

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING April 2026



NOTICE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of the Belyuen Community Government Council will be held in the Council Offices, Belyuen community commencing at 9am.

Dave Ferguson CEO

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

April 28th 2026

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1 OPEN MEETING

The Mayor of Belyuen Council: Cr. Leikeisha Woodie will declare the meeting open at 9:00am.

The Mayor welcomes the Councillors, visitors and staff to the Ordinary Council Meeting of April 2026.

Councillors agree that all matters presented at this meeting will be administered on the principle of fair and equitable treatment. Councillors acknowledge 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 NOTICE OF MEETING



MEETING NOTICE

Date Posted: 23/04/2026
Councillor Reminder

You are respectfully advised that an Ordinary Council Meeting for April has been scheduled as follows:

Date:	Tuesday 28th April 2026
Time:	Beginning at 9am
Location:	BCGC Meeting Chamber

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to contact the Mayor 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. Leikeisha Woodie, Mayor - Belyuen Community Government Council.

Meeting refreshments and lunch will be provided.



Dave Ferguson
CEO

3 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Report Number	3.1.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson – CEO
Attachments	Nil

Summary

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

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***.

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.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information provided regarding meeting attendance

Moved:

Seconded:

4 PERSONS PRESENT

Elected Members:

- Cr. Leikeisha Woodie
- Cr. Rex Sing
- Cr. Angelina Lewis
- Cr. Daphne Yarrowin
- Cr. Linda Yarrowin

Staff:

- Dave Ferguson: Chief Executive Officer
- Jasmine Brar: Corporate Services Manager

Visitors:

- Jenna Oatway - Regional Project Officer Northern Territory Government
- Colvin Crowe - Regional Project Officer Northern Territory Government

5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Recommendation**

That Council note the apology of..... absence for the Ordinary General meeting held 28th April 2026:

Moved:**Seconded:****6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Report Number	6.1.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil

Summary

Elected members and staff are required to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the matters contained in this agenda. The Mayor 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 – CEO and Staff Code of Conduct.

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

Elected members receive the declarations of interest as tabled for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 28th April 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report Number	7.1.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil

Presentation – Nil

Statutory Environment

- *Local Government Act 2020*

Policy Implications

- Nil

Financial Implications

- Nil

Recommendation

That Council:

Moved:

Seconded:

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Report Number	8.1.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	UNCONFIRMED ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 2026 UNCONFIRMED SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING MINUTES March 2026

Summary

Unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Meeting from the 24th March 2026 and the Special Finance Meeting from the 31st March 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those minutes are a true and correct record of those meetings.

Statutory Environment

The Agendas and Minutes as submitted must comply with Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 2020.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD: March 24th 2026

1 OPEN MEETING

MEETING OPENED: The Ordinary Council Meeting opened at 9.46am

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- *Cr. Leikeisha Woodie (Mayor)*
- *Cr. Angelina Lewis*
- *Cr. Daphne Yarrowin*
- *Cr. Linda Yarrowin*

Apologies

- *Cr. Rex Sing*

Staff:

- *Dave Ferguson: Chief Executive Officer*

Visitors:

- *George B. Amegavi, PhD*
Senior Learning and Development Officer
Local Government and Community Development
Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

2 NOTICE OF MEETING



MEETING NOTICE

Date Posted: 17/03/2026
Councillor Reminder

You are respectfully advised that a Ordinary Council Meeting for March has been scheduled as follows:

Date:	Tuesday 24th March 2026
Time:	Beginning at 9am
Location:	BCGC Meeting Chamber

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to contact the Mayor 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. Leikeisha Woodie, Mayor - Belyuen Community Government Council.

Meeting refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Dave Ferguson
CEO

3 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Recommendation:

<3.1.03.26> That Council note the information provided regarding meeting attendance for the Ordinary General Meeting held 24th March 2026

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Carried

4 PERSONS PRESENT

Recommendation:

<4.1.03.26> That Council note the information provided regarding persons present for the Ordinary General Meeting held 24th March 2026

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation:

<5.1.03.26> That Council accept the apology of Cr. Rex Sing for the Ordinary General Meeting held 24th March 2026

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Recommendation:

<6.1.03.26> that Council receive the declarations of interest as tabled for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24th March 2026

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Recommendation:

<7.1.03.26> That Council acknowledge the presentation and elected member training provided by NT Government representative today

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. A. Lewis

Carried

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation:

<8.1.03.26> That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24th February 2026 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

9 MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Woodie addressed Council on various activities and items of importance in Belyuen

Recommendation:

<9.1.03.26> That Council receives and notes the Mayors Report for the Ordinary Council meeting March 2026

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

10 CEO REPORT

CEO reported to Council on various matters arising in the previous month

Recommendation:

<10.1.03.26> That Council note the CEO meetings and engagements for previous month

