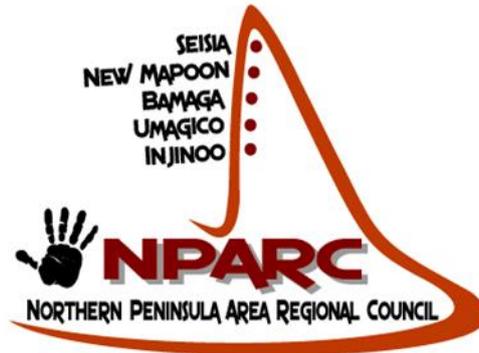


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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

24 February 2026

**MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BAMAGA BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2026**

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
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

Other Attendees

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Michael Bissell	Executive Manager Building & Infrastructure
Romina Nona	Executive Manager Corporate Finance
Aaron Van Edmond	Project Executive Enterprise Services
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)
Shannay Gebadi	Governance Officer

MEETING OPENED

The Meeting was opened at 9:01am 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 Northern Peninsula Area 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).

APOLOGIES

Cr Gebadi and Cr Bond advised of a late arrival to the Ordinary Council Meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mayoral Statement of Order 9:06am

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**Resolution:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 27 January 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Elu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C5.1-24022026

CARRIED

8.1 Mayoral Report**Resolution:**

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

Moved: Cr Elu

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C8.1-24022026

CARRIED

9.1 CEO Report**Resolution:**

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

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 4/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C9.1-24022926

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 9:53am and resumed at 10:33am.

9.2 Financial Report

ATTENDANCE: Finance Manager Gavin Herbst attended to present the Financial Report at 10:30am

ARRIVAL: Cr Bond arrived at the Ordinary Council Meeting at 10:39am

Resolution:

That Council note and accept the Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2026.

Moved: Cr Yoelu**Vote: 5/0****Seconded: Cr Byrne****Resolution: C9.2-24022026****CARRIED****9.3 Executive Manager Building and Infrastructure Service Report****DEPARTURE:** Mayor Poipoi left the meeting at 11:29am and returned at 11:30am**ARRIVAL:** Cr Gebadi arrived at the Ordinary Council Meeting at 11:35am**DEPARTURE:** Cr Yoelu left the meeting at 11:37am and returned at 11:38am**Resolution:**

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

Moved: Cr Byrne**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Elu****Resolution: C9.3-24022027****CARRIED****9.4 Project Executive Enterprise Service Report****DEPARTURE:** Cr Byrne left the meeting at 11:52am and returned 11:53am
Cr Elu left the meeting at 12:05pm and returned 12:07pm**Resolution:**

That Council

1. Note the monthly progress update on the Enterprise Services Improvement Program; and
2. Acknowledge the continued progression of enterprise-level transition implementation, operational integration, and governance uplift activities across Council's enterprise portfolio.

Moved: Cr Byrne**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Yoelu****Resolution: C9.4-24022026****CARRIED**

9.5 CEO Report to Council – Development of New Corporate Plan**Resolution:**

That Council note the report on the development of the new NPARC Corporate Plan in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Moved: Cr Bond
Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi
Resolution: C9.5-24022026

CARRIED

9.6 CEO Report to Council – Development of Trustee Leasing Policy

DEPARTURE: Cr Bond left the meeting at 12:29pm and returned 12:34pm

Resolution:

That Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to develop and carry out a community and stakeholder consultation process on a draft Trustee Leasing Policy, in consultation with the Mayor (generally) and relevant Divisional Councillors (for each individual community).

Moved: Cr Gebadi
Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu
Resolution: C9.6-24022026

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:37pm and resumed at 1:17pm.

9.7 CEO Report – Acceptable Request Guidelines

DEPARTURE: Mayor Poipoi left the meeting at 1:24pm and returned 1:25pm

Resolution:**Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy**

It is resolved that Council:

- A. Notes the Report and:-
- B. Repeals the previous Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy and adopts the proposed Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy as attached to the report; and
- C. Requests the CEO to publish the Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy to Council's website.

Councillor Obligations and Responsibilities

It is resolved that:

Council notes the details provided in the PowerPoint presentation regarding Councillor's roles and responsibilities and will ensure that this presentation guides each councillor's decision making and performance of their role as elected members of a local government.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Bond

Resolution: C9.7-24022026

CARRIED

LATE ITEM**10.1 Councillors request to attend Civic Leaders Forum****Resolution:**

That Council

- (a) Endorses the attendance of Mayor Poipoi and Cr Gebadi at the Local Government (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Summit 25-26 March 2026 in Brisbane.
- (b) That Council change the March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting date from Tuesday, 24 March 2026 to Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C10.1-24022026

CARRIED

10.2 Executive Manager Corporate Services Report

DEPARTURE: Cr Bond left the meeting at 2:03pm and returned at 2:09pm

Resolution:

That Council note the Executive Manager of Corporate Services Report.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C10.2-24022026

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

In Committee Reports

That Council consider the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

11.1 State Government Transition Plan Report to Council

- a) Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Reg), to close this part of the meeting to the public
- b) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(g) of the LG Reg, the matters to be discussed are commercial-in-confidence information involving the local government for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government; and
- c) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(b) of the LG Reg, includes industrial matters affecting employees.
- d) Pursuant to section 254J(5)(g) of the LG Reg, an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed is to consider the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (the department) Post Intervention Transition Plan.

