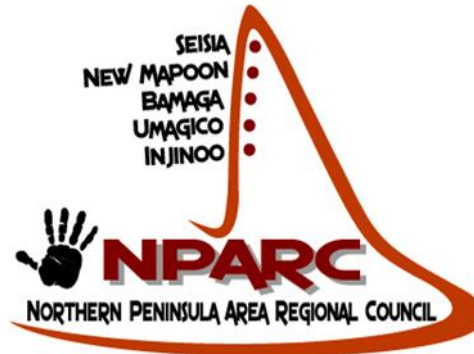


CONFIRMED



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

28 July 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 Bradford Elu	Division 5
Cr Marlene Bond	Division 4

Other Attendees

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Romina Nona	Executive Manager Corporate Finance
Aaron van Edmond	Project Executive Enterprise Services
Shannay Gebadi	Governance Officer

MEETING OPENED

The Meeting was opened by Mayor Poipoi at 9:02am followed by a prayer by Cr Gebadi.

APOLOGIES – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

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 Jeffery Waia

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 30 June 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Gebadi**Vote: 6 /0****Seconded: Cr Yoelu****Resolution: C5.1-28072026****CARRIED**

5.2 Trustee Meeting

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on the 06 July 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Gebadi**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Elu****Resolution: C5.2-28072026****CARRIED**

5.2 Special Council Meeting 09 July 2026

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 09 July 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Elu**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Yoelu****Resolution: C5.2-28072026****CARRIED**

8.1 Mayoral Report

Resolution:

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

Moved: Cr Elu**Vote: 6 /0****Seconded: Cr Bond****Resolution: C8.1 - 28072026****CARRIED**

DEPARTURE: Cr Bond departed the meeting at 9:40am and returned at 9:54am.

9.1 CEO Report

Resolution:

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

Moved: Cr Byrne
Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu
Resolution: C9.1. – 28072026

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned for morning tea 10:07am and resumed at 10:51am

DEPARTURE: Cr Bond departed the meeting at 10:51am returned at 10:58 am
Cr Yoelu departed the meeting at 11:23am and returned at 11:26am

9.2 Financial Report

Resolution:

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

Moved: Cr Byrne
Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu
Resolution: C9.2 - 28072026

CARRIED

DEPARTURES: Mayor departed the meeting at 11:32am and returned at 11:33am.

9.4 Executive Manager Project Enterprise Service Report

Resolution:

That Council:

1. Note the June 2026 update on the Enterprise Services Improvement Program;
2. Note progress on key enterprise projects, including the New Mapoon Community Store, Bamaga Gym after-hours access, Bamaga Airport maintenance and funding submissions, enterprise stocktakes and freight subsidy claims; and
3. Note the preparation of the Advocacy Strategy, NPA Masterplan and Corporate Plan, including the Councillor workshop scheduled for 29 July 2026.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 6/0**Resolution: C9.4 – 28072026****CARRIED****DEPARTURE:** Cr Elu departed the meeting at 12:07pm and returned at 12:09pm**9.5 Executive Manager Corporate Finance Service Report****Resolution:**

That Council:

Note the content provided in this report on current progressive activities and projects undertaken by Community Services Team Including Indigenous Knowledge Centres, Council Events Team, and Sports and Recreation.

Moved: Cr Bond**Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Vote: 6/0****Resolution: C9.5 - 28072026****CARRIED****ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:35pm and resumed at 1:45pm**9.6 CEO Report to Council – Queensland Government Budget 2026-2027****Resolution:**

That Council notes the report and resolves to advocate for funding where provided in the Queensland Budget 2026-2027.

Moved: Cr Bond**Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Vote: 6 /0****Resolution: C9.6 - 28072026****CARRIED****9.7 CEO Report to Council – Freight Subsidy Regional Approach****Resolution:**

That Council notes the report; approves the proposed action recommended in the report; and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to progress the matter outline in the report.

Moved: Cr Gebadi**Seconded: Cr Elu****Vote: 6 /0****Resolution: C9.7 - 28072026****CARRIED**

10. LATE ITEM**10.1 Australian Local Government Women's Association 75th Anniversary Conference – 20-22 August 2026 – Manly, NSW****Resolution:**

That Council endorses the attendance of Cr. Gebadi, Cr. Bond and Cr. Yoelu to the Australian Local Government Women's Association 75th Anniversary Conference – 20 – 22 August 2026 – Manly, NSW.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Seconded: Cr Elu

Vote: 6/0

Resolution: C10-28072026

CARRIED

10.2 Special Council Meeting – Adoption of 2026/2027 Budget**Resolution:**

That Council holds a special council meeting 2:00pm on Friday 31 July 2026 to Adopt the 2026 – 2027 Budget.

