

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 28 JUNE 2021



NOTICE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of the Belyuen Community Government Council will be held in the Council Offices, Belyuen community commencing at 5PM.

Cathy Winsley - CEO

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28 JUNE 2021

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1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting will be declared open at 5:00PM.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Report Number 2.1.5.21
Author Cathy Winsley - CEO
Attachments Nil

Summary

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this or future Ordinary General Meetings.

Background

Not applicable.

Comment

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

Statutory Environment

As per the Local Government Act s.39 (1) A person ceases to hold office as a member of a Council if the person: (d) is absent, without permission of the Council, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Recommendation

That Council accepts the apology of Cr _____ for the Ordinary Council 28 June 2021. The Council notes the absence without apology of Cr _____.

Moved:

Seconded:

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Report Number	3.1.5.21
Author	Cathy Winsley - CEO
Attachments	NIL

Summary

Elected members and staff are required to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the matters contained in this agenda.

Background

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer’s report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

Staff Members of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegate authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the CEO or Acting CEO expressly directs him or her to do so.

Comment

NIL

Statutory Environment

- Local Government Act s73 & s74 (Elected Members).
- Local Government Act (2008) s107 Conflict of interest (Staff Members)

Policy Implications

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting 28 June 2021.

Moved:

Seconded:

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Blair Duncan – Chief Operating Officer from Core Lithium

The presentation (via Zoom) will provide information to the Council about Core Lithium’s Finnis Lithium Project on the Cox Peninsula and to seek information from the council on how Core should engage with people in the community about the project.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Report Number	5.1.5.21
Author	Cathy Winsley - CEO
Attachments	Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting 28 May 2021 Unconfirmed Minutes of Special Meeting of the 8 June 2021

Summary

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of the 28 May 2021 and the Special Meeting of the 8 June 2021 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meetings.

Statutory Environment

The Minutes as submitted must comply with part section 67(2) *Local Government Act 2008* and that confirmation of Minutes is compliant with section 67(3) of the *Local Government Act 2008*.

Policy Implications

Not applicable

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting and Confidential session held on 28 May 2021 and Special Meeting held on 4 June 2021 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD 28th MAY 2021

1 OPEN MEETING

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- **Rex Edmunds – Vice President**
- **Zoe Singh – President**
- **Cecilia Lewis - Councillor**

Staff:

- Cathy Winsley – CEO
- Jasmine Kaur Brar – Finance/Administration Officer

MEETING OPENED: The Ordinary Council Meeting opened at 10:55 am

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1.5.21 That Council notes the absence of Cr Rex Sing and Cr John Moreen without an apology for the Council Meeting held 28th May 2021.

Moved: Cr Cecilia Lewis

Seconded: Cr Rex Edmunds

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Council notes that there was no Declaration of Interest for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 28th May 2021

Moved: Cr Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr Zoe Singh

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A zoom meeting with True North Strategic Communication was planned however due to poor connectivity it only lasted a very short time.

Claire Butler, Senior Consultant at True North Strategic Communication talked on behalf of Blair Duncan to organize a meeting for people from Core Lithium to talk to people in the Community about new Lithium Mining project to take place on Cox Peninsula. This will give a chance for Community people to ask questions about the mining project and availability of job opportunities for them.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1.5.21 That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 19th April 2021 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr Rex Edmunds
Seconded: Cr Cecilia Lewis

5.2.5.21 That the Minutes of the Confidential meeting held on 19th April 2021 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr Cecilia Lewis
Seconded: Cr Zoe Singh

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Zoe Singh gave a verbal report on some of the events and highlights in the Community, including:

- The Community children and adults playing sports and getting ready for the Barunga Sports Festival to be held in June. The teams are going to take part in Basketball, Football and Softball competitions. President Zoe commented that it was good to see the young people getting along, having fun and showing the sportsmanship for the competition. The players are also interested in going to future sports festival in Jabiru and other places
- The NT Softball Association is interested in bringing the Belyuen Softball Team into the Association. This would be very motivating for the players.

That the Council notes the verbal report from the President mentioning some of the important highlights in Belyuen Council

Moved: Cr Cecilia Lewis
Seconded: Cr Rex Edmunds

7 CEO REPORTS

7.1 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

The incoming and outgoing correspondence is discussed in detail by the CEO in Section 7.2 – Report from the CEO.

Noted that 7.1 was dealt with under 7.2

7.2 Report from the CEO

7.2.5.21 Discussion and decisions taken by the Council as per CEO's Report:

Darwin Paragliding Club

CEO presented an email from the Club requesting to use the Delissaville airstrip.

Outcome: Council advises the Darwin Paragliding Club that it does not give them permission to use the Delissaville airstrip as their base of operations. The paragliders go with the wind and it is quite likely they will end up flying over the men's sacred area. This is definitely not acceptable to the men in the community.

