CONFIRMED

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

22nd September 2026

MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT NPARC BAMAGA BOARDROOM

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 – late arrival
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

Other Attendees

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Romina Nona	Executive Manager Corporate Finance
Aaron Van Edmond	Project Executive Enterprise Services
Anita Spuler	Executive Business Services
Bradley Hogan	Acting Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure
Claire Alexander	Acting Finance Manager - Joining via Teams
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)
Shannay Gebadi	Governance Officer

MEETING OPENED

The Meeting was opened at 9:00 AM with a prayer by Cr Gebadi.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Angkamuthi, Atambaya and Gudang Yadhaykenu people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and paid respects 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 of our community and/or area of the Northern Peninsula Area.

- Elder Mr Ibuai Jacob
- Elder Mrs Bakari Sebasio (nee Tamwoy)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mayor Poipoi declared a Material Personal Interest Agenda Items 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 due organisation is a family owned business and decided to leave the room.

Cr Yoelu declared a Material Personal Interest Agenda Item 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 due to a family member is an employee of the organisation and decided to leave room.

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes Ordinary Meeting 25 August 2026

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 25 August 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C5.1-22092026**

CARRIED

5.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Trustee Meeting 28 August 2026

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Trustee Council Meeting held on the 28 August 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C5.2-22092026**

CARRIED

8.1 Mayoral Report

Resolution:

That the activities contained in the Mayoral monthly report be endorsed by Council.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C8.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

9.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

Resolution:

That the activities contained in the Chief Executive Officer monthly report be endorsed by Council.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C9.1. – 22092026**

CARRIED

9.2 Financial Report – Deferred to 12pm

Resolution:

That Council note and accept the Finance Manager's Report for the period ending 31August 2026.

Moved: Cr **Seconded: Cr**
Vote: / **Resolution: C9.2 - 22092026**

CARRIED

9.3 Executive Manager Building Infrastructure and Operations Report

Resolution:

That Council note the Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure Services Report.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C9.3 - 22092026**

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The Meetingwas djourned for morning tea at 09:56am and resumed at 10:31am

9.4 Executive Manager Project Enterprise Service Report

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Note the July 2026 update on the Enterprise Services Improvement Program;

2. Note continued progress across Council's enterprise operations, including improvements to operational performance, service delivery, infrastructure, and the long-term sustainability of Council enterprises; and

3. Note the continuing focus on improving financial sustainability, presentation, asset condition, service reliability and operational performance of Council enterprises.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C9.4 – 22092026**

CARRIED

9.5 Executive Manager Corporate Finance Service Report

ARRIVAL: Cr Bond arrived at the Council Meeting at 10:50am

Resolution:

That Council:

Receive and note the Corporate & Finance Monthly Report for August 2026 covering Stores, Records, ICT, Media & Communications, and the Art Centre; Events, Age Centre; Events and IKC's

Note the following key performance highlights achieved during the reporting period.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C9.5 - 22092026**

CARRIED

9.6 CEO Report to Council – Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System Report

Resolution:

That Council note the Northern Peninsula Area Water Supply System Monthly Report.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Geabdi**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C9.6 - 22092026**

CARRIED

9.7 NPARC Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Policy

Resolution:

That Council note the Report and;

1. Approve the Workplace Health and Safety Policy
2. Endorse that the policy be communicated to all NPARC Workers.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C9.6 - 22092026**

CARRIED

9.8 NPARC Human Resource Report – July and August 2026

Resolution:

That Council note the Report.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C9.6 - 22092026**

CARRIED

10. Late Items

- *NPA Show 2026 – Update Report to Council*
- *CEO Report*

10.1 NPA Show Stall Fees

DEPARTURE: Cr Elu departed the meeting at 12:00pm and returned at 12:02pm
Cr Byrne departed the meeting at 12:03pm and returned at 12:05pm

AJOURNEMENT: Council adjourns for Lunch at 12:03p and resumes at 13:00pm

10.2 Finance Report

Resolution:

