

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

<3.1.5.21> 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.

<6.5.5.21> 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

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.

<7.2.5.21> 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

<8.1.5.21> 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

<9.1.5.21> 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

<12.1.5.21> 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

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.