Department of Defence

Advising of upgrades of training areas being undertaken by the Department and informing Council they would be happy to come and discuss with Council the upgrades that involve this area.

Outcome: The CEO to write to Mrs. Chi (Mendy) Smart who is the Project Manager at Capital Facilities and Infrastructure and invite them to come and meet with Council.

Minister for Local Government

The CEO received a letter from the Minister for Local Government Chansey Paech MLA advising that Belyuen will receive a grant of \$75,000 to help address waste management issues. The CEO advised Council that the guidelines for the grant will be available shortly.

Outcome: Council discussed small projects they would like to see be undertaken if they fitted in the guidelines. Council would like to clean all the little piles of rubbish around the Community and fence the area to restrain people from throwing rubbish outside designated area. It also needs to investigate about the people throwing steel and tins in the skip. All the information needs to be passed onto the community about waste management. The CEO commented that tyres and white goods with gas cylinders such as fridges and freezers are not allowed to be put in the skip. Council has an arrangement with Veolia for removing tyres. Council would also like to see removed all the old vehicles and construction rubbish that is scattered in the bush.

Wagait Shire

The CEO received an email from the CEO Wagait Shire in regard to Belyuen Council giving approval for Aboriginal place names to be put on a Wagait Beach/Cox Peninsula interpretive design to be placed in front of the Wagait Shire.

Outcome: Council discussed that the places where signs are identified is part of Kenbi Land and it is not appropriate to use these names. The President advised that there is an app identifying all this information and people can download the app. This has been done through NLC for tourists.

CEO to write to CEO Wagait Shire advising that they do not give approval to use Aboriginal place names and that these places are all on Aboriginal land. CEO to advise that there is an app people can download that is more appropriate as it has been done by NLC for the Kenbi TOs

Barunga Festival

The CEO gave a detailed report of all the donations and sponsorships for the Barunga Sports Festival. Belyuen is sending a football team. A softball team and a basketball team to the festival. Two buses have been paid for to come and pick everyone up on Thursday 10th June. There will be 68 seats available.

Statutory Environment

Not applicable

Financial Implications

Not applicable

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report and correspondence from the CEO for the period May 2021.

Moved: Cr Zoe Singh

Seconded: Cr Rex Edmunds

8 OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 Policy: Register of Delegations Made By Council

Report number	8.1.5.21
Author	Cathy Winsley – CEO
Attachments	Nil

Summary

The Council's policy framework is being reviewed as part of the consultancy project being undertaken by Cathryn Hutton. The Council is being presented with a range of policies for their consideration and approval.

Comment

The Policy GOV01-REG01: Register of Delegations Made By Council, is required under Sections 95(30(a) and 98(3)(a) of the Act. The policy establishes conditions of delegation of financial matters of the Council.

The Policy must be read in conjunction with GOV01: Delegations Policy.

Statutory Environment

The policy has been prepared to comply with the Local Government Act 2019. In accordance with the Transitional Arrangements outlined in section 365, a policy adopted “before commencement is taken to have adopted the policy under the section of the new Act specified if the policy has been adopted in accordance with the new Act”

Please see specific policies for legislative references.

Financial implications

Not applicable

Recommendation

That Council adopts the policy GOV01-REG01: Register of Delegations Made By Council

Moved: Cr Cecilia Lewis

Seconded: Cr Zoe Singh

9 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 Monthly Financial Report

Report Number	9.1.5.21
Author	Cathy Winsley-CEO
Attachments	Profit and Loss statement for May 2021

Summary

This Council is provided with a Financial Report at each meeting.

Background

Not applicable

Comment

The CEO and Finance officer discussed with Council some issues that were still present in the move from MYOB and MYOB retail to Xero and Vend. The CEO and Finance Officer are waiting for the Council Wise consultant to come back and finish setting up the new accounting programme so that full financial reports can be prepared for Council.

Both CEO and Finance Officer are regularly contacting the Council Wise Consultant however are not getting any response. Both will continue with trying to connect.

The Finance Officer went through the Profit and Loss statement with Council members.

Recommendation

That Council accepts the financial report for the period of April 2021 as tabled in this report.

Moved: Cr Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr Zoe Singh

10 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

NIL

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

That pursuant to section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, the meeting be closed to the general public to consider the Confidential item(s) of the agenda.

Moved: Cr Zoe Singh

Seconded: Cr Rex Edmunds

The following report will be dealt with under section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if possibly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of Council or some other person.

12.1.5.21 Draft Shire Plan (not ready for approval)

Return to open session:

13 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

A special meeting will be held on **2nd June 2021** at 4pm at Belyuen Council Office, Belyuen to put forward the Belyuen Shire Plan 2021-22

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on **28th June 2021** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 5:00PM.

Meeting closed at 2:57 pm.