That Council note and accept the Finance Manager's Report for the period ending 31 August 2026.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Bond**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C9.2 - 22092026**

CARRIED

11. Confidential Reports

11.1 In Committee – Early Works Contract – Airport Rehabilitation Project
This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.2 In Committee – Ferry Road NP2 Variation
This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(b) relating to industrial matters affecting employees for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.3 In Committee – Laradeenya Creek Crossing Concrete Upgrade

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.4 In Committee – Arterial Roads Restoration

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.5 In Committee – LG Insurance Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.6 In Committee – Non – Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy

matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.7 In Committee – 1000 Job Package Project

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(g) 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;

11.8 In Committee – Age Care Acquittals

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.9 In Committee – Senior Social Isolation Program Service Grant

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3)(c) relating to the local government's budget; for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.10 In Committee – CEO Report to Council HR WHS Policy

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(b) relating to industrial matters affecting employees for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

11.11 In Committee – CEO Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(b) relating to industrial matters affecting employees for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

DEPARTURE: Cr Bond departed the meeting at 1:24 PM and returned at 1:33 PM

Cr Elu departed the meeting at 2:02 PM and returned at 2:08 PM

Cr Byrne departed the meeting at 2:04 PM and returned at 2:10 PM

AJOURNEMENT: The Meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea at 14:39 PM and resumed at 14:44 PM

In Committee

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 2:44 PM

Moved: Cr Yoelu **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11. - 22092026**

CARRIED

Officers Recommendation:

That Council moves out of In Committee:

Time: 2:47PM

Moved: Cr **Seconded: Cr**
Vote: / **Resolution: C11-22092026**

CARRIED

11.1 Early Works Contract – Airport Rehabilitation Project

Officers Recommendation:

That Council:

- Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to accept the submitted price of $397,450.34 and to enter into a contract with the Durack Civil to complete Early Works scope of works.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Bond**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Mayor Poipoi declared a Material Conflict of Interest to agenda items 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4. Mayor Poipoi departed the meeting at 2:47 PM and passed the Chair to Cr. Gebadi.

DEPARTURE: Cr. Yoelu declared a Material Conflict of Interest to agenda items 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4. Cr. Yoelu departed the meeting at 2:47 PM.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council moves out of In Committee:

Time: 2:57PM

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11-22092026**

CARRIED

11.2 In Committee – Ferry Road NP2 Variation

Officers Recommendation:

That Council:

- Endorse the recommendation to vary the current NPA Earthmoving Yusia contract to deliver civil works upgrade to the Ferry Road NP@ section North of the Jardine River, to include a range of scope change both on NP2 and NP1 (Ferry Road South of the Jardine River).

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.3 In Committee – Laradeenya Creek Crossing Concrete Upgrade

Resolution:

That Council:

Tender – NPARC 04 2026 (Laradeenya Creek Crossing Concrete Road Upgrade)

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to accept the submitted prices below and to liaise with the successful contractors for a program of works.

Moved: Cr Bond **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.4 In Committee – Arterial Roads Restoration

Resolution:

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Manager Operations to accept the submitted prices below and to liaise with the successful contractors for a program of works.

NPA Earthmoving Yusia $1,440,611 excl GST

Rob's Earthmoving Hire $1,108,435 excl GST

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.4 -22092026**

CARRIED

ARRIVAL: Mayor Poipoi returned to the meeting at 2:59pm and took the Chair.

Cr. Yoelu returned to the meeting at 2:59pm.

