

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28 MARCH 2022

1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting opened at: 11 am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- Cr Rex Edmunds - President
- Cr Teresa Timber - Deputy President (via Teleconference)
- Cr Claude Holtze
- Cr Lenard Sing

Staff:

- Cathy Winsley - CEO
- Jasmine Brar - Administration/Finance

Visitors:

- Cathryn Huton - Consultant

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That Council accepts the apology of Cr Moreen for the Ordinary Council 28 March 2022.

Moved: Cr Claude Holtz
Seconded: President Rex Edmunds

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

That Council receives and notes the declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting 28 March 2022.

Moved: President Rex Edmunds
Seconded: Cr Lenard Sing

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

NIL

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

<5.1.3.22> That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 31st January 2022 and 1st February 2022 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meetings.

Moved: Cr Timber

Seconded: Cr Holtze

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

<6.1.3.22> The President discussed issues in the community. These included:

- Need for some slashing and spraying to be undertaken and the cemetery and down near the school
- Roads around community needs to be surveyed to determine improvements that can be made to solve drainage issues
- Noted that the children's playgrounds are damaged. CEO advised that these would likely get removed unless the Council gets a grant to replace them.

That the Presidents report for March 2022 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Cr Teresa Timber

Seconded: Cr Lenard Sing

7 CEO REPORTS

7.1 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

<7.1.3.22> That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence Report tabled at the Council meeting 28 March 2022.
2. Ratifies the termination of the contract with Belrose Group for the CEO Recruitment

Moved: President Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr Claude Holtz

7.2 Report from the CEO

Major issues discussed:

- Basketball evening skill sessions commences tomorrow Tuesday 29th March for young men in the community. The definition of youth is pretty flexible, so any man is really welcome to attend. It will be kicked off with a BBQ and food – we are calling it “basketball under the stars”.
- Tennis NT has been asked to provide tennis skills using the NT School Sports vouchers that have not been utilized by the school. We have about \$6000 to spend by June.

- President and CEO visited Wagait Council last week to discuss the regional waste strategy. CEO suggests that Gerard Ross, the consultant who is drafting the strategy, is asked to present to the Council
- The President and the CEO NLC have been approached for a meeting to discuss leasing issues. The meeting is likely to be mid to late April 2022
- CEO presented the draft budget for the oval upgrades (covered by grant)
- Cr Lenard Sing indicated a preference for the compulsory
- COVID has been having a significant impact on the community and Council both operationally and financially. All community staff have, unfortunately, been affected by COVID. Luckily none of the staff outside of the community have been infected. Council needs to help protect the staff from infection. CEO has requested that the Council implement a rule to where a mask in Council offices.

<7.2.3.22>That Council

1. Receives and notes the report from the CEO as tabled
2. Invites Gerard Ross to present to a future meeting of council to discuss the Regional Waste Management strategy
3. Council invites Liquor Commission, Police and the new owner of the Wagait General Store to a meeting to discuss the sale of liquor to the Belyuen Community members
4. Notes that the meeting with NLC, originally scheduled for December 2021 and delayed due to COVID restrictions, is likely to occur in April 2022
5. Council makes a directive that, until further notice, all people entering Council facilities are required to wear a mask.

Moved: Cr Sing

Seconded: President Edmunds

8 OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 Draft Burial and Cremation Bill 2022

That Council notes the presentation on the Draft Burial and Cremation Bill 2022 as tabled in this report. Council acknowledges the work that Cr Teresa Timber has been undertaking with other senior community members to create a burial register for the community.

Moved: Cr Claude Holtze

Seconded: President Rex Edmunds

9 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 Monthly Financial Report

<9.1.03.22>That Council accepts the financial reports for the period January 2022 as tabled in this report.

Moved: Cr Claude Holtz
Seconded: President Rex Edmunds

9.2 Budget Review

That Council accepts the amended budget as tabled in this report.

Moved: Cr Lenard Sing
Seconded: President Rex Edmunds

10 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

NIL

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

<12.0.3.22>THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the agenda.

Moved: President Rex Edmunds
Seconded: Cr Teresa Timber

13 CLOSE AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3.54PM

The next meeting of Council will be held on 25th April 2022 commencing at 5:00PM.