

**MINUTES FOR THE  
BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019  
IN THE BELYUEN COUNCIL TRAINING ROOM**

**1. MEETING** opened at 5.23pm by President Zoe Singh

**Present:**

Zoe Singh, President (Pres)  
Rex Edmunds, Vice President (V/Pres)  
Cecilia Lewis, Councilor (Clr)  
Rex Singh, Councilor (Clr)  
John Moreen, Councilor (Clr)  
Cathy Winsley, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

**Observers:**

Ethan Redshaw, Legislation and Policy Officer, Dept. Housing & Community Development  
Charlie Fuller, Secretariat

**2. APOLOGIES**

**Discussion:** Nil

**RESOLUTION**

THAT member's note no apologies provided, all members present.

**Noted**

**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.

**RESOLUTION**

THAT members note and record declarations of conflict of interest as tabled.

**Noted**

**4. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 19 NOVEMBER AND 17 DECEMBER 2018**

Documents Tabled : Minutes of Finance meeting held 19 November 2018  
: Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held 17 December 2018

**Discussion:** Note correction to formatting required to minutes for 17 December 2018 but otherwise content is correct.

**RESOLUTION**

THAT members accept the minutes from the ordinary council meeting held 19 November 2018 as a true and correct record, and

**Moved:** Clr John Moreen

**Seconded:** Pres Zoe Singh

**Carried**

THAT the minutes from the ordinary council meeting held 17 December 2018 are a true and correct record

**Moved:** Pres Zoe Singh

**Seconded:** V/Pres Rex Edmunds

**Carried**

## 5. ENDORSEMENT OF VISTORS TO COUNCIL

**Discussion:** CEO noted comments made at last Finance meeting regarding a future presentation from Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). Some confusion around the agenda for the January 2019 council meeting happened because PM&C thought they were presenting to council however no formal request to be added to the agenda had been received by council.

CEO reviewed processes other councils follow for approving presentations to council; discussed with Elected Members the development of a form which would be published on the council website requesting approval to present to council. Elected Members expressed a desire to see the form created and used as a way for visitors to show respect for the community, Elected Members, and Council staff.

### RESOLUTION

THAT member's note CEO will develop a Belyuen meeting request form for full Council Meetings in consultation with the department for use at future meetings.

**Noted**

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS UPDATE

Documents Tabled : December monthly financials report

**Discussion:** CEO reviewed profit and loss statement for the last six months with the elected members.

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THAT members accept the December financial report as tabled.

**Moved:** Pres Zoe Singh

**Seconded:** Clr Cecilia Lewis

**Carried**

### 6.2 GRANT UPDATES – APPLICATION / EXPENDITURE / ACQUITTAL

- International Women's Day 2019 - \$500 grant to hold an activity on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March to celebrate IWD from Territory Families
- \$99,726 from NT Government and \$98 463.64 from Federal Government for upgrading Aged Care Centre.
- \$3071 for assist with Community clean up Environment and natural resources. To be used in line with Keep Australia Beautiful Day
- Australia Day celebrations and community activities held on Saturday, numbers probably affected by the weather as it was raining but children attended and enjoyed the activities.
- Applications to Aboriginal Benefits Association (ABA) to get money for the Oval upgrades (Federal Funding).
- Acquittal for SLIF Grant for upgrades to shop \$189 886 council added funds to the value of \$5933 bringing total shop upgrade funds to \$195 819.
- Acquittal for variation of SILF funding for value of \$11 500.
- Acquittal FSEF grant for \$50 909 for solar lighting.

### 6.3 CORRESPONDENCE IN

Documents Tabled : Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)  
: Minister for Renewables and Essential Services

#### Discussion:

- DHCD letter was regarding request for disbursement for authorized accounts; request to renew approval for accountants to be authorizing officers on behalf of council. Paul Boyd (Nair Watkins), Lloyd Nair (Nair Watkins), Cathy Winsley (Council CEO) are the three council signatories.

- Letter from Dale Wakefield, Minister for Renewable and Essential Services. The Minister has acknowledged the loss of income for Council in losing the Power Water contract and has asked Vanessa Carusi, Small Business Champion from Department of Trade Business and Innovation to work with Council to develop potential business plans to increase council income. Some suggestions to be discussed are a mobile mechanic workshop or contract with AANT for Cox Peninsular area. Discussions between CEO and Vanessa Carusi will start over the coming months.

## **7. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – STAFF LEAVE**

### **RECOMENDATION**

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**

The meeting is closed in accordance with Local Government Administration Regulation 8(a) as the matters to be discussed include information about the employment of council staff that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

### **Exclusion of the public**

## **7.1 STAFF LEAVE**

### **Readmittance of the public**

## **8. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE**

Next Finance Committee Meeting to be held 18 February; next full council meeting to be held 25 February. These dates to be confirmed by 30 January 2019.

**Meeting closed at 6.45pm**