

Minutes of the Belyuen Community Government Council

Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday

23RD March 2020

Present: Zoe Singh President
Rex Edmunds Vice President
Cecilia Lewis Councillor
Rex Sing Councillor
John Moreen Councillor

Cathy Winsley CEO

1. President opened the meeting at 5.25pm

2. Apologies

No apologies

3. Declaration of Interest of Members of Staff

Per s73 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.

None

4. Confirmation of Minutes from the Special Meeting held on 9TH March 2020

Resolution 4.1.03.20

That the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on 9th March 2020 are taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: Vice President Edmunds

Seconded: Councillor Lewis

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes from the Special Meeting held on 18TH March 2020

Resolution 4.2.03.20

That the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on 18 March 2020 are taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: Vice President Edmunds

Seconded: Councillor Lewis

Carried

5. Financial Reports

CEO advised that there was no Financial Report for the meeting

6. Grant Funding Updates and Acquittals

Grant Applications still Pending Outcome
SPG Dump Management and Electrical Upgrades
Infrastructure – oval upgrade

7. Correspondence

7.1 Compliance Standards

Letter to President from Dept of Local Government Housing and Community Development re Compliance Standards during COVID-19 arrangements
Noted

7.2 Disposal of Records

Letter to CEO from the Department of Tourism and Culture re approval to access and use Disposal Schedule for records of Local Authorities in the Northern Territory (RDS 2018/3)
Noted

7.3 Letter from CEO NLC

Letter to CEO NLC from Belyuen Council

Response Letter from NLC CEO

Noted

7.4 Belyuen Council Website Proposal from Captovate Digital Growth Agency
CEO to follow up

Noted

7.5 Rubbish Dump

Letter to Local Government from Belyuen Council CEO
Emails from NLC Ranger Coordinator and NLC Lawyer

Noted

7.6 Aged Care Monthly Report February 2020

February Aged Care Monthly Report 2020

Noted

7.7 Dept of Infrastructure Planning & Logistics

Letter to the Department from Belyuen Council re signage on the Cox Peninsula Road identifying Belyuen Community and wild animals crossing the road

Noted

8. General Business

8.1 Request from Indigenous Outreach Officer to attend the Council meeting on 23 March to discuss Do Not Knock initiative.
Been deferred

8.2 Debtors at June 30th 2019

CEO advised that the information will be presented at the April meeting.
CEO has been busy preparing the community for the CoronaVirus

8.3 Belyuen Council Continuity Business Plan CoronaVirus and Update

Resolution: 8.3.03.20

That Council adopts the Business Continuity Plan

Moved: President Singh

Seconded" Councillor lewis

Carried

8.4 Community meeting update on CoronaVirus and Council's response to preparing the Community 25th March 2020

Noted

CEO to advise Wagait Supermarket to not sell alcohol to Belyuen people until after the community meeting on 25rd March

Council discussed speaking at the meeting about family not coming over the Easter and school holidays because of the possibility of bringing the coronavirus up.

8.5 Department of Local Government

Rob Lee Senior legislation and Policy Officer to address Council on changes to the Local Government Act

Been deferred.

8.6 Phone link up with Lee Williams Director Legislation and Policy, Meeta Ramkumar Senior Director Sustainability and Compliance, Ethan Redshaw Senior Legislation & Policy Officer on Thursday 19th March 2020 2pm.

Phone link up was in place of Local Government staff attending the Council meeting. NLC and Belyuen Council have put a stop on people coming into the community unless they are providing an essential service.

Phone Conversation in brief:

Discuss with Council about putting a proposal to Local Government to fund a Consultant to address the issues raised in the Review, prepare an Action Plan and cost the Plan.

The CEO to discuss with Cathryn Hutton to prepare a brief with costs and CEO to table at the next Council meeting.

Noted

9. Confidential Business

That in accordance with section 65(2) of the Local Government Act the meeting is now closed to the public as 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(a) as the matter about to be discussed includes information about a Consultancy offer that Council has not seen before and if publicly disclosed could cause prejudice to the Consultant.

Consultancy Brief from Cathryn Hutton tabled at the meeting

CEO discussed with Council the brief explaining the work that will be undertaken and the proposed fee charged.

10. Close of meeting and Next Meeting

President closed the meeting at 7.15pm

Next meeting scheduled for 27 April 2020