

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

## 1. OPEN MEETING

The Special Council Meeting opened at 4:15 pm

### PRESENT AT MEETING

- President Rex Edmunds
- Cr Claude Holtze
- Cr John Moreen

### Staff:

- Cathy Winsley – Chief Executive Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- The Council accepts the apology of **Cr Lenard Sing** and **Vice-President Teresa Timber** for the Special Council Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Moved: President Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Claude Holtze

## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 The Council notes the following COVID-19 Procedures put forward by the CEO. These procedures apply to Belyuen Community and Belyuen Council Workplaces. The following was discussed:

### 3.1.1 Sealink Ferry:

The CEO will write to Sealink requesting a copy of COVID-19 procedures for people using the ferry between Cullen Bay and Mandorah

### 3.1.2 Wagait Supermarket:

The CEO will write to the Wagait Supermarket requesting a copy of their COVID-19 procedures for the people entering the store

3.1.3 Belyuen Clinic:

CEO to discuss along with Clinic Manager the possibility of putting together a list of names of people (including where they come from), who are in the community, but are not Belyuen residents. These people's vaccination status be checked. List to include children as well

3.1.4 Family coming into Belyuen:

Council discussed the problem of family members coming in and out of Belyuen. Council and other community residents have expressed concern about their vaccination status and also where they have been in Darwin

3.1.5 Funerals in Community:

Council discussed procedures for when there are funerals held in the community

- i. People coming from outside of Belyuen must be fully vaccinated
- ii. Police to be at the main Belyuen entrance and Cullen Bay to check proof of vaccinations

Family for whom the funeral is to be helped by the Council and Council staff in letting family members know they must be vaccinated to come into the community for the funeral

3.1.6 Belyuen School:

Council supports the 'Keeping schools safe and kids learning' information flyer that the School Principal has forwarded.

Council and Council staff will encourage community members to get their eligible children vaccinated and encourage them to wear face masks at school.

Council staff will work closely with Belyuen School staff to help keep the children safe and help keep them in school.

3.1.7 Service Providers:

Council will follow the school's procedures and not allow service providers into the community over the next 4 weeks to help children settle at school without having other disruptions to deal with.

CEO to send notices around advising service providers that only essential workers can come into the community on the understanding they are fully vaccinated and they follow the QR procedures at school or council workplaces.

Council to review last week in February 2022 and will let Service Providers know the outcome of the review.

3.1.8 Council Workplaces:

Council discussed that the following procedures will continue to be in force:

**i. Store**

- Customers to do temperature check, QR code (if possible), wash hands and be masked up before entering the store
- 3 customers at any time inside the store
- Social distancing to be followed at Point of Sale (POS) counter

**ii. Workshop**

- Customers to do temperature check, QR code (if possible), wash hands and be masked up before entering workshop outside area
- 2 staff members at any time in the office
- 1 staff person and 1 customer at any time in the office when payment for work being made
- Customers must show proof of vaccination before going into the office

**iii. Aged Care Centre**

- Non-residential clients to be masked up, wash hands, temperature check, QR code (if possible), as soon as they enter the Centre
- 3 staff people at any time inside the office
- Clients who are being transported in Council Aged Care Vehicles must be fully vaccinated and masked up at all times
- Aged Care staff have their own sets of specific guidelines when undertaking their jobs

**iv. Council Office**

- Customers to do temp check, QR code (if possible), wash hands, and be masked at all times before entering the Council Office
- 2 customers at any time in the front office area using Centrelink phones
- 1 customer at any time in main office area, using a Centrelink computer, photocopier or fax machine

3.1.9 Security Staff:

Council requested that the CEO investigate the possibility of getting some funds to employ one person to stay outside the store and another outside the council office to make sure people follow the procedures for entering these workplaces

3.2 The Council notes that new owners of the Wagait Beach Supermarket are selling alcohol to the Community people

Council discussed that there is a large amount of alcohol including spirits being purchased at the Wagait Supermarket and coming into Belyuen Community.

Council is aware that there are new owners running the supermarket now and they may not know the rules about not selling spirits and alcohol in glass containers to residents of Belyuen.

The CEO explained that the rule applied to the following groups of people also

- a. Family that has moved out of Belyuen but come and visit
- b. Family members visiting from other communities and staying in the community

The CEO explained that the previous Supermarket owners had a list of people who were in categories a and b and they would follow this list.

The CEO explained that the previous owners had been running the supermarket for 20 + years and knew Belyuen people and knew a lot of the regular visitors.

The CEO had been in contact with the Liquor Commission prior to the meeting to discuss how the Liquor Commission, Police, Council members and the new owners have a meeting and go through what the arrangements are for selling alcohol to people at Belyuen.

The CEO shared a list of updated 2018 'non residents' for Council members to discuss and add to/delete as needed. (list of names not to be included in the minutes)

The list to be confirmed at the monthly meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The CEO to organise a meeting with the Liquor Commission, Police, Council and the new supermarket owners to go through the procedures and set up lines of communication for the future.

#### **4. MEETING CLOSED**

The Special Council meeting was closed at 5:40 pm.

***A general reminder that the Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at Belyuen Council Office on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at 5:00 pm***