Minutes of the Belyuen Community Government Council Special Meeting held on 8th June 2021.

1. Present

Rex Edmunds Vice President
Rex Sing Councillor
John Moreen Councillor

2. Apologies

None

3. Absent

Zoe Singh President
Cecilia Lewis Councillor

The Acting President (Vice) opened the meeting at 5.20pm

4. Business

Meeting was called to approve and adopt the Draft Shire Plan including the 2021 – 2022 Forward Estimates and the 2021-2022 Rates and Charges Declaration.

The CEO tabled the Draft Shire Plan.

Council had seen a previous draft of the Shire Plan at the May Council Meeting.

The CEO went through the budget lines discussing the income and expenditure lines.

The CEO explained to Councillors that the Shire Plan needs a formal Resolution from Council and then the CEO will advertise in the NT News inviting people to go on Council's website, read the Plan and if they would like to make comment, they are welcome to email these to the CEO. Any comments will be tabled at the following full Council meeting.

Resolution: That the 2021-2022 Forward estimates as presented in the Draft Shire Plan be approved and adopted.

Moved Councillor Moreen

Seconded Acting President Edmunds

Resolution: That the 2021-2022 Draft Shire Plan be approved by the Council for advertising.

Moved Acting President Edmunds

Seconded Councillor Sing

There being no further business the Acting President closed the meeting at 6pm

6 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Report Number	6.1.5.21
Author	President Zoe Singh
Attachments	Nil

Summary

The President reports to Council on her activity and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council meeting.

Comment

The President gave a verbal report of her activities since the last council meeting.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the President’s Report.

Moved:

Seconded:

7 CEO REPORTS

7.1 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

Report Number	7.1.9.20
Author	Cathy Winsley - CEO
Attachments	Various letters below

Background

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent since the last Council meeting.

Hard copies are available to Council on the day of each Ordinary Council meeting for perusal, with additional copies available on request to individual Elected Members.

The correspondence inwards and outwards will be tabled at every meeting or included in agenda items as part of the background information for that issue.

Comment

The following correspondence has been received or sent during the preceding period.

Correspondence In

Ref	Date	From	Regarding
A	15 June 2021	Hon Mark Coulton MP	Pre-payment of 21/22 Local Government Operating Grants
B	22 June 2021	Hon Lauren Moss MP	Grant under NT Seniors scheme – trip to wild life park

Correspondence Out

	Date	To	Regarding

Consultation

Not applicable.

Statutory Environment

Not applicable.

Policy Implications

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence Report tabled at the Council meeting 28 June 2021.

Moved:

Seconded:

From: The Hon Mark Coulton MP <the.hon.mark.coulton.mp@notify.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 15 June 2021 2:59 PM

To: Cathy Winsley <cathy.winsley@belyuen.nt.gov.au>

Subject: Message from the Commonwealth: \$1.326 billion pre-payment of Financial Assistance Grant

Dear Mayor,

Your council will shortly receive a pre-payment of \$28,857.00, which is approximately 50 per cent of the 2021-22 Financial Assistance Grant funding. This Federal Government support is untied, so that your council can identify how best to spend it on locally-determined priorities and projects. By pre-paying this funding, your council will have access to this funding now, rather than having to wait for it to be paid over the four payments of the 2021-22 financial year.

Financial Assistance Grant is an essential and significant source of funding for the local government sector – particularly for regional, rural and remote councils – and underscore the economic partnership between our two levels of government.

As announced in the 2021–22 Budget, the Federal Government is providing substantial support to assist local governments to boost Australia’s economic recovery. This pre-payment will inject \$1.326 billion into the economy and will give every council vital support to assist with the combined impacts of drought, bushfires, floods and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Across the nation, local governments employ around 194,000 people and deliver a wide range of services in the cities, regional towns, and remote areas of Australia, which is why this support is needed now more than ever to help map Australia’s economic recovery.

The Federal Budget also included an additional \$1 billion investment in the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure

(LRCI) program, to deliver community infrastructure and boost local jobs. This additional investment brings the total Federal Government commitment to the strongly supported and highly successful LRCI Program to \$2.5 billion. LRCI funding is provided on a “use it or lose it” basis – so I strongly encourage you to check that your council has nominated projects to the full value of your LRCI Phase 1 and Phase 2 allocations. Phase 1 is starting to wrap up and Phase 2 project nominations are due by 31 July 2021.

These investments continue a strong history of Federal support to the local government sector. In 2020-21, councils received combined payments of more than \$4.1 billion through programs such as Financial Assistance Grant, Roads to Recovery and LRCI, exceeding one per cent of available Commonwealth Taxation Revenue.

As a former Mayor myself, I know first-hand how vital our local governments are in building stronger communities. The Federal Government is proud to partner with your council to enable you to deliver key infrastructure and services and ensure quality of life for your community in good times and bad.

