



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD 31st JANUARY 2022

1 OPEN MEETING

MEETING OPENED: The Ordinary Council Meeting opened at 5:15 pm

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Elected Members:

- President Rex Edmunds
- Cr Claude Holtze
- Cr Lenard Sing
- Cr John Moreen
- Cr Teresa Timber: linked to the meeting through mobile phone call

Staff:

- Cathy Winsley – CEO

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NIL

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

NIL

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

<5.1.1.31> That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting and Confidential session held on 29th November 2021 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: President Rex Edmunds
Seconded: Cr Lenard Sing

<5.2.1.31> That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 15th December 2021 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr Lenard Sing
Seconded: President Rex Edmunds

<5.3.1.31> That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 24th January 2022 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: President Rex Edmunds
Seconded: Cr John Moreen

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rex Edmunds gave a verbal report of his activities and important highlights since the last council meeting. He mentioned the following points:

- *Council has put Belyuen Community into Voluntary Lockdown to try and help slow the spread of Corona Virus amongst community members*
- *Council is aware that there are people coming in and out from Darwin and these people could be responsible for bringing the virus into the community*
- *President will walk around the community to talk with people about the Virus and how families can help to stop it coming into the community*
- *President commented that he feels many people in the community do not understand what COVID-19 is and it's impact on their lives*
- *President commented that the community needs to look after the elderly and to show more respect to them*

That the Council notes the President's report for the months of November and December 2021

Moved: Cr Claude Holtze
Seconded: Cr Lenard Sing

7 CEO REPORTS

7.1 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

Approval to upgrade the Oval

CEO informed the Council that the application to upgrade the Oval has been approved by the Minister of Local Government. Council is to receive \$263,000 to undertake the work

CEO to bring a copy of the Budget and quotes to the next Council Meeting to discuss how the work will be carried out

Resolution:

That Council receives and notes the Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence Report tabled by the CEO

Moved: President Rex Edmunds
Seconded: Cr Claude Holtze

7.2 Report from the CEO

The CEO reported about the activities and issues faced by the Council. She highlighted the following points:

Pigs in the Community

CEO commented that the Workshop staff are concerned about the pigs being outside the owner's yard and digging up around water piper and on the verges

News sign boards and Road Works

Workshop staff are working through erecting new street signs, repairing holes in the roads, installing speed humps and finishing the bollards

Sale of Alcohol at Wagait supermarket

CEO tabled lists of people who are seen as family visitors to Belyuen and who have the same alcohol purchases conditions as Belyuen Residents.

CEO tabled a list of Belyuen residents over the age of 18 years who are subject to the purchasing conditions that are part of the Wagait supermarket Liquor License. The conditions being that no wines and spirits and alcohol in glass containers to be sold to Belyuen residents.

CEO discussed that the Liquor Commission suggest a meeting be held with Council, Liquor Commission, Police and Wagait Supermarket owners to discuss the sale of alcohol conditions to Belyuen people. Council members raised concerns about Litchfield Pub and the sale of spirits and wines to Belyuen people.

CEO commented that Council can discuss this with the Liquor Commission staff and the Police when a meeting is held in relation to the Wagait Supermarket.

<7.2.1.31> That Council receives and notes the report from the as tabled in the meeting

Moved: President Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr Lenard Sing

8 OFFICER REPORTS

NIL

9 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 Monthly Financial Report

<9.1.4.21> That Council will meet at 12 noon on 1st February 2022 to go through November and December Financial Reports with the Finance Officer and the CEO

Moved: President Rex Edmunds

Seconded: Cr John Moreen

10 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The following discussions were put forward in the Council Meeting:

10.1 *Dealing with people that keep coming into the community from outside to stay with the family*

10.2 *Council discussed how best to talk with community residents about not letting family from Darwin and around to come into Belyuen and stay here*

10.3 *President commented he would go around and talk with people to explain to them the importance of not having people come over from outside*

10.4 *Discussion was around social media such as Facebook to spread the word around*

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

NIL

13 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on **28th February 2022** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 5:00PM.

Meeting closed by the President at 7:15 pm.