11.2 New Mapoon Store – Feasibility Assessment

- a) Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Reg), to close this part of the meeting to the public
- b) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(g) of the LG Reg, the matters to be discussed are commercial-in-confidence information involving the local government for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

11.3 Closing the Gap Priorities Fund

- a) Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Reg), to close this part of the meeting to the public
- b) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(g) of the LG Reg, the matters to be discussed are commercial-in-confidence information involving the local government for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government; and
- c) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(b) of the LG Reg, includes industrial matters affecting employees.
- d) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(g) of the LG Reg, an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed is to consider the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund.

11.4 Housing Report 114 Lots Detailed Design Contract Award

- a) Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Reg), to close this part of the meeting to the public
- (b) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(g) of the LG Reg, the matters to be discussed are commercial-in-confidence information involving the local government for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

11.5 Injinoo Aboriginal Community Co-operative Association

- a) Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Reg), to close this part of the meeting to the public
- (b) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(g) of the LG Reg, the matters to be discussed are commercial-in-confidence information involving the local government for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

11.6 CEO Report

- (a) Pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Reg), to close this part of the meeting to the public
- (b) Pursuant to section 254J(3)(b) of the LG Reg, the matters to be discussed are relating to industrial matters affecting employees for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 2:30pm

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C11.a-24022026

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 3:44pm

Moved: Cr Bond

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C11.b-24022026

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Byrne left the meeting at 2:42pm and returned 2:46pm
Cr Yoelu left the meeting at 2:52pm and returned 2:53pm
Cr Elu left the meeting at 2:54pm and returned 2:55pm

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:48pm and resumed at 4:11pm.

DEPARTURE: All staff including Executive Manager Building and Infrastructure Services, Executive Manager Corporate Services, Project Executive Enterprise Services, Senior Executive Assistant and the Governance Officer departed the meeting at 4:17pm.

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 4:17pm

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C11.c-24022026

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 5:04pm

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.d-24022026

CARRIED

11.1 In Committee – State Government Transition Plan Report to Council**Resolution:**

That Council approves the response to the Post Intervention Transitional Plan and authorises the CEO to communicate its position to the Department.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C11.1-24022026

CARRIED

11.2 In Committee – New Mapoon Store – Feasibility Assessment**Resolution:**

That Council:

- a) Endorse officers undertaking a feasibility assessment into the reopening of the New Mapoon Store;
- b) Request officers to prepare and present a detailed business plan, including required capital expenditure and project financial model, for Council consideration; and
- c) Request that a progress report and recommended next steps be presented to the March 2026 Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr Bond

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C11.2-27012026

CARRIED

11.3 In Committee – Closing the Gap Priorities Fund**Resolution:**

That Council:

1. Endorse submission of the Community Energy Security, Cooling and Healthy Homes Program under Round 2 of the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund;
2. Endorse submission of the Community Food Production and Nutrition Resilience Project under Round 2 of the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund: and

3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and lodge both applications prior to the funding deadline.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.3-24022026

CARRIED

11.4 In Committee – Housing Report – 114 Lots Detailed Design Contract Award

Resolution:

That Council:

Endorse the recommendation to award contracts for detail design work of 114 housing lots across the five communities in the Northern Peninsula Area to;

- a) Langtree Consulting (LC) for \$560,238.07 for master planning and engineering works (civil and essential infrastructure) at Injinoo and New Mapoon (this includes RPS undertaking survey at each community); and
- b) RPS for \$1,046,407.00 for survey at Bamaga, Seisia and Umagico (this includes Langtree Consulting undertaking master planning and engineering at each community).
- c) Subject to funding being received from the state government (Department of Housing)

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Resolution: C11.4-24022026

CARRIED

11.6 In Committee – CEO Report Employee Matter

Resolution:

That Council notes the report and provides appropriate notice to the affected person in accordance with statutory prescription effective from 24 February 2026; and

That Council determines the person's application for housing in accordance with its policies, procedures and applicable law (i.e. according to its usual custom and practice).

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C11.6a-24022026

CARRIED

DEPARTURE:

Cr. Gebadi departed the meeting at 5:03pm.

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 5:07pm

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C11.e.24022026

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 5:52pm

Moved: Cr Bond

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.f-24022026

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council endorses the revised Budget for Works for Queensland (W4Q 2024 to 2027).

That Council endorses the revised Budget for Play Our Way.

Moved: Cr Bond

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.6b-24022026

CARRIED

Cr. Gebadi - Notice of Motion**Councillor Recommendation:**

(a) That the Chief Executive Officer provide a comprehensive report to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council outlining the implementation plan for the new organisational structure, including;

- associated timelines for implementation
- overview of the proposed communication strategy for informing staff and the community
- the number of staff impacted and how
- the change management strategy
- the expect cost to council for implementing the new structure
- identified risks and mitigation strategies

(b) this report be a regular report at each Ordinary Meeting of Council until such time as the new organisational structure implementation plan has been completed;

(c) the implementation plan is appropriately resourced.

Moved: Cr Yoelu
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Elu
Resolution: C11.6c-24022026

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Bond left the meeting at 5:26pm and returned 5:33pm
Cr Elu left the meeting at 5:41pm and returned 5:53pm

Resolution:

That Council defer agenda item 11.5 Injinoo Aboriginal Community Co-operative Association to the March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr Yoelu
Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Bond
Resolution: C11.5-24022026

CARRIED

12. General Business

Abandon vehicles throughout NPA on Council property boundary is reviewed.
Department of Housing application for housing form is too onerous.
Permission to Reside in Community form, social housing eligibility.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 6:08pm with a prayer by Cr. Yoelu.