

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD October (November 14th) 2023

1 OPEN MEETING

MEETING OPENED: The Ordinary Council Meeting opened at 11:13am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- Cr. Rex Edmunds
- Cr. John Moreen
- Cr. Brentley Moreen
- Cr. Frederick Moreen
- Cr. Rex Sing

Staff:

- Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
- Jasmine Brar – Finance and Administration Manager

Visitors:

- Nil

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation:

<2.1.11.14> That Council receives and notes NIL apologies and leave of absence for the Ordinary Council Meeting - October 2023.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Recommendation:

<3.1.11.14> That Council receives and notes NIL declarations of interest for the Ordinary Council Meeting – October 2023

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation:

<5.1.11.14> That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3rd October 2023 and the Confidential section of the meeting be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. J. Moreen

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Selection of Deputy President**

Frederick Moreen nominated for the Deputy President position. With all in favor, he is selected as Deputy President for Belyuen Community Government Council

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Sing

- President attended a LGANT meeting from 8-10th November 2023. He enquired about the funding for Roads and that some of the roads should be wide and double lane.
- Council buildings need reconstruction and maintenance.
- Belyuen School buildings are quite old. They need to be reconstructed and refurbished.
- Community needs to think forward and not make it about families.
- People have to wait long time for getting houses allocated to them and also wait for long for any maintenance to happen.
- The Housing reference group needs to liaise with Belyuen Council regarding house allocations and waiting list

Action Items:

- CEO to make an enquiry with Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) about the reconstruction of Belyuen Roads.
- CEO to develop a Strategic Plan a setup a Community Reference Group to upgrade services including sport and recreation, asset development and waste management.
- CEO to write to the CEO of Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC) and ask them to give Belyuen Council more control over who is allocated houses in Belyuen.

Recommendation:

<6.1.11.14> That Council receives and notes the President’s Report:

Moved: Cr. J. Moreen

Seconded: Cr. Sing

7 CEO REPORTS

7.1 Report from the CEO: Correspondence

Recommendation:

<7.1.11.14> That Council notes and endorses the report correspondence from the CEO as tabled:

- CEO in process to develop a Community Alcohol Management Plan. This would promote responsible drinking, healthy living and stop people from create chaos.
- CEO is also trying to open a social club in the Community to promote responsible drinking

Moved: Cr. B. Moreen

Seconded: Cr. F. Moreen

7.2 Report from the CEO: General Administration

Recommendation:

<7.2.11.14> That Council notes and endorses the report correspondence from the CEO as tabled:

- The Council suggested that the Traditional Owners should only allow people in the community who are respectful towards the Belyuen culture.

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Sing

7.3 Report from the CEO: Motor Vehicle Registry

Recommendation:

<7.3.11.14> That Council:

- Endorse Dave Ferguson in his official capacity as Chief Executive Officer to act as key personal and official signatory as the nominated delegate to conduct all business on behalf of the Belyuen Community Government Council.

Moved: Cr. Edmunds
Seconded: Cr. B. Moreen

7.4 Report from the Belyuen Aged Care Services

Recommendation:

<7.4.11.14> That Council notes and endorses the report from the Director, Aged and Disability Services:

Moved: Cr. B. Moreen
Seconded: Cr. F. Moreen

7.5 Report from the Works Manager

Recommendation:

<7.5.11.14> That Council notes the report from the Works Supervisor for September 2023 as tabled:

Moved: Cr. J. Moreen
Seconded: Cr. Sing

7.6 Report from the CEO: Changes to Working Conditions

Recommendation:

<7.6.11.14> That Council:

- Endorse the creation of an office space in Berry Springs along with associated expenses and oncost.
- Approve the relocation of the BCGC Finance Manager to continue to work remotely; and,
- Instruct the CEO to create a Working Remote policy & procedure.

Moved: Cr. Edmunds
Seconded: Cr. Sing

8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 Monthly Financial Report

Recommendation

<8.1.11.14> That Council notes and endorses the financial report for September 2023

Moved: Cr. B. Moreen
Seconded: Cr. F. Moreen

<8.2.11.14> That Council notes and endorses the Audited Financial Statements for July 2022-June 2023 as tabled:

Moved: Cr. Edmunds
Seconded: Cr. J. Moreen

9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting closed at 2:20pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on **December 12th** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at **11:00am**.