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

<10.2.03.26> *That Council note incoming and outgoing correspondence for previous month*

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie
Seconded: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Carried

<10.3.03.26> *That Council note and endorse suggested Audit & Risk Management Committee Chair for 3 year period commencing March 31st 2026*

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin
Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

<10.4.03.26> *That Council note and endorse easter closure 2026*

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin
Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

<10.5.03.26> *That Council note and endorse achievement of local resident and Indigenous Teachers Aid Mr. Dylan Moreen*

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie
Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

<10.6.03.26> *That Council defer the endorsement of the draft community grant policy to next meeting.*

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin
Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

<10.7.03.26> *That Council instruct the CEO to continue to collaborate with Belyuen School and respective stakeholders to engage Belyuen Community members to participate in NAIDOC weekend in Melbourne Victoria representing Belyuen at AFL fixture*

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

<10.8.03.26> That Council endorse the draft Travel policy 2026

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

<10.9.03.26> That Council endorse TEABBA radio station for Belyuen

Moved: Cr. D. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

11 FINANCIAL REPORT

Recommendation:

11.1.03.26> That Council defer the finance report for March by one week to be tabled at a special finance meeting scheduled for 31st March along with the budget review.

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

12 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

14 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

10am 31st March 2026

Meeting closed at 1.55pm

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD: *March 31st 2026*

1 OPEN MEETING

MEETING OPENED: The Special Finance Meeting opened at 12.38pm

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- *Cr. Leikeisha Woodie (Mayor)*
- *Cr. Angelina Lewis*
- *Cr. Daphne Yarrowin*
- *Cr. Linda Yarrowin*
- *Cr. Rex Sing*

Apologies

- *Nil*

Staff:

- *Dave Ferguson: Chief Executive Officer*
- *Jasmine Brar: Corporate Services Manager*

Visitors:

- *Nil*

2 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Recommendation:

<2.1.03.26> That Council note the information provided regarding meeting attendance

Moved: *Cr. R. Sing*

Seconded: *Cr. L. Woodie*

Carried

3 PERSONS PRESENT

Recommendation:

<3.1.03.26> That Council note the information provided regarding persons present

Moved: *Cr. L. Yarrowin*

Seconded: *Cr. R. Sing*

Carried

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation:

<4.1.03.26> That Council notes there are no apologies for this meeting

Moved: *Cr. A. Lewis*

Seconded: *Cr. L. Yarrowin*

Carried

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Recommendation:

<5.1.03.26> that Council receive the declarations of interest as tabled at the meeting

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin
Seconded: Cr. L. Woodie

Carried

6 OFFICERS REPORT

Recommendation:

<6.1.03.26> That Council receives and notes the Finance report presented

Moved: Cr. L. Woodie
Seconded: Cr. A. Lewis

Carried

Recommendation:

<6.2.03.26> That Council receives and approves the second Budget Review for 2025-26 financial year

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin
Seconded: Cr. R. Sing

Carried

7 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

8 MEETING CLOSED

The Special Finance Meeting was closed at 1:23pm

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24th March 2026 and the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 31st March 2026 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meetings.

Moved:

Seconded:

9 MAYORS REPORT

Report Number	9.1.04.26
Author	Mayor Leikeisha Woodie
Attachments	Nil

Summary

The Mayor reports to Council on her activities and any items of importance that have arisen since the last Council Meeting.

Comment

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

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Mayors Report for the Ordinary Council meeting April 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

10 CEO REPORT

10.1 Report from the CEO - Engagements

Report Number	10.1.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil

Comment

To update Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer since the last Ordinary Council Meeting for March 2026.

Meetings:

- March 27th – MACCST/Stakeholder meeting
- March 30th – Craig Rowston: Marion Scrymgours office

- March 31st – Finance meeting/ARMC meeting
- April 1st – LGANT CEO
- April 14th/15th – LGANT Symposium
- April 15th – ARK Animal Hospital
- April 16th - SNP Framework
- April 17th – NDIS framework Caroline Olsen
- April 20th – Dept. of Defence

Recommendation

That Council note the CEO engagements for the month of April 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

10.2 Report from the CEO – Correspondence

Report Number	10.2.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	Nil

Summary

CEO tables a record of incoming and outgoing correspondence for the month.

Comment

Correspondence received:

Correspondence sent:

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Correspondence;

Moved:

Seconded:

10.3 Report from the CEO – Grant Funding

Report Number	10.3.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	nil

Summary

Council receive numerous funding opportunities throughout each financial year from various funding agencies including the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments.

Council currently have a number of grants that are due to be expended prior to June 30 2026.

- **WARM funding:** The waste and resource management grant is annual funding to provide financial support towards waste management, recycling and community safety. Council have endorsed expenditure of WARM funding to be allocated towards:
 1. **Rubbish Compactor Vehicle;**
 2. **Cardboard Baler;**
 3. **Community recycling centre;**
 4. **Waste compactor.**
- **Roads 2 Recovery:** This year, council used the majority of the R2R funding to resurface internal roads, fix potholes, line mark roads, increase bollards and speedhumps and renew signage.
- **Grounds Maintenance Program:** council have received funding for 2 years to run a grounds maintenance program in Belyuen. Existing funding is allocated towards:
 1. **Tractor & Slasher;**
 2. **ATV;**
 3. **Workshop Vehicle;**
 4. **Grounds Machinery Shed.**
- **Active Sport & Recreation:** Funding to employ local S&R officers, uniforms & equipment, attend festivals, sporting carnivals and training.
- **School Nutrition Program:** Employment & Training for local people to provide healthy nutritious meals for Belyuen School Children.
- **IEI (Indigenous Employment Initiative)** employment & Training for local people in Aged Care.

Council are waiting to find out whether they have been successful with 3 funding submissions:

1. Community Benefit Fund – upgrade the Knuckey Womens Centre and creation of a Mens Shed.
2. Remote Laundry Service – provide a mobile laundry service in the community.
3. Remote Cemetery and Burial Grant.

Recommendation

That Council note and endorse the CEO report: Grant Funding for April 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

10.4 Report from the CEO – Term Deposit

Report Number	10.4.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	nil

Summary

Belyuen Council have the opportunity to invest surplus cash into a high interest term deposit for a 12 month period. Any interest gained from the investment will go back into Council revenue and can be used for things such as contribution towards a new vehicle for the Belyuen Workshop.

Recommendation

That Council note and endorse the CEO report Term Deposit for April 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

10.5 Report from the CEO – Aged Care

Report Number	10.5.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	nil

Summary

Belyuen Council have oversight of the Imabulk Aged Care Centre in Belyuen.

The centre has 4 self contained accommodations, an office and fully functional commercial kitchen.

Staff and community elders residing at the facility have expressed concern at the amount of external people coming into the centre, staying in the rooms, abusing residents and taking the elders food and tobacco.

The Aged Care program requires support from the elected members to assist with community members and visitors to Belyuen to gain a better understanding that the Imabulk Aged Care centre is for residents only and they can not continue to abuse and harass vulnerable people in the centre.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. assist the CEO and Aged Care staff with maintaining community safety at the Imabulk Aged Care Centre, and;
2. note and endorse the CEO report Aged Care for April 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

10.6 Report from the CEO – NAIDOC 2026

Report Number	10.6.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	nil

Summary

Council have an opportunity to provide activities and events to coincide and compliment NAIDOC week in July this year.

Council can provide support to Belyuen Community members wishing to participate in cultural activities in recognition of NAIDOC week 2026

Recommendation

That Council instruct the CEO regarding NAIDOC events in Belyuen this year

Moved:

Seconded:

10.7 Report from the CEO – Barunga Festival 2026

Report Number	10.7.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	nil

Summary

Belyuen have the opportunity to travel to the Barunga Festival in June.

Belyuen School have also expressed interest in attending this years festival.

Recommendation

That Belyuen Council instruct the CEO to nominate a Belyuen contingent for this years Barunga Festival.

Moved:

Seconded:

10.8 Report from the CEO – Belyuen Store

Report Number	10.8.04.26
Author	Dave Ferguson - CEO
Attachments	nil

Summary

The past 2 months have seen fuel prices higher than they have been before. Belyuen have been vigilant in maintaining fuel levels and keeping fuel prices as low as possible to ensure that community residents, Aged Care clients and the Belyuen health clinic have access to fuel at an affordable price.

During the past 2 months, Belyuen have had the lowest price fuel in the NT. At some stages 50 cents a litre less than our competitors.

In August last year, Belyuen applied for the Low-Cost Essentials Subsidy Scheme through the NIAA.

This involves 30 essential items that will be heavily reduced in order to provide community members with the same prices for essential items that people pay at major supermarkets such as Coles or Woolworths.

Belyuen Council were advised last week that we have been successful with our application and should start to see the benefit of the Essentials Subsidy Scheme as early as next week.

Recommendation

That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report Belyuen Store for April 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

11 FINANCIAL REPORT

11.1 Monthly Financial Report

Report Number	11.1.04.26
Author	Jasmine Brar – CSM
Attachments	Nil

The Corporate Services Manager presents the finance report for April

Recommendation

That Council resolve to endorse the monthly finance report for April 2026

Moved:

Seconded:

12 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Members are invited to raise any questions.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for any other general business.

- ARK Animal Hospital visit
- Aus Post
- Community Events
- Delisaville Aerodrome

Discussion

14 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next scheduled Meeting of Council be held on May 26th at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 9:00am.

Close meeting.