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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

26 May 2026

MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2026 AT THE NPARC INJINOO 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 Bradford Elu	Division 5

Other Attendees

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

Injinoo Elders
- George Ropeyarn
- Reginald Williams
- Dale Salee
- Roy McDonald
- Annie Bowie

MEETING OPENED

The Meeting was opened at 09:00am with a prayer by Cr Yoelu.

APOLOGIES

Mayor Poipoi received a medical certificate advising that Cr. Bond was unwell and unable to attend the Ordinary Council Meeting.

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.

- Late Mr Davis Mimi

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Kitty Gebadi declared she had a conflict of interest in relation to In committee report 11.2 Jardine River Ferry – VES-441716.

Mayoral Address

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28 April 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Yoelu **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C5.1-26052026**

CARRIED

5.2 Change of date for Ordinary Council Meeting 23 June 2026

Resolution:

That Council change the date of the June Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 30 June 2026.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C5.2-26052026**

CARRIED

8.1 Mayoral Report

Resolution:

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

Moved: Cr Yoelu **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C8.1 - 26052026**

CARRIED

9.1 CEO Report

Resolution:

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

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Yoelu**

Vote: 5/0	**Resolution: C9.1. – 26052026**
CARRIED	

DEPARTURE: Cr Byrne departed the meeting at 10:05am and returned at 10:07am.

ARRIVAL: Claire Alexander Financial Consultant arrived at the Council Meeting and presented the Finance Report.

9.2 Financial Report

Resolution:

That Council note and accept the Finance Manager's Report for the period ending 30 April 2026.

Moved: Cr Yoelu	**Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 5/0	**Resolution: C9.2 - 26052026**

CARRIED

9.3 Executive Manager Building Infrastructure and Operations Report

Resolution:

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

Moved: Cr Byrne	**Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 5/0	**Resolution: C9.3 - 26052026**

CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for morning tea 10:45am and resumed at 11:50pm. Injinoo Elders George Ropeyarn, Reg Williams, Dale Salee, Roy McDonnell and Annie Bowie joined the morning tea and engaged with Council in relation to Mabo Day 2026.

ATTENDENCE: Debbie Dixson, Office of Liquor Licencing joined the meting via teleconference to discuss Liqour Licencing matters with Council.

9.4 Executive Manager Project Enterprise Service Report

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Note the monthly progress update on the Enterprise Services Improvement Program;

2. Note continued operational improvement across Council enterprises;

3. Note progress on recruitment, training and induction across key enterprise operations;

4. Note the actions being taken to stabilise staff costs, reduce revenue leakage and improve cost recovery; and

5. Note the status of current external funding applications.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Yoelu**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C9.4 – 26052026**

CARRIED

9.5 Executive Manager Corporate Finance Service Report

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Note the monthly update on the Corporate/Finance Improvement Program; and

2. Acknowledge the continued transition implementation, and governance uplift programs across Council's departments.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C9.5 - 26052026**

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:49pm and resumed at 2:05pm. Injinoo Elders George Ropeyarn, Reg Williams, Dale Salee and Annie Bowie joined Council for lunch.

9.6 CEO Report to Council – Submission to the Joint Standing Committee Inquiry into racism, hate and violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Resolution:

That Council endorses the Submission to the Commonwealth Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (the Joint Standing Committee) Inquiry into racism, hate and violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be submitted by 1 July 2026.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 5 /0 **Resolution: C9.6 - 26052026**

CARRIED

9.7 CEO Report to Council – Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission Annual Remuneration Review

Resolution:

That Council;

- Note the details of the Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission 2025 Annual Report in response to Council's submission and welcomes its Determination to ensure that the factors raised by Council are considered in the next category review; and
- Resolves to hold the Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission to it's Determination set out on page 17 of its Annual Report 2025.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C9.7 - 26052026**

CARRIED

10. LATE ITEM

Nil

11. CONFIDENTIAL 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 In Committee – Application for a new liquor licence – Cape York Lager

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(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;

11.2 In Committee – Jardine River Ferry – VES-441716

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 – Beep Beep Trading as Richardson Building Services

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;

11.4 In Committee – NPARC Community Engagement Plan

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

11.5 In Committee – Enterprise Services 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 – CEO Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254 (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 Elu departed the meeting at 3:02pm and returned to the meeting at 3:03pm.

In Committee

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 2:38pm

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Yoelu**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C11-26052026**

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 4:10pm

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C11-26052026**

CARRIED

11.1 In Committee – Application for a new liquor licence – Cape York Lager

Resolution:

That Council resolves to defer this matter to Ordinary Council Meeting in June.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 5/0 **Resolution: C11.1 - 26052026**

CARRIED

11.2 In Committee - Jardine River Ferry – VES-441716

Resolution:

That Council notes the report; approves the proposed action and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to resolve the matters outlined in the report.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Byrne**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.2 - 26052026**

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:35pm resumed at 3:40pm.

DEPARTURE: Cr Gebadi departed the meeting at 3:31pm and returned at 3:35pm.

Cr Yoelu departed the meeting at 4:00pm and did not return.

Mayor Poipoi departed the meeting at 4:03pm and returned to the meeting at 4:10pm.

ARRIVAL: Sean Webb, Preston Law attended the Council Meeting to advise Council on the In Committee Report – Beep Beep Trading as Richardson Building Services via Teams Link at 3:00pm.

11.3 In Committee – Beep Beep Trading as Richardson Building Services

Resolution:

That Council

- delegates powers to the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the Proceeding, including by instructing Preston Law to represent Council in the Proceeding.
- It is proposed that further, frequent updates will be provided to Council as the Proceeding unfolds.
- It is expected that a further Report will be presented to Council at the June Ordinary Meeting following the exchange of submissions.

Moved: Cr Byrne **Seconded: Cr Elu**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.3 – 26052026**

CARRIED

11.4 In Committee – NPARC Community Engagement Plan

Resolution:

That Council resolves to defer this matter to June Ordinary Council meeting.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Gebadi**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.4 - 26052026**

CARRIED

11.5 In Committee – Enterprise Services Report

Resolution:

That Council notes the Enterprise Services dash board reports as presented.

Moved: Cr Gebadi **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.5 - 26052026**

CARRIED

11.6 In Committee – CEO Report

Resolution:

That Council resolves to defer the CEO report to the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

Moved: Cr Elu **Seconded: Cr Byrne**
Vote: 4/0 **Resolution: C11.6 – 2605.2026**

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Hon. Dr. Jeanette Young AC PSM visit to NPA on 10 and 11 June 2026.
- Public Toilets need attention at Bamaga Oval and Lui Street Park (lack of lighting and lack of disability access).
- Bamaga Cemetery (policy regarding plot allocations).
- Outstanding Leases & Licence to Occupy.
- Dilapidated state of social housing stock.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 4:42pm with a prayer by Cr Elu .