

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING November 2024



## NOTICE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of the Belyuen Community Government Council will be held in the Council Offices, Belyuen community commencing at 11am.

Dave Ferguson CEO

# AGENDA

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### November 2024

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## 1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting will be declared open at 11:00am.

President welcomes the Councillors and staff to the October meeting of 2024.

Councillors agree that all matters presented at this meeting will be administered on the principle of fair and equitable treatment. The President acknowledges that we each bring our own views to the table and on all matters unresolved, Councillors right to agree and disagree is respected.

Councillors are reminded to fulfil their administrative requirements and sign the attendance sheet associated with this meeting.

Acknowledgement is made to members not present and respect is paid to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, to the elders past and present and to the Councillors and employees present for the meeting.

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 2.1.11.24 Dave Ferguson - CEO

#### Summary

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this or future Ordinary General Meetings.

#### Background

Not applicable.

#### Comment

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

#### Statutory Environment

As per the *Local Government Act 2019* s.47 a person ceases to hold office as a member of a Council if the person is absent, without permission of the Council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

#### Financial Implications

Not applicable.

## Recommendation

1. *That Council accepts the apology of Cr. [Name] for the Ordinary Council Meeting held November 26 2024; or,*
2. *That the Council notes the absence without apology of Cr. [Name].*

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

### 3.1.11.24

**Dave Ferguson - CEO**

#### Summary

Elected members and staff are required to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the matters contained in this agenda. The President reminds everyone about their roles and responsibilities as an elected official and particularly of their obligations to declare their interest (material or personal) on matters presented today – that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

#### Background

**Elected Members** are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

**Staff Members** of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegated authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the CEO or Acting CEO expressly directs him or her to do so.

#### Comment

NIL

### **Statutory Environment**

- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 114 (Elected Members)
- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 179 (Staff Members)

### **Policy Implications**

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

***That Council receives and notes the declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting for November 26 2024.***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***

## **4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**TEABBA** – Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association General Manager: Don Baylis and Senior Technician: Kyle Devendans have been invited to meet with Council to discuss the opportunity of a remote broadcasting studio in Belyuen that will share local information and transmit local content in language throughout the community.

This is a follow up to an initial meeting In April 2023, where Belyuen Community were consulted during a community meeting to see whether there is enough interest to apply to have our own Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service: (RIBS)

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1.11.24**

**Dave Ferguson - CEO**

**Unconfirmed Minutes of the October Council Meeting 2024**

### **Summary**

*Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting and the Confidential Minutes from the meeting of October 2024 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.*

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD: October 29 2024



## MEETING NOTICE

Date Posted: 22/10/2024  
Councillor Reminder

*You are respectfully advised that the Ordinary meeting scheduled for October 2024 has been scheduled as follows:*

**Date:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
**Time:** Beginning at 11.00am  
**Location:** BCGC Meeting Chamber

*Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to contact the President and or CEO should you have any information to add to the meeting agenda, this must be supplied two days before the notice is issued.*

*The Meeting will be chaired by Cr Rex Edmunds, President BCGC.*

*Meeting refreshments and lunch will be provided.*



Dave Ferguson  
CEO

## 1 OPEN MEETING

*MEETING OPENED: The Ordinary Council Meeting opened at 11.20am*

*PRESENT AT MEETING:*

***Elected Members:***

- *Cr. Rex Edmunds*
- *Cr. John Moreen*
- *Cr. Frederick Moreen*

***Staff:***

- *Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer*
- *Jasmine Brar – Finance Manager (via Microsoft Teams)*

***Visitors:***

- *NIL*

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

*Apologies and Leave of Absence:*

- *Cr. Brentley Moreen – **Absent without notice***
- *Cr. Rex Sing – **Apology***

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

*Nil*

## 4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**<4.1.10.29> Presentation:** *Angelina Anictomatis, Manager Community Affairs NT – SANTOS, Barossa Gas Project.*

*Delegates from SANTOS met with Council to deliver a presentation outlining the Barossa Gas Export Pipeline and benefits to the Cox Peninsula region including:*

- *Long term projection*
- *600 new jobs (FIFO)*
- *Employment for 100 Darwin residents*
- *8 new wells*

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### **Recommendation:**

<5.1.10.29> That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October (September) 2024 and the Confidential section of the meeting be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Cr. F Moreen  
**Seconded:** Cr. R Edmunds

**Carried.**

## 6 PRESIDENTS REPORT

**6.1 The President reports to Council on his activities and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council meeting.**

President Edmunds noted the works that had taken place in the community, namely:

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President Edmunds also noted:

- Request for community meeting
- Problem trees at lot 254
- Uncertainty with housing allocations

### **Recommendation:**

<6.1.10.29> That Council receives and notes the President's Report.

