

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING April 2023

1 OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened 10:25am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- Cr Edmunds
- Cr Holtze

Staff:

- Dave Ferguson – CEO
- Jasmine Brar – Finance Officer

Visitors:

Mitchell Hardy - General Manager Sport, Recreation and Strategic Infrastructure (NTG)

Apologies:

Nil

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation:

<2.1.04.27> That the Council notes the absence of Cr. Moreen as absent without notice.

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected members were reminded of their roles and responsibilities and particularly their obligations to declare any interest (material or personal) on any matters presented before Council today that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

<3.1.04.27> That Council receives and notes that there were no declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<4.1.04.27> That Council notes that there were no deputations or presentations.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation:

<5.1.04.27> That the Minutes of the March Ordinary General Meeting held on 28th March 2023 are confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recommendation:

<6.1.04.27> That Council:

Receives and notes the President's Report:

- Barunga Festival in June (9th-12th June). Training is going well.
- The corner near the school needs to be mowed and be looked after, to avoid residents from complaining.
- The new houses are almost ready. The Housing Reference Group should consult and report to Council about the occupancy of the new houses and Belyuen Tenancy list.
- The Community is very dark at night. Difficult to see people walking or drunk people sitting on sides of the road.

Action Items:

- The President instructs the CEO to correspond with the CEO of Department of Territory Housing. The department needs to be more transparent with the Council and communicate effectively of their actions and decisions.
- CEO to task the Civil Works Manager with the Road Safety Action Plan to put more speedbumps and street signs to deter people from speeding.
- CEO to write to NT Police about the speeding and drunk driving in the community.
- CEO to instruct the grounds maintenance team to maintain the area near the dam.

- CEO to liaise with the workshop mechanic to make the wheel balancing/alignment machine operational.
- Instructs the CEO to inquire if the sewerage water can be treated and be used to irrigate the cemetery.

Moved: Cr. Holtze
Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

7 CEO REPORTS

7.1 Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence

Recommendation:

<7.1.04.27> That Council receives and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondences as tabled:

Moved: Cr. Edmunds
Seconded: Cr. Holtze

7.2 Barunga Festival

Recommendation:

<7.2.03.28> That Council notes the CEO report – Barunga Festival

Moved: Cr. Edmunds
Seconded: Cr. Holtze

7.3 Belyuen Culture Program

Recommendation:

<7.3.03.28> That Council instruct the CEO to negotiate a new contract to facilitate a Culture program in Belyuen post 30th June 2023

Moved: Cr. Holtze

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

7.4 Funding Opportunities

Recommendation:

<7.4.03.28> That Council:

1. Instructs the CEO to submit an application for the Northern Territory Men’s Places Grant;
2. Instructs the CEO to submit an application for the Community Place for People Grant;
3. Notes the report from the CEO - Funding Opportunities as tabled

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

7.5 ANZAC Day

Recommendation:

<7.5.03.28> That Council notes the Report from the CEO – ANZAC Day

Moved: Cr. Holtze

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

7.6 NT Administrator Visit

Recommendation:

<7.6.03.28> That Council notes the Report from the CEO – NT Administrator Visit

Moved: Cr. Holtze

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

7.7 LGANT Annual General Meeting

Recommendation:

<7.7.03.28> That Council notes:

1. Notes the report from the CEO – LGANT Annual General Meeting

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

7.8 Indigenous Radio Station

Action Item:

The Council instructs the CEO to write to NLC that the Council wants to use Lot 305 - Old GBM residence for activities such as radio station.

Recommendation:

<7.8.03.28> That Council notes the CEO report – Indigenous Radio Station

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

7.9 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Recommendation:

<7.9.03.28> That Council:

- 1. Due to recent resignation from one of Belyuen Councils elected members, the Belyuen Council nominates Cr. Holtze to be an elected member of the Belyuen Council Audit and Risk*

Management Committee as a temporary arrangement, pending the result of the Local Government council by-elections scheduled for July 2023.

- 2. Endorses 6th June 2023 as the date for next audit and Risk Management Committee meeting of the Belyuen Council.*
- 3. Note the CEO report - Audit & Risk Management Committee as tabled.*

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

7.10 Changes to Banking Requirements

Recommendation:

<7.10.04.27> That Council endorse the recommendations from Westpac Financial Institution that will improve BCGC financial business efficiencies:

- 1. Combine Trust Fund and Income Management Funds Account – transfer everything to Income Management Funds Account and delete Trust Fund Account**
- 2. Setup a new bank account (Community Solutions) – This account will be one-to-sign. Link new bank cards to this account. Cancel all cards linked to General Cheque Account**
- 3. Make all bank accounts as Community Solutions Account to avoid paying bank fees**
- 4. Make General Cheque Account, Store Account two-to-sign**
- 5. Add Jasmine Brar and Kelly Murphy as signatories on the bank accounts**
- 6. Cancel any cards for Catherine Winsley, Peter Winsley and Mark Perejuan**
- 7. Note the CEO report - Changes to Banking Requirements as tabled**

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

7.11 Nomination of Deputy President

Recommendation:

<7.11.04.27> That Council:

- 1. Elect Cr. Holtze to the position of Deputy President of Belyuen Community Government Council**
- 2. Note the CEO report - Nomination of Deputy President**

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 Financial Report

Recommendation:

<8.1.04.27> That Council:

Notes and endorses the financial report for April 2023

Moved: Cr.

Seconded: Cr.

9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

NIL

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Recommendation:

<11.1.03.28> 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: Cr. Holtze

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

Return to Open Session: 1:35pm

12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting closed at 1:40pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled on **30th May 2023** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at **11:00am**.