The Hon Mark Coulton MP
Minister for Regional Health,
Regional Communications and Local Government



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Ms Cathy Winsley
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Dear Ms Winsley

I refer to your application for the 2021 Seniors Month Grants for the Picnic at the Wild Life Park. I am pleased to advise that Belyuen Community Government Council has been awarded \$2000 (Ex GST) for your application under this grant program.

I congratulate you on your contributions to the Northern Territory seniors' community and wish you well in your activity.

Please note that all events and activities are required to adhere to the health and safety measures in place for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. For current information, please visit: <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice>.

You will be able to access the relevant paperwork required to process this grant through the Grants NT portal.

If you have any questions relating to your Seniors Month Grant please feel free to contact Kez Hall, Manager, Office of Senior Territorians on (08) 8999 3862.

Congratulations again and I look forward to hearing of the success of your event.

Yours sincerely

LAUREN MOSS

22 JUN 2021

7.2 Report from the CEO

Report Number	7.2.5.21
Author	Cathy Winsley - CEO
Attachments	NT News Notices

Summary

Each meeting the CEO provides an update on activities and issues facing the Council.

Comment

Upcoming Council Election Advertising Information

Council received a lot of posters, flags, banners advertising the election.

Information will be put out on 1 July 2021.

NAIDOC event in July?

NAIDOC committee has allocated funds to provide activities at Belyuen.

CEO has advised that activities to be similar to last year as there was a good response from the community. Activity took place at the Primary School. Principal quite happy to have the event there this year.

NAIDOC committee proposing 8th July. CEO requested to change to go into Term 3 when school returns.

NT News Notices x 2 - Draft Shire Plan and Thank You for Barunga Sponsorships

Notice in Monday's NT News advising people that the Draft Shire plan is on the website and if people want to make comment on it then they can email Council with any queries. This will then be dealt with at the July meeting if necessary.

Thank you for everyone that provided funds or donated items to help players get to the Barunga Festival.

Softball Players came back with the Runner's Up Cup and \$250 prize money. This money will go into Council's account and will be identified for further sporting festivals.

Seniors Month application approved

\$2000 grant for Senior's outing. Application was for taking the Pensioners to the Wild Life Park for an outing. This will take place in September.

Stock Take at store 30 June 2021 – store will close at 1pm

Stock take will tell Council how much the goods in the Store are worth, including fuel and any money.

Store will be open again the following day.

Statutory Environment

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council receives and notes the report from the CEO as tabled.***

Moved:

Seconded:



BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Belyuen Council would like to congratulate all the players of the Belyuen football, softball and basketball teams that went to the 2021 Barunga Festival.



BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Belyuen Community Government Council would like to thank the following Businesses/ Organisations for their kind sponsorship and donations to help Belyuen players participate in the 2021 Barunga Sports and Culture Festival.

Belyuen Health Clinic

Belyuen Store

Betta Meats

Go Fund Me Donators

Hi- Tech

Ian Sloan MLA

Ironbark Corporation

Kenbi Rangers

Kenbi Traditional Owners

MJ Electrical

NAAJA

Repco

Road Safety NT

SEM Group

Senator Warren Snowden

Veolia

Wagait Supermarket

Wanderers AFLNT

Woolworths Bakewell

Yilli Housing

Businesses that gave us good discounts BCF & Grand Touring

Mitzi and Zoe Softball NT for assistance

Cassidy AFL Northern Territory for assistance

Everyone's help has been sincerely appreciated

Cathy Winsley CEO BCGC

8 OFFICER REPORTS

NIL

9 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 Monthly Financial Report

Report Number	9.1.5.21
Author	Cathy Winsley - CEO
Attachments	Financial report for May 2021

Summary

The Council is provided with a financial report at each meeting.

Background

Not applicable.

Comment

Please refer attached financial report.

Statutory Environment

Section 18 of the Local Government Accounting Regulations 2008 refers.

Financial reports to Council –

- 1) The CEO must, in each month, lay before a meeting of the Council a report, in a form approved by the Council, setting out:
 - a) the actual income and expenditure of the Council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
 - b) the forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year.
- 2) The report must include:
 - a) details of all cash and investments held by the Council (including money held in trust); and
 - b) a statement on the debts owed to the Council including the aggregate amount owed under each category with a general indication of the age of the debts; and
 - c) other information required by the Council.

Policy Implications

Not applicable

Financial Implications

See the body of this report.

Recommendation

That Council accept the financial reports for the period May 2021 as tabled in this report.

Moved:

Seconded:

10 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Members are invited to raise any questions.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for any other general business.

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Recommendation

That pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential item(s) on the Agenda.

Moved:

Seconded:

The following reports will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

12.1: CEO Leave

12.2: Vehicle Purchases

Return to open session:

13 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on _____ at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 5:00PM.