

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd MAY 2022

1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting was declared open at 10:54 am.

Present at Meeting

Elected members

- Cr Rex Edmunds – President
- Cr John Moreen
- Cr Lenard Sing

Staff

- Cathy Winsley CEO

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<2.1.05.22> Resolution

That Council accepts the apologies from Cr Teresa Timber Deputy President and Cr Claude Holtze for the Ordinary Council Meeting 23 May 2022

Moved: Cr Lenard Sing

Seconded: President Rex Edmunds

RESOLVED

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NIL

3 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

NIL

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

<4.1.05.22> Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 26th April 2022 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meetings.

Moved: President Rex Edmund

Seconded: Cr John Moreen

RESOLVED

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The President reported on the need for clean-up and tidy up in the community before the funerals next week.
- President commented that people can pay Council to have their own cut and people on Ironbark could ask Ironbark staff if they could borrow a mower to clean up their yard.
- President commented that the community needs to get people trained up to be ESOs.
Action: CEO to bring to the next meeting where people can go to do ESO training.
- President discussed the funerals that are coming up and the need for a Police presence and for Police to take away people who are intoxicated and being a nuisance. Police be asked to check people to make sure they are not intoxicated before they get on the ferry.
- President commented for Council members to talk with the Police about getting help on the funeral days.

<5.1.05.22> Resolution

That the Council receives and notes the President's report

Moved: Cr Lenard Sing

Seconded: Cr John Moreen

RESOLVED

6 CEO REPORTS

6.1 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

<6.1.05.22> Resolution

1. That the Council receives and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence report as tabled at the meeting of the 23rd May 2022
2. That the Council nominates Dave Ferguson as the Nominated Recipient, pursuant to section 97 of the ICAC Act 2017 for the period 7 June 2022 to 30 May 2025

Moved: Cr John Moreen
Seconded: Cr Lenard Sing
RESOLVED

6.2 Report from the CEO

Core Lithium

Please see attached a community update and media statement from Core Lithium.

Airport Maintenance Contract

The CEO reported that she attended a meeting with DIPL to discuss the Delissaville Airstrip Maintenance 36 months Tender.

The CEO reported that DIPL will not pay for ARO Training and nor for ARO's to attend airstrip prior to Care Flight needing to land.

Delissaville Airstrip is Unregulated and DIPL is not required to cover these costs for Unregulated airstrips.

CEO commented that the Department of Health will be approached to pay for ARO's to go and check the airstrip before Care Flight can land.

Telstra Education Project

Telstra, in association with Centre for Appropriate Technology, would like to run workshop in the Belyuen community that aims to "Increase your understanding of Telstra products and services and get the most value, enjoyment and benefit from your mobile telephone". They have provided a information sheet that contains more information.

Telstra would like the Council to suggest appropriate dates any suitable dates for a visit to Belyuen to speak to the Council directors / community leaders to discuss our project with them and possibly get their support to engage with the wider community at a later date.

Power and Water ESO Contract

PWC Procurement has advised that the present ESO contract expires June 2023, it is anticipated that the calls for the new tender will be advertised in approx. Q4 calendar year 2022.

Opinion Piece on Amalgamations

Gerry Woods has provided a paper on local government amalgamations which is attached for the Council's information.

Draft Commonwealth Framework for Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, Communities and Organisations for feedback by COB June 3

"All Australian governments have committed to working in full and genuine partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and organisations on policy making that impacts on the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In the National Agreement, Priority Reform One commits all governments to building and strengthening structures that empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share decision-making authority with governments to accelerate policy and place-based progress against Closing the Gap. Priority Reform Three commits all governments to meaningful systemic and structural transformation of mainstream Government organisations.

These commitments contribute to the achievements of two specific outcomes identified in the National Agreement, in that:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are empowered to share decision-making authority with governments to accelerate policy and place-based progress on Closing the Gap through formal partnership arrangements; and

Governments, their organisations and their institutions are accountable for Closing the Gap and are culturally safe and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including through the services they fund

The Commonwealth Government has developed a draft Framework for Engagement and Partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, Communities and Organisations, to set an expectation of how agencies should engage and partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the design and delivery of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-specific and mainstream policies and programs, in a culturally safe way.”

Please refer attached **Feedback required by June 3**

The CEO commented that with a change in Federal Government after the election on Saturday 21st May 2022 it is likely that this report will no longer be relevant.

<6.2.05.22> Resolution

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

Moved: Cr Lenard Sing

Seconded: President Rex Edmunds

RESOLVED

7 OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 Councillor Allowances

Financial Implications

Council has included \$60,991 within the budget for Council Allowances and expenses.

<8.1.05.22> Resolution

That Council:

- Establishes the Base Allowances at 100% of the maximum base allowance payable under the Table of Maximum Council Member Allowances for 2022-23 published by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community.
- Establishes the Electoral Allowances at \$6,590.44 for President and \$1,647.90 for Vice-President and Councillors.

Moved: President Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr John Moreen

RESOLVED

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 Monthly Financial Report

The Finance Officer prepared a one- page overview of the April 2022 Finances for Council as she was unable to attend the meeting.

<9.1.05.22> Resolution

That Council accepts the tabled financial report for April 2022.

Moved: President Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr John Moreen

RESOLVED

9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with 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 following Confidential items:

The following reports will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as it contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

12.1 Confidential Minutes of 26 April 2022

12.2 Negotiations with NLC over Section 19 Leasing and other matters

12.3 Letter to Minister for Indigenous Affairs regarding Ironbark Activities

12.4 Draft Shire Plan for 2022-23

12.5 Transfer of Signatory for Bank

12.6 Response to “Have Your Say on Bringing Local Government to the Cox-Daly and Marrakai-Douglas Daly Areas”

12.7 Update on Aged Care Program

Resolution <12.1.05.22>

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 John Moreen

RESOLVED

13 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Monday 27 June 2022 at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 1:00PM.