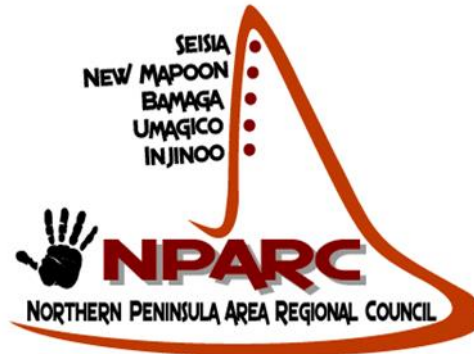


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## MINUTES

### Ordinary Council Meeting

17 December 2025

**MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT BOLAND CENTRE CAIRNS ON WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Mayor & Councillors**

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor
Cr David Byrne	Division 1
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Division 3
Cr Marlene Bond	Division 4 <i>Apologies</i>
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

**Other Attendees**

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Gus Yates	Executive Manager Operations
Romina Nona	Executive Manager Corporate Finance
Michael Bissell	Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)
Shannay Gebadi	Governance Officer

**MEETING OPENED**

The Meeting was opened at 09:04am with a prayer by Cr Elu.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of the Cairns Region (Gimuy Country) and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

**CONDOLENCES**

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect in memory of a deceased person or persons with deep connections to the communities of the Northern Peninsula Area (Injinoo, Umagico, Bamaga, New Mapoon & Seisia).

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Mayor declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest for Agenda Item 11.2 due to an immediate family member being a Director of the Company Bamaga Enterprise Limited. Due to the Prescribed Conflict of Interest the Mayor Poipoi departed the Council Meeting during the tabling of these Agenda Items.

**APOLOGIES****Resolution:**

That Council resolves to grant a Leave of Absence for Cr Bond.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**

**Resolution: C11.2-17122025**

**CARRIED**

**Standing Order 4.2 – Business not on the agenda:****Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Organisation of the Councils**

Tabled by Mayor Poipoi

*That in accordance with 4.2 of the Standing Orders, the report regarding Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Organisation of the Councils be considered by this meeting due to the urgency of the report and Council decision regarding the report.*

**Agenda Item 11.2****DEPARTURE:**

Mayor Poipoi departed the meeting at 09:15am due to a Prescribed Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 11.2 and, Mayor Poipoi passed the Chair to Cr Yoelu.

**In Committee****Resolution:**

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 09:15am

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Yoelu**

**Resolution: C11-17122025**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:**

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 10:02am

**Moved: Cr Byrne**

**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi**

**Resolution: C11-17122025**

**CARRIED**

**11.2 Licence Agreement – Bamaga Enterprise Limited****Resolution:**

That Council resolves to:

Endorse the issuing of Licences Agreement to Bamaga Enterprises Limited for the Post Office Building (RTC Building) and 'Dongaville' sites as per the below terms. The Dongaville Licence will terminate when Bamaga Enterprise Limited takes occupancy of their site Lot 314 on SP343950 Poipoi Street Bamaga.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi**  
**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Byrne**  
**Resolution: C11.2-17122025**

**CARRIED**

**ARRIVAL:** Mayor Poipoi returned to meeting at 10:00am and took the Chair

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10:05am and resumed at 10:27am

**In Committee**

<b>11.1</b>	<b>Finance Report – Quarterly Grant Update Report</b>
<b>11.3</b>	<b>Tender Umagico Supermarket</b>
<b>11.4</b>	<b>CEO Report</b>

**Resolution:**

That Council moves into In Committee.  
Time: 10:03am

**Moved: Cr Gebadi**  
**Vote: 4/0**

**Seconded: Cr Yoelu**  
**Resolution: C11-17122025**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution:**

That Council moves out of In Committee.  
Time: 11:34am

**Moved: Cr Elu**  
**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi**  
**Resolution: C11-17122025**

**CARRIED**

**11.1 Finance Report – Quarterly Grant Update Report**

**9.2 Financial Report November 2025**

**Resolution:**

That Council notes and accepts the Financial Report for period ending 30 November 2025.

**Moved: Cr Gebadi**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Elu**

**Resolution: C11.1-16122025**

**CARRIED**

**11.3 Tender Umagico Supermarket**

**DEPARTURE:** Mayor Poipoi departed the meeting at 10:32am and returned at 10:34am

**Resolution:**

That Council endorse that Council take over operations of the Umagico Store from 1st of February 2026 (following notice to ALPA) to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Moved: Cr Yoelu**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Seconded: Cr Gebadi**

**Resolution: C11.3-17122025**

**CARRIED**

**Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Organisation of the Councils****Resolution:**

That Council resolves to:

*1. Endorse its commitment to the Torres Strait & Northern Peninsula Regional Organisation of Councils (TS&NPAROC) and provide in-principle agreement to contribute sufficient funding to cover the annual operating costs (estimated to be ~\$100,000 subject to the successful procurement of funding from external sources) and indemnifies TSIRC as of auspicing Council one-third of the operating expenses of TS & NPAROC.*

***Recommendation 2 – Legal Status of Torres Strait & Northern Peninsula Regional Organisation of Councils (TS&NPAROC)***

*2. Confirm the TS & NPAROC remains as an unincorporated body.*

***Recommendation 3 – Charter Review***

*3. Delegate the power to the Mayor and Chief Executive office to recommend further amendments to the TS&NPAROC Charter.*

***Recommendation 4 – Executive Officer Position***

*4. Delegate the power to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to endorse the TS&NPAROC Executive Officer Position Description and Executive Contract Terms for the purpose of advertising.*

*5. The position be a Contract employee, for a two (2) year term, on a part-time basis.*

*6. Nominate TSIRC to be the nominated employer on behalf of the TS&NPAROC.*

**Recommendation 5 – Governance Documents**

**7.** *Delegate the power to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to endorse the TS&NPAROC Executive Officer Position Description and Executive Contract Terms for purpose of commencing recruitment process for Executive Officer.*

**Moved:** Cr Gebadi

**Vote:** 5/0

**Seconded:** Cr Elu

**Resolution:** C11.1-16122025

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:18pm and resumed at 12:45pm.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- *NPARC to request to Showcase our Council & Region to ILF*
- *Stinger Season – Notification to be issued for community.*

**CLOSURE:** The Meeting was closed at 12:55pm with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.