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Vote: 6/0

Resolution: C10-28072026

CARRIED

10.3 TAFE Precinct Housing – Unit 2-4 : Condition Assessment and Proposed Refurbishment Program**Resolution:**

That Council :

- Note the current uninhabitable condition of Units 2,3 and 4 within the TAFE Precinct housing complex.
- Note that the vacant units remain secured by temporary boarding following incidents of authorised access.
- Note the preliminary indicative refurbishment cost of approximately \$900,000 to \$1,050,000 for Units 2,3 and 4, based on an estimated construction allowance of approximately \$2000 per square metre, subject to detailed design and cost estimation.
- Endorse officers progressing detailed design, condition assessment and quotation for the refurbishment works identified in this report.
- Receive a further report outlining confirmed project costs, recommended funding sources and delivery options prior to commencement of any refurbishment works.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Seconded: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 6/0

Resolution: C10.1 -28072026

CARRIED

DEPARTURE:

Cr Elu departed the meeting at 2:50pm and returned at 2:57pm

10.4 (a) Local Government Association Conference – Motions 2026**Resolution:**

That Council endorse the Local Government Association Conference – Motion No. 1 - QLD Freight Assistance Scheme.

The Motion: That the LGAQ calls upon the QLD Government to maintain the current Remote Community Freight Assistance Scheme for a further 2-3 years (the extension period) whilst simultaneously convening a whole of government bi-partisan taskforce aimed at establishing a more sustainable model for the future.

Moved: Cr Yoelu**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED****10.4 (b) Local Government Association Conference – Motions 2026****Resolution:**

That Council endorse the Local Government Association Conference – Motion No. 2 - Renewable Energy for remote Queensland communities.

Motion: That the LGAQ supports the urgent need to replace diesel with renewables for both economic and environmental reasons so as to support communities in the regions, especially NPA and remote communities in Queensland and calls on the Queensland and Australian governments to advance the transition from diesel reliance to alternative energy sources as a matter of urgency.

Moved: Cr Byrne**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Bond****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED****10.4 (c) Local Government Association Conference – Motions 2026****Resolution:**

That Council endorse the Local Government Association Conference – Motion No. 3 - Remote Indigenous Housing.

Motion: That the LGAQ supports real progress in overcoming in Indigenous communities in Queensland and accordingly supports the reintroduction of a National Partnership and Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPRIH Agreement) funding model; and, by working with the ILF, will prepare a submission and will advocate with the Australian Government to support this approach to housing in remote Indigenous communities in Queensland.

Moved: Cr Gebadi**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Elu****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED**

10.4 (d) Local Government Association Conference – Motions 2026**Resolution:**

That Council endorse the Local Government Association Conference – Motion No. 4 - Public Transport 50 cent Fares.

Motion: That the LGAQ make representation to the Queensland Government to expand the scheme to all bus and marine transport funded through the Department of Main Roads (TMR).

Moved: Cr Yoelu**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Byrne****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED****10.5 NPARC Community Consultation 2026****Resolution**

That Council holds it's next round of community consultation meetings in the five NPA communities commencing in September 2026.

Moved: Cr Gebadi**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Byrne****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED****10.6 New Mapoon Community Consultation (Shop Reopening)****Resolution:**

That Council holds a community consultation meeting with the New Mapoon community in September 2026 in relation to the re-opening of the New Mapoon Shop.

Moved: Cr Bond**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Yoelu****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED****10.7 (a) Council endorsement to table item not listed on the Agenda- Local Government Boundary Change****Resolution:**

That Council endorse to table item not listed on the Agenda- Local Government Boundary Change.

Moved: Cr Byrne**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED**

10.7 (b) Report to the NPARC Ordinary Council Meeting – Boundary Change**Resolution:**

That Council notes the report ; supports a meeting with the Department to progress boundary change; endorses the correspondence annexed to the report and directs the Chief Executive Officer to arrange to discuss this correspondence with the Department Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers.

Moved: Cr Byrne**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Resolution: C10-28072026****CARRIED****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 – Legal Matters

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 – 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 Yoelu departed meeting at 3:03pm and returned at 3:05pm.

In Committee**Resolution:**

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 3:02pm

Moved: Cr Byrne**Vote: 6/0****Seconded: Cr Gebadi****Resolution: C11-28072026****CARRIED****Resolution:**

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 4:13pm

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C11-26052026

CARRIED

11.1 In Committee – Legal Matter Seisia Corporation

Resolution:

That Council notes the verbal update in relation to the property matters at Seisia.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C11.1 - 28072026

CARRIED

DEPARTURE: Cr Yoelu departed the meeting at 4:25pm and returned at 4:26pm.
Cr Elu departed the meeting at 4:27pm and returned at 4:29pm.

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