

Minutes of the Belyuen Community Government Council held on 2 September 2010

Present: Bill Stuchbery BCGC Manager

Cathy Winsley BCGC CEO

Meeting opened at 11am

1. Coomalie Community Government Council

John Hughes, CEO Coomalie Community Government Council had requested to come and have a meeting with the Manager and CEO to discuss what Belyuen were looking at in the way of Local Government Shire reform.

John commented that Coomalie had received a grant from the Department of Local Government to engage a consultant to look at Shire options for Coomalie, the unincorporated areas and possibly Litchfield and Belyuen.

The Manager gave John a brief run down of what Belyuen Community had been doing over the last 5 months in regard to community planning workshops, community meetings and discussions with Darwin City Council and Wagait Shire