

Minutes

Belyuen Community Government Council Ordinary Council meeting Tuesday 21st January 2020

1. Open Meeting

Vice President Rex Edmunds opened the meeting at 5.40pm

Members present

Rex Edmunds, Vice president

Cecilia Lewis, Councillor

John Moreen, Councillor

Rex Sing, Councillor

Observers

Cathy Winsley Chief Executive Officer

Absent

Zoe Singh President

2. Apologies

Zoe Singh President put in a verbal apology on medical grounds during the afternoon to the CEO.

Resolution 2.1

That Council accepts the reason provided by President Singh for being absent from the meeting.

Moved: Vice President Edmunds

Seconded: Councillor Moreen

Carried

Resolution 2.2

Council directs the CEO to talk with the President in regard to concerns for the high number of absences from Council Meetings during 2019.

Moved: Councillor Lewis

Seconded: Councillor Sing

Carried

3. Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Pers73 and s4 of the Local Government ACT (2008). 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 as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the issue which gives rise to the conflict.

Resolution 3.1

That member's note that no Declarations of Conflict of Interest were given for this meeting.

Moved: Vice President Edmunds

Seconded: Councillor Lewis

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Council meetings held on 30th September 2019 and 9th December 2019

Resolution 4.1

That Council accepts the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2019 as a true and correct record.

Moved: Councillor Lewis

Seconded: Vice President Edmunds

Carried

Resolution 4.2

That Council accepts the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2019 as a true and correct record.

Moved: Councillor Lewis

Seconded: Vice President Edmunds

5. Financial Reports November 2019 and December 2019

Resolution 5.1

That Council receives and accepts the Financial Reports for November 2019 and December 2019

Moved: Councillor Lewis

Seconded: Councillor Sing

Carried

6. Grant Funding Updates and Acquittals

Noted: Acquittals for SPG Outdoor Terminal Grant and Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant

Noted: Consultancy Grant

Noted: Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia day) Grant event to take place at Belyuen on Saturday 1st February

Noted: Boundless Possible Grant – CEO to get quote for signage

Council discussed that all the signage on the Cox Peninsula Road identifying Belyuen has been removed.

Council requested the CEO to contact the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to find out why all signage identifying Belyuen has been removed on the Cox Peninsula road.

Council discussed the request from the Boundless Possible Section of the Chief Minister's Office to identify an Ambassador for Belyuen Community.

Resolution 6.1

That the Vice President Edmunds be nominated as Ambassador for Belyuen

Moved: Councillor Sing

Seconded: Councillor Moreen

Carried

Noted: Council still waiting on the outcome of SPGs for Dump maintenance and Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure Grant for the oval.

Council discussed the dump known as the 'Belyuen Dump' and the disgusting mess surrounding the dump from people dumping anything and anywhere in the bush.

Council noted that the problem has largely been created since the Wagait dump was closed down.

Council directed the CEO to write to the Department of Local Government outlining issues in regard to lack of management of the 'Belyuen Dump' and that it is too big a problem for Belyuen Council to deal with themselves as the dump has become a 'regional dump' on the Peninsula. Council is concerned about toxic items seeping into the water table and into the air when irresponsible burning is done.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Council noted tabled documents from Local Government Compliance in relation to Minutes of the Meeting Resolution 5.1 30th June 2019.

Resolution 7.1 That Resolution 5.1 made on 29th July 2019 be rescinded and the CEO present the 30th June 2019 Asset Register to the February 2020 Finance Meeting with recommendations in regard to Assets that are no longer economically viable to repair.

Moved: Vice President Edmunds

Seconded: Councillor Lewis

Carried

7.2 Correspondence from Local Government and Community Development Division re August 2020 legislative Assembly Election.

Resolution 7.2

That members receive and note the Department's correspondence regarding the August 2020 legislative Assembly Election and Conflict of Interest.

Moved: Councillor Moreen

Seconded: Vice President Edmunds

Carried

8. Confidential Business

In accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 the meeting is now closed to the public and confidential items classified by regulations as confidential are about to be discussed.

Grounds for exclusion of the public

Closure of the meeting is in accordance with Local Government Administration Regulation 8(b & c) as the matter to be discussed involves debts owed to the Council by individuals and businesses, if publicly disclosed could prejudice those involved.

Meeting Closed to the Public at 7.25pm

8.1 June 30th 2019 Debtors

Meeting reopened to the Public at 7.32pm

9. Late Items

9.1 2018-2019 Belyuen Annual Report

CEO tabled the 2018-2019 Belyuen Annual Report.

9.1 Resolution

That Council adopts the 2018-2019 Belyuen Annual Report s tabled by the CEO

Moved: Councillor Lewis

Seconded: Price President Edmunds

Carried

9.2 Going Back To Country Programme

Council discussed organising a meeting with John AhMat to plan for the midyear holidays.

Resolution 9.2

That the CEO organise a community meeting to discuss the Return to Country Camp in the middle of the year and invite John AhMat to attend.

Moved: Councillor Sing

Seconded: Vice President Edmunds

Carried

9.3 Belyuen Community Government Council area

Vice President Edmunds raised the question of who is 'the boss' of the land that Belyuen Council is responsible for providing Local Government Services on. Is it Kenbi or Delissaville Wagait Larrakia Land Trust?

Resolution 9.3

That the CEO write to the NLC CEO requesting a meeting to discuss the role of the Land Trust and the Role of the Kenbi TOs in regard to the area of land that Belyuen Community Government council provides services on.

Moved: Councillor Lewis

Seconded: Vice President Edmunds

Carried

9.4 Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be a Finance Committee meeting to be held on 24th February 2020

9.5 Meeting Closed

The Vice President closed the meeting at 7.57pm