MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HELD: September 29th, 2026

1 OPEN MEETING

MEETING OPENED:

The Ordinary Council Meeting opened by Mayor Woodie at 9.30am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

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

Apologies:

- Cr. Rex Sing
- Cr. Linda Yarrowin

Staff:

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

Visitors:

- Troy Garling: Australian Program Coordinator – Santos Foundation
- Karlyne Pukakia-Cain – Santos Foundation
- Mary Watson: CEO - Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
- Peter Panquee: President - Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
- Elisabeth Povinelli: – Karrabing Association
- Karen Hocking: - Director Local Government and Community Development

2 NOTICE OF MEETING

BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

MEETING NOTICE

Date Posted: 24/09/2026

Councillor Reminder

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

Date:	***Tuesday 29th September 2026***
Time:	***Beginning at 9.30am***
Location:	***BCGC Conference Room***

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

<3.1.09.26> That Council note the information provided regarding meeting attendance for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29th September 2026

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr. Woodie**

Carried

4 PERSONS PRESENT

<4.1.09.26> That Council note the information provided regarding persons present for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29th September 2026

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

Carried

5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<5.1.09.26> That Council note the apology of Cr. L. Yarrowin and Cr. R. Sing for the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29th September 2026

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

Carried

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

Carried

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

<7.1.09.26> That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1st September 2026 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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

Carried

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Council invite Elisabeth Povinelli to deliver historical presentation on Belyuen and opportunities for the Knucky Womens Centre.

<8.1.09.26> that Council note the presentation delivered by Elisabeth Povinelli at the September Council meeting.

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr. D. Yarrowin**

Carried

Council invite Mr. Troy Garling and Ms. Karlyne Pukakia-Cain to attend today's meeting to provide a briefing to Council on their role with the Santos Foundation and correspondence to date with the CEO of Belyuen Council

<8.2.09.26> that Council:

1. Endorses the SANTOS Foundation commitment to supporting the Knucky Womens Centre;
2. Endorses the SANTOS Foundation supports Belyuen to have its own remote laundry service; and,
3. Agree to designate an area adjacent to the Belyuen Store with access to power, water and sewerage.

Moved: **Cr. Woodie**
Seconded: **Cr. Lewis**

Carried

Council invite Mary Watson and Peter Panquee from LGANT to deliver 2 presentations:

- LGANT Membership Presentation
- Local Government Representation review

<8.3.09.26> that Council note the 2 presentations delivered by LGANT at the September Council meeting.

Moved: **Cr. D. Yarrowin**
Seconded: **Cr. Lewis**

Carried

12:00pm: Lunch Break
12:41pm: Meeting resumed

9 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 Monthly Financial Report – August 2026

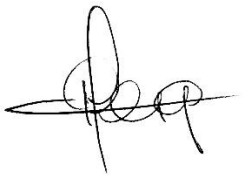
Corporate Services Manager Jasmine Brar delivers the finance report for August 2026

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.



Dave Ferguson
Chief Executive Office, Belyuen Community Government Council

9.1.09.26> That Council notes the financial report for August 2026 for endorsement at the Ordinary Council Meeting September 29th, 2026

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

Carried

9.2 Finance Training for Councillors

9.2.09.26> that Council engage Karen Hocking from the NT Government to deliver further training to the elected members at the Ordinary Council meeting in October**.**

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr: D. Yarrowin**

Carried

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Pursuant to Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51(1) of Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential item(s):

Item No.	Matter	Confidentiality Provision
10.1	Update on Workers Compensation Claim	Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information about the employment of a particular

Item No.	Matter	Confidentiality Provision
		individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
10.2	LGRR Discussion Paper – Unincorporated Land	Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 This matter is considered to be and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.
10.3	Aboriginal Corporation	Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 This matter is considered to be confidential and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interest of the council or some other person.

<10.1.09.26> That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of *the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.*

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

Carried

Procedural Notes:

The meeting was closed to the public at 1.25pm

The confidential meeting was opened at 1.26pm

The confidential meeting was closed at 1.50pm

11 RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

<11.1.09.26> That Council re-opens the meeting to the general public in accordance with Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr. D. Yarrowin**

Carried

12 DECISIONS ARISING FROM CONFIDENTIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

<12.1.09.26> That Council endorse the minutes of the confidential meeting held on September 1st, 2026

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

Carried

<12.2.09.26> That Council note and endorse the report and associated documentation titled Update on Workers Compensation Claim

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr. D. Yarrowin**

Carried

<12.3.09.26> That Council note and endorse the report and associated documentation titled Local Government Representation Review (LGRR) Discussion Paper – Unincorporated Land

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

Carried

<12.3.09.26> That Council note and endorse the report and associated documentation titled Aboriginal Corporation

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr. D. Yarrowin**

Carried

13 MAYORS REPORT

13.1.09.26> That Council defer the Mayors report until the October meeting

Moved: **Cr. D. Yarrowin**
Seconded: **Cr. Lewis**

Carried

14 CEO REPORT

<14.1.09.26> That Council note and endorse the following draft policies as per the recommendation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development:

1. **BCGC Elected Member Access to Information Policy**
2. **BCGC Disposal of Assets Policy**

3. **BCGC Investment Policy**
4. **BCGC Delegations Policy**
5. **BCGC Code of Conduct for CEO and Staff Policy**
6. **BCGC Records Management Policy**
7. **BCGC Training & Development Policy**
8. **BCGC Work Health & Safety Policy**
9. **BCGC Anti-Discrimination (Bullying) Policy**
10. **BCGC Performance & Probation Policy**

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

Carried

<14.2.09.26> That Council:

1. Endorse the Christmas closure for 2026 from 21st December 2026 to 3rd January 2027;
2. Endorse the store closure for the Christmas/new year period 2026 as per the Agenda;
3. Endorse the Aged Care closure during the Christmas/new year period 2026; and,
4. Agree to pay staff one day in gratis during the Christmas closure.

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

Carried

<14.3.09.26> That Council endorses the Belyuen Store report for September 2026

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr. Woodie**

Carried

<14.4.09.26> That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Christmas Celebrations 2026.

Moved: **Cr. Woodie**
Seconded: **Cr. Yarrowin**

Carried

<14.5.09.26> That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Belyuen Clean-up Day

Moved: **Cr. Lewis**
Seconded: **Cr. Woodie**

Carried

<14.6.09.26> That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Criminal Behaviour.

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

Carried

<14.7.09.26> That Belyuen Council note and endorse the CEO report - Belyuen Workforce

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

Carried

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

- Nil

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil

17 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting of Council be held on October 27th at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 10:00am.

Meeting closed at 2.49pm