

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING February 2023 (HELD 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

## 1 OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened 11.16am

PRESENT AT MEETING:

**Elected Members:**

- Cr Edmunds
- Cr Timber
- Cr Sing
- Cr Holtze

**Staff:**

- Dave Ferguson – CEO

**Visitors:**

Nil

**Apologies:**

Nil

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Recommendation:**

<2.1.02.28> That the Council notes Cr. Moreen as absent without notice

**Moved:** Cr. Sing

**Seconded:** Cr. Edmunds

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected members were reminded of their roles and responsibilities and particularly their obligations to declare any interest (material or personal) on any matters presented before Council today that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

Nil

**<3.1.02.28> That Council receives and notes that there were no declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting**

### 4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**<4.1.02.28> That Council note the presentation from the NLC is deferred to March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Presentation:** Northern Land Council – Section 19 Land Use Agreement Proposal

Presentation deferred to March Ordinary Council Meeting

### 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Recommendation:**

**<5.1.02.28> That the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February are confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**Moved:** Cr. Edmunds

**Seconded:** Cr. Sing

### 6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President discussed events and activities in the community, including:

- Mowing of grass
- chemical spraying
- slashing of gamba and mission grass
- Potholes requiring repair
- School children not going to middle school, community and families to meet with President, school and families to assist with the issues.

President instructed CEO to explore opportunities for translator services for Belyuen.

**Recommendation:**

**<6.1.02.28> That Council:**

**Receives and notes the President's Report for February.**

Moved: Cr. Holtze  
Seconded: Cr. Sing

## 7 CEO REPORTS

### 7.1 Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence

Recommendation:

<7.1.02.28> That Council receive and note the incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled:

Moved: Cr. Timber  
Seconded: Cr. Sing

### 7.2 Changes to Legislation in the NT

Recommendation:

<7.2.02.28> That Council:

1. Instruct the CEO to facilitate the formation of a Community Alcohol Reference Group for Belyuen;
2. Note the CEO report – Changes to Legislation in the NT.

Moved: Cr. Sing  
Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

### 7.3 Belyuen Oval Upgrade

Recommendation:

<7.3.02.28> That Council note the CEO report Belyuen Oval Upgrade as tabled

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Timber

### 7.4 Funding Opportunities

Recommendation:

<7.4.02.28> That Council:

1. Endorse the Disaster Ready Fund grant application for construction of Belyuen Community Emergency Shelter (CES) and Belyuen Emergency Waste Management Facility (EWMF);
2. Instruct the CEO to allocate part of the 2023 WARM funding (\$75,000) to be used as contribution towards the Recycling Modernisation Funding proposal;

3. Endorse the Recycling Modernisation Funding application for improvements to infrastructure and EPA approvals for Food Organic Garden Organic (FOGO) compost products;
4. Endorse the 3-month temporary appointment of an administration officer to assist with governance, funding and compliance deliverables;
5. Note the report from the CEO - Funding Opportunities as tabled

Moved: Cr. Sing

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

#### **7.5 Aged and Disability Program**

Recommendation:

<7.5.02.28> That Council notes the Report from the CEO – Aged and Disability Program as tabled

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Timber

#### **7.6 Community/Stakeholder Meetings 2023**

Recommendation:

<7.6.02.28> That Council:

Note the report from the CEO – Community/Stakeholder Meetings 2023 and endorses the Community Meeting Dates and Stakeholder Meeting Dates for 2023.

Moved: Cr. Edmunds

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

#### **7.7 Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation Proposal**

Recommendation:

<7.7.02.28> That Council notes and endorses Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation as a contingency to deliver Grounds Maintenance Services in Belyuen as required.

Moved: Cr. Sing

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

#### **7.8 General Business Operations**

Recommendation:

<7.8.02.28> That Council:

1. Instruct the CEO to implement monthly clean-up days throughout the calendar year;
2. Note the CEO report - General Business Operations

Moved: Cr. Sing

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

## 8 FINANCIAL REPORT

### 8.1 Financial Report

**Recommendation:**

<8.1.02.28> That Council:

Notes and endorses the financial report for February 2023.

Moved: Cr. Sing

Seconded: Cr. Holtze

## 9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

### 9.1 Yard Maintenance

Council enquired whether or not there was consideration for the introduction of an aged pensioner discount for yard maintenance.

Discussion followed.

**Recommendation:**

<9.1.02.28> That Council: Instruct the CEO to provide a pensioner discount for aged pensioners at the discount rate of \$35 pe yard.

Moved: Cr. Sing

Seconded: Cr. Edmunds

## 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### Recommendation:

<11.1.02.28> That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the agenda.

Moved: Cr. Sing

Seconded: Cr. Timber

Return to open session: 2.58pm

## 12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting closed at 3.07 pm

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on **28<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at **10:00am**.