**Moved:** Cr. F Moreen  
**Seconded:** Cr. J Moreen

**Carried.**

## 7 CEO REPORT

**7.1 Report from the CEO: Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence**

### **Recommendation:**

<7.1.10.01> That Council receives and notes the report from the CEO – Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence as tabled.

**Moved:** Cr. J Moreen

**Seconded:** Cr. R Edmunds

**Carried.**

## **7.2 Report from the CEO – General Administration**

### **Recommendation:**

**<7.2.10.01>** That Council receives and note the report from the CEO - General Administration

**Moved:** Cr. R Edmunds

**Seconded:** Cr. J Moreen

**Carried.**

## **7.5 Report from the CEO – LGANT Annual Conference**

**<7.5.10.01>** That Council receives and note the report from the CEO - LGANT Annual Conference

**Moved:** Cr. R Edmunds

**Seconded:** Cr. J Moreen

**Carried.**

## **8 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **8.1 Monthly Financial Report – October 2024**

#### **Recommendation:**

**<8.1.10.01>** That Council defer the financial report for October 2024 until the first week in November date to be confirmed.

**Moved:** Cr. R Edmunds

**Seconded:** Cr. F Moreen

**Carried.**

## **9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

*Nil*

## **10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

## **11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

*Nil*

## **12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

*Meeting closed at 14.32pm*

*The next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on **November 26<sup>th</sup> 2024** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at **11:00am**.*

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### **Statutory Environment**

The Agendas and Minutes as submitted must comply with part Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 2019.

### **Policy Implications**

Not applicable

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the December Ordinary General Meeting held on **27<sup>th</sup> June 2024** and the Confidential section of the meeting be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Report Number** 6.1.11.24  
**Author** President Rex Edmunds  
**Attachments** Nil

### Summary

The President reports to Council on his activities and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council meeting.

### Comment

The President gives a verbal report of activities since the last council meeting.

### Financial Implications

Not applicable.

### Recommendation

**That Council receives and notes the President's Report.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 7 CEO REPORT

### 7.1 Report from the CEO – General Administration

**Report Number** 7.1.11.24  
**Author** Dave Ferguson - CEO  
**Attachments** NIL

### Summary

The CEO provides a report to Council outlining operational matters concerning Council for the previous month.

**TEABBA:**

Presentation (Agenda item 4.)

### Consultation

Community consultation via community meetings and surveys.

**Statutory Environment**

Not applicable

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

BCGC receive funding from the Northern Territory Government, Commonwealth Government, and various funding agencies to assist with the delivery of services to the community of Belyuen.

**Recommendation:**

That Council note the report from the CEO

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 8.1 Monthly Financial Report

**Report Number** 8.1.11.24  
**Author** Dave Ferguson - CEO

#### Summary

The Council is provided with a financial report at each meeting.

#### Background

Not applicable.

#### Comment

Please refer attached financial report.

#### Statutory Environment

Section 17 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* refers.

#### Monthly Financial Reports to council

- 1) The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:
  - a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
  - b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and
  - c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.
- 2) The report must also include:
  - a) details of all cash and investments held by the council (including money held in trust); and
  - b) the closing cash at bank balance split between tied and untied funds; and
  - c) a statement on trade debtors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed to the council; and
  - d) a statement on trade creditors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed by the council; and
  - e) a statement in relation to the council's payment and reporting obligations for GST, fringe benefits tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation and insurance; and
  - f) other information required by the council.

#### Policy Implications

Not applicable

#### Financial Implications

Refer to the attached finance report

#### Recommendation

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

That Council:

a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of his knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and

b) receives and notes the monthly financial report for **October 2024**.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Members are invited to raise any questions.

## 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for any other general business.

### Discussion

## 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### Recommendation

**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:**

**Seconded:**

**Carried**

Return to open session

## 12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

***The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 11:00am.***