

**MINUTES**  
**BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**1. OPEN MEETING**

Vice President Rex Edmunds as chair opened the meeting at 5.44pm

**Present:**

Rex Edmunds, Vice President (V/Pres)

Cecillia Lewis, Councilor (Clr)

Rex Sing, Councilor (Clr)

John (Mango) Moreen, Councilor (Clr)

**Observers:**

Cathy Winsley, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Charlie Fuller, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

**Absent:**

Zoe Singh, President (Pres)

**2. APOLOGIES**

Discussion: Council noted that

**RESOLUTION 2.1**

THAT Council approve a letter be sent to President Zoe Singh asking a reason of absence from the meeting held Monday 29 July 2019 and from meeting held Monday 30 September 2019.

**Moved:** V/Pres Rex Edmunds

**Seconded:** Clr Cecillia Lewis

**CARRIED**

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

*Per s73 and s4 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.*

**Discussion:**

V/Pres Rex Edmunds advised council that he has been elected by the community and is now recognized by the Northern Land Council as a Director of the **Delissaville Wagait Larakeyah Belyuen** Land Trust.

**RESOLUTION 3.1**

Council note the election of V/Pres Rex Edmunds as a Director of the **Delissaville Wagait Larakeyah** Land Trust and accepts that there are no conflicts of interest declared for this meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Rex Sing

**Seconded:** Clr John (Mango) Moreen

**CARRIED**

**4. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 29 JULY 2019**

*Documents Tabled: Minutes from ordinary council meeting held 29 July 2019*

**RESOLUTION 4.1**

THAT council accept the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29 July 2019 as a true and correct record.

**Moved:** Clr Cecilila Lewis

**Seconded:** Clr John (Mango) Moreen

**CARRIED**

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS</b>  <i>Documents Tabled: June, July, and August 2019 monthly financial reports.</i>  <b>RESOLUTION 5.1</b>          THAT receives and accepts the June monthly financial report for the month of June 2019.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> V/Pres Rex Edmunds  <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Cecilia Lewis  <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>No funding incoming yet as too early in the financial year  <b>RESOLUTION 5.2</b>          THAT receives and accepts the July monthly financial report for the month of July 2019.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr John (Mango ) Moreen  <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Rex Sing  <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Large deposit – rates payment by Territory Housing, accounts should balance better in the September report.  <b>RESOLUTION 5.3</b>          THAT receives and accepts the August monthly financial report for the month of August 2019.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Cecila Lewis  <b>Seconded:</b> Clr John (Mango) Moreen  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDITING</b>  <i>Documents Tabled: Nil</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Auditors are still undertaking audit, consolidated financial report as at 30 June 2019 tabled under Agenda Item 6. Draft audit report expected in late October, if available for the October meeting change from Finance to Ordinary Council Meeting with invitation to auditors to attend and answer EM questions.</p> <p><i>Clr Moreen left meeting at 6.54pm, returned at 6.57pm</i></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION</b>          THAT council note the update from CEO about the auditing process, and that an invitation is sent to the auditors to attend the Ordinary Council Meeting which considers the 2018/19 Draft Audit Report.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Rex Sing  <b>Seconded:</b> Clr John (Mango) Moreen  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>GRANT FUNDING UPDATES AND ACQUITTALS</b>  <i>Documents Tabled: Nil</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Local Government have opened a round of Special Purpose Grants; another grant round opened today for the Strategic Infrastructure Grant. Members repeated concerns about the condition of the community oval and eth need to redress the oval so it can be used. A new, special designated SIM card was obtained from Telstra and provided to the company who will have the card activated through the Melbourne based parent company so it can be installed into the new outdoor terminal system. A Federal grant of \$2500 is currently open through the local Federal member which an application is also being prepared for community signage. Roads to Recovery application has been submitted to replace damaged signage on the main road, speed bumps, and to install safety bollards around sections of footpath where vehicles are taking shortcuts.</p>

**8. DOGS IN COMMUNITY**

Community members requested this issue be raised with Council because some dogs have been roaming and running out of their yard to chase and bite people walking on the street. Elected Members mentioned a number of other yards where dogs are known to have the same behavior. Elected Members are concerned that waiting until a person is attacked, or a child is attacked, and suffers serious harm will be too late. Raised the concern that animal management (Dog) by-laws are needed. Members also have concerns that some houses have too many dogs and so no control can be had over how the dogs behave and if they roam. Some incidents have arisen where dogs were noticed with injuries or having gone missing and concern is that there could be animal welfare issues in eth community.

Elected Members asked that the following organizations be invited to the next community safety meeting: Police, Animal Welfare,

*V/Pres Edmunds, Clr Moreen, Clr Sing, left the meeting at 7.34pm; all returned at 7.37pm*

**RESOLUTION 8.1**

THAT council request the CEO to write a letter to all community households advising that dogs need to be restrained within the property and not allowed to roam around.

**Moved:** Clr Cecilia Lewis

**Seconded:** Clr Rex Sing

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 8.2**

THAT Council request the CEO to seek information and advice from the Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development about adopting animal management (dog) by-laws.

**Moved:** Clr John (Mango) Moreen

**Seconded:** V/Pres Rex Edmunds

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 8.3**

THAT Council request the CEO send an invitation to the Police, and to Animal Welfare to attend the next Community Safety Meeting about Dog safety.

**Moved:** Clr Cecilia Lewis

**Seconded:** Clr Rex Sing

**CARRIED**

9.	<p><b>MEETING OF COUNCIL CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>CEO advised a meeting was held with Maree De Lacey, Executive Director, Local Government and Community Development. Subjects discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maree DeLacey has agreed to have the Department provide some options on different people who can come out to Belyuen to work with CEO to develop a business case for funding to update the finance information management systems, and the possibility of employing a finance officer for council.</li> <li>• Section 19 leases negotiations were also discussed. CEO is writing a letter, as per previous council resolution, to organize a meeting with CEO of Northern Land Council. Council would like to speak direct with Marion Scrymgour.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING HELD 25 SEPTEMBER 2019</b></p> <p>Meeting was quiet, the next meeting needs more support. Larrakia spoke about adapting the roster so that Night Patrol can transport people to the ferry and organize for the Darwin Night Patrol pick them up on the other side of the harbor. Darwin Night Patrol can also return them to the ferry home. People need to talk to Night Patrol staff about what they need so they can work with Community to help people. Travel to the shop late evening needs to be in time to get to shop before its shut instead of just five minutes before close time, people who want to go to the shop can sometimes get upset if Night Patrol say its too late and shop shut.</p>
11.	<p><b>HOUSING CONCERNS – NEW HOMES AND MAINTENANCE</b></p> <p>The Department has advised that information can only be supplied if specific Lot numbers for houses where there are concerns are given to the Department. Two Lot numbers were mentioned to Maree De Lacey in the meeting this afternoon. Department recommends that specific Lot numbers are provided so that information can be given to council.</p> <p>Elected Members raised concerns and strongly feel that it is wrong for Territory Housing Lots sit vacant waiting for new occupants and Belyuen families cannot come back to community because they are waiting on housing to be prepared for new tenants.</p> <p>A further concern was raised that the size of families are changing and so there may be only two people living in a four bedroom house, duplex apartments may be more suitable. Empty bedroom – compared to whole family living in Belyuen. Can existing houses be developed into a duplex arrangement.</p>
12.	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b> – Monday 28 October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting and next Community Safety Meeting to be held on Wednesday 30 October 2019.</p> <p><b>MEETING CLOSED</b> at 8.18pm</p>