery in the Torres Strait as well as reestablishing the Badu Island Quarry
- They are currently providing information so I can provide to council to look at how we can work together to address the legacy waste issue here in the communities

**Cert IV Animal Management Graduation**

- I was invited to present certificates to the students of the Cert IV in Animal Management that was held here in the NPA last week
- It was great to see students from all over the state and different councils completing the course in NPA
- Thank you to the LGAQ for providing the funding for the event and UQ for facilitating the training.





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- A special recognition to our three staff members who undertook the training: Lorenzo Whap, Winston Williams and Henry Toby

### Visit from Palm Island

- Thank you to all the Councillors who attended the visit from Palm Island yesterday
- It was great to have Mayor Lacey, his council and CEO visit NPA to see the new IBIS shop but also the areas of the community
- Mayor Lacey has invited us to Palm Is and we look forward to visiting them later in the year

### Assistant Minister Visit

- A reminder that Assistant Minister Bree James is visiting NPA tomorrow and we will be meeting from her from 10am to 11am at the lodge
- The CEO has prepared the deputation based on what we discussed at our workshop and we will discuss briefly after today's council meeting

#### Resolution

##### That Council:

- Note the Mayor's verbal report from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C11-25022025**

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### Agenda Item 12.

#### CEO Report

#### Resolution

##### That Council:

- Note the Report

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**

**Resolution: C12-25022025**

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### Agenda Item 13.

#### Presentation from Advisor

#### Resolution

##### That Council:

- Note the presentation from the advisor from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

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**Agenda Item 14. Executive Reports**

**Agenda Item 14.1. Executive Manager Operations Report**

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

- Note the report.

**Moved: Cr Elu**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Yoelu**

**Resolution: C14.1-25022025**

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**Agenda Item 14.2. Executive Manager Community & Regulatory Services Report**

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

- Note the report.

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C14.2-25022025**

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**Agenda Item 14.3. Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure Report**

Cr Yoelu left the meeting – 16:35pm

Cr Yoelu returns – 16:38pm

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

- Note the report.

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**

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**Agenda Item 14.4.      Executive Manager Finance & Corporate Services Report**

**Resolution**

**That Council:**

- Note the report.

**Moved: Cr Elu**

**Vote:    4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**

**Resolution: C14.4-25022025**

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**Agenda Item 15.      General Discussion**

**Agenda Item 16.      Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 17:04pm with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.