IN COMMITTEE

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 2:59 PM

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11. - 22092026**

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee:

Time: 4:06pm

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11-22092026**

CARRIED

11.5 In Committee – LG Insurance Report

Resolution:

That Council:

That Council notes the LGM Assets invoice for the financial year 2026-27, and;

That Council approves payments of the invoice totalling $966,692.60 (including GST)

Moved: Cr Yoelu **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.6 In Committee – Non – Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy

Resolution:

That Council adopt the Non-Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.7 In Committee – 1000 Job Package Project

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Note the termination of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Jobs, Land and Economy Programme – 1000 Jobs Packages Project Tranche Two Funding Agreement by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA).
2. Note that the Funding Agreement provided up to 16 approved positions and a maximum subsidy value of $917,220.80(excluding GST).
3. Note that no subsidy payments were claimed or received by Council under the Funding Agreement.
4. Note that the Funding Agreement was terminated following non-compliance with reporting requirements, including the failure to submit required Commencement Reports and Workforce documentation to the NIAA.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any administrative actions necessary to finalise Council records relating to the terminated Funding Agreement.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.8 In Committee – Age Care Acquittals

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Retrospectively note the acquittal outcome for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) and the Aged Care Regional Rural & Remote Infrastructure Grant administered by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.
2. Note that unexpected funding totalling $527,858.74 was identified through the acquittal process, comprising funding returned to the Department and funding subject to recovery in accordance with the relevant funding agreements.
3. Note that the Department approved an amount of $31,204.90 for carry forward into the 2022-23 financial year under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any administrative actions necessary to finalise the acquittal records and maintain compliance with Commonwealth funding requirements.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Bond departed the meeting at 3:38 PM and returned 3:44 PM

11.9 In Committee – Senior Social Isolation Program Service Grant

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Note the funding recovery action initiated by the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services under the Senior Social Isolation Program Service Grant.
2. Note that the Department Has issued an invoice for $75,354.00 due to the non-submission of required milestone reports and acquittal documentation.
3. Note that council received $75,714.00 in funding across the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years.
4. Note that Council has identified $8,831.99 in eligible program expenditure was not included in any acquittal submitted to the Department.
5. Note that the program was not fully implemented or reported in accordance with the funding agreement, contributing to the Department's recovery action.
6. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all administrative actions necessary to finalise matter s associated with the grant and the Department's recovery process.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Yoelu**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.10 In Committee – CEO Report to Council HR WHS Policy

Officers Recommendation:

That Council notes to defer this agenda to October Ordinary Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr Bond **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.11 In Committee – CEO Report

Report to the NPARC Ordinary Council Meeting – Pay run in advance.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council approves a voluntary payment in advance (capped at $500) in this week's pay run repaid over two pays as negotiated between Council and the employee to assist employee participation in the annual Show Day.

Moved: Cr Bond **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

11.11 In Committee – CEO Report

Report to the NPARC Ordinary Council Meeting – Council Record on Housing.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council calls on the support for the federal Minister for Housing, the Hon Clare O'Neil MP and local Member for Lechardt, Mr. Matt Smith MP, Senator Nita Green, Assistant Minister Josh Burns for Housing and Homelessness to redirect upspent funds previously dedicated to the Northern Territory to remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities in Queensland and specifically to the communities of the Northern Peninsula Area.

That council calls on the Queensland Government to honour its commitments so that Council may provide improved housing supply and conditions to its communities.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 6/0 **Resolution: C11.1 -22092026**

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Elu departed the meeting at 4:48 PM and returned at 5:00 PM

Cr Yoelu departed the meeting at 5:01 PM and returned at 5:02 PM

12. General Business

Bamaga

- Wash Bay at the boat ramp at Seisia, Injinoo and Jacky Jacky
- IKC's
- Signage – fix up old signs.
- Requesting meeting prior to trustee meetings in August
- Storm Water Drain – Gamba grass

Injinoo

- Update on Petition

New Mapoon

- Make time with CEO for outstanding meeting stuff

Umagico

- Back road access – Change of name – From Joy Street to Baira Street
- Upcoming Umagico Community Day – NPARC In Kind support
- Commencement date of works for New Social Housing Umagico
- Gamba grass issue in Umagico
- Ranger program – Back burn

Seisia

- Block Access from Fishing Club
- Rubbish along the main drag to Seisia
- Repair Speed signs – Tackle Shop and Injinoo Road
- Water leak next to Ricky Gebadi

CLOSURE: There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 5:22 PM with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.