

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD: August 4th 2026

1 OPEN MEETING

MEETING OPENED:

The Ordinary Council Meeting opened by Deputy Mayor Sing at 10.20 am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- Cr. Rex Sing
- Cr. Angelina Lewis
- Cr. Linda Yarrowin

Apologies

- Cr. Leikeisha Woodie (Mayor)
- Cr. Daphne Yarrowin

Staff:

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

Visitors:

- Karen Hocking - A/Director Learning and Development; Local Government and Community Development
- Noel Clifford – External Auditor; Nexia Edwards Marshall
- Hugh King - A/Executive Director, Local Government and Community Development
- Jenna Oatway - Regional Project Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

2 NOTICE OF MEETING



MEETING NOTICE

Date Posted: 29/07/2026

Councillor Reminder

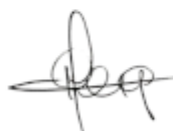
You are respectfully advised that the Ordinary Council Meeting for July 2026 has been re-scheduled as follows:

Date:	<i>Tuesday 4th August 2026</i>
Time:	<i>Beginning at 9am</i>
Location:	<i>BCGC Conference Room</i>

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to contact the Mayor 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 Leikeisha Woodie, Mayor BCGC.

Meeting refreshments and lunch will be provided.



Dave Ferguson
CEO

3 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Recommendation:

<3.1.07.26> That Council note the information provided regarding meeting attendance for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 4th August 2026

Moved: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Seconded: Cr. A. Lewis

Carried

4 PERSONS PRESENT

Recommendation:

<4.1.07.26> That Council note the information provided regarding persons present for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 4th August 2026

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation:

<5.1.07.26> That Council note the apologies of Mayor Woodie and Cr. Daphne Yarrowin for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 4th August 2026

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis

Seconded: Cr. R. Sing

Carried

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Recommendation:

<6.1.07.26> that Council receive the declarations of interest as tabled for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 4th August 2026

Moved: Cr. R. Sing

Seconded: Cr. A. Lewis

Carried

Procedural Note:

10:45am: CEO departed the meeting

10:53am: CEO returned to the meeting

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Recommendation:

<7.1.07.26> That Council endorse the presentation and training delivered by NTG A/Director of Learning and Development: Karen Hocking

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

12:15pm: Lunch Break

1:00pm: Meeting resumed

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Recommendation:

<8.1.07.26> That Council invite staff members from the Northern Territory Government Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to join the confidential meeting.

Invitees:

1. Karen Hocking - A/Director Learning and Development; Local Government and Community Development
2. Hugh King - A/Executive Director, Local Government and Community Development
3. Jenna Oatway - Regional Project Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis

Seconded: Cr. R. Sing

Carried

9 RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Recommendation:

<9.1.07.26> That Council re-opens the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis

Seconded: Cr. L. Yarrowin

Carried

10 DECISIONS ARISING FROM CONFIDENTIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Recommendation:

<10.1.07.26> That Council endorse the minutes of the confidential meeting held on June 29th 2026

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

Carried

<10.2.07.26> That Council note and endorse the 2026-27 Budget

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

Carried

<10.3.07.26> That Council note and endorse the 2026-27 Shire Plan

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis
Seconded: Cr. R. Sing

Carried

<10.4.07.26> That Council note the new Code of Conduct framework introduced July 1st.

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

Carried

11 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation:

<11.1.07.26> That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29th June 2026 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr. R. Sing
Seconded: Cr. A. Lewis

Carried

12 MAYORS REPORT

Recommendation

<12.1.07.26> That Council defer the Mayors Report for the Ordinary Council meeting July 2026

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

Carried

13 CEO REPORT

13.1 Report from the CEO – Draft Policies

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following draft policies for endorsement at the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for August 4th.

1. BCGC Leave Policy
2. BCGC Gifts and Benefits received by Council members Policy
3. BCGC Gifts and Benefits Policy - CEO
4. BCGC Procurement Policy
5. BCGC Allowances and Other Benefits Policy – CEO

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

Carried

13.2 Report from the CEO – Aged Care

Recommendation:

That Council note the CEO report titled Aged Care for June 2026 for endorsement at the Ordinary Council Meeting August 4th

Moved: Cr. A. Lewis
Seconded: Cr. R. Sing

Carried

14 FINANCIAL REPORT

Recommendation:

14.1.07.26> 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

note the financial reports for May and June 2026 for endorsement at the Ordinary Council Meeting August 4th

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

Certification by the CEO to the Council

That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:

(1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and

(2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

CEO:

Date:

Carried

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

- Cr. Lewis commented that she is spending her personal time organizing other elected members ahead of the monthly meetings. Cr. Lewis noted that some councillors are not attending meetings which could result in the meeting being postponed due to lack of quorum.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

- CEO reminded the meeting that there has not been any interest to date from local residents in the refurbishment of the Knucky Womens Centre.
- CEO reminded the meeting of the Belyuen Festival scheduled for Friday 7th August.
- CEO reminded the meeting of the funeral scheduled for Friday 21st August.

17 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council be held on August 25th at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 5.16 pm