

**MINUTES FOR THE  
BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2018  
IN THE BELYUEN COUNCIL TRAINING ROOM**

**1. OPEN MEETING at 10.43am**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Zoe Singh, President (Pres)  
Rex Edmunds, Vice President (V/Pres)  
Cecillia Lewis, Councillor (Clr)

**ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT**

Roger Yarrowin, Clr  
John (Mango) Moreen, Clr

**OBSERVERS PRESENT**

Cathy Winsley, Chief Executive Officer  
Kate When, Dept. Housing and Community Development (DHCD)  
Rolf Nilsson, DHCD  
Charlie Fuller, Secretariat

**2. APOLOGIES**

**Discussion:** Noted Clr Roger Yarrowin still in hospital and absent from the meeting with apology; noted that no apology had been received for Clr John Moreen. Short overview provided by DHCD on obligations and consequences under the Act for providing apologies and failure to attend meetings.

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council accepts the apologies provided for Councillor Roger Yarrowin

**Moved: V/Pres Rex Edmunds**

**Seconded: Clr Cecillia**

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council does not accept the apologies for Councillor John Moreen.

**Moved: Pres Zoe Singh**

**Seconded: Clr Cecillia Lewis**

**Carried**

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF**

Per s73 and s74 of the *Local Government Act* 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.

**4. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 15 NOVEMBER 2017**

**DISCUSSION:** Noted that Northern Land Council has not yet responded to a letter sent to it by council. This action item will be followed up before the next council meeting.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

THAT Council accept as true and correct the minutes from the previous meeting held on 15 November 2017

**Moved: Clr Rex Edmunds**

**Seconded: Clr Cecilia**

**Carried**

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS UPDATE**

Documents Tabled : November monthly financials report

**DISCUSSION:** CEO noted the December reports were not available for tabling as they had been sent through by the accountants afterhours 24 January 2018. DHCD assisted the council to gain a clearer understanding of the profit and loss statements and budget analysis from the November reports tabled. The need for a simpler and clearer financial report to be presented at future council meetings was discussed.

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council invite the store manager and DHCD to attend the February Financial meeting to assist elected members in better understanding financial reports with a view to analysing the financial status of the store.

**Moved: Pres Zoe Singh**

**Seconded: Clr Cecillia**

**Carried**

**5.2 BELYUEN COOMALIE WORKING GROUP**

Documents Tabled : Letter of invitation to Minister  
: Working Group minutes, meeting held 19 January 2018  
: Proposed list of Frequently Answered Questions for discussion by council

**DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the outcomes and actions that arose from the last working group meeting with the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council approve the letter to the Minister be sent without further changes, inviting the Minister to meet with the Working Group.

**Moved: V/Pres Rex Edmunds**

**Seconded: Clr Zoe Singh**

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council note the minutes from the Working Group meeting held 19 January.

**Noted**

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council approve a list of FAQ's to be prepared ready for use as a community engagement tool.

**Moved: Clr Cecillia Lewis**

**Seconded: V/Pres Rex Edmunds**

**Carried**

**Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.05pm**

**Meeting reconvened at 1.35pm**

**5.3 COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Documents Tabled : Finance Committee minutes, meeting held 15 December 2017

**Discussion:** Councillors expressed interest in further discussions being held at a future council meeting regarding the impact to council of the financial status of the community store, and the impact of alcohol being bought back into the community. Councillors also asked for a future presentation from DHCD on understanding financial reports.

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council note the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held 15 January.

**Noted**

**5.4 ESTABLISHING AN AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Documents Tabled : General Instruction No. 3 – Establishing an audit committee

**Discussion:** Following a brief explanation by DHCD on the role of an audit committee, council discussed nominations for audit committee members. CEO is to look at sourcing options for an independent audit committee chair.

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council appoint President Zoe Singh, Vice President Rex Edmunds, and Councillor Cecilila as the council representatives to form the audit committee under Local Government (Accounting) Regulation 10.3.

**Moved: V/Pres Rex Edmunds**

**Seconded: Clr Cecilia Lewis**

**Carried**

**5.5 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL DAY 31 JANUARY 2018**

**Discussion:** CEO noted that only part of the amount requested in the application had been granted, this would cover catering for the event. Expected to be held Wednesday evening, the event will include music entertainment by SkinnyFish, audio visual presentation of the Women's Centre video clips and old photos, a community disco and a speech from a n elected council member.

**RESOLUTION**

THAT Council note the activities planned for the community celebration day.

**Noted**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE FROM NLC (SECTION 19 LEASES)

**Discussion:** President Zoe Singh declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 as her family members are identified as traditional owners for the area.

### RESOLUTION

THAT Council note the declaration of interest in agenda item 6.1 by President Zoe Singh, which will be recorded in the council's Register of Interests as Per s74(2) of the *Local Government Act*

**Noted**

**Discussion:** That in accordance with section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* the meeting should now be closed to the public as confidential items classified by regulations as confidential are about to be discussed.

### Grounds for exclusion of the public

The meeting is to be closed in accordance with regulation 8(c)(i) as the matters to be discussed include information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council of some other person.

It was discussed that once appropriate, any decisions made by council on the matter under discussion would be moved to public business.

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THAT Council move to enter into a confidential session as indicated on the agenda.

**Moved: V/Pres Rex Edmunds**

**Seconded: Pres Zoe Singh**

**Carried**

### Exclusion of the Public 2.45pm

### Readmittance of the Public 3.10pm

Noting that with the absence of President Zoe Singh from 2.45pm meeting no longer had a quorum and while discussions were held no resolutions could be passed. Agenda Item 6 is to be considered further at the next meeting where quorum can be achieved.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS AND NEXT MEETING

**Discussion:** Upcoming meeting dates were identified as follows:

9 February 2018	Council Finance Committee Meeting commencing at 10am
23 February 2018	Working Group Meeting 3 to be confirmed on Minister McCarthy's availability
2 March 2018	Ordinary Council Meeting commencing at 10am

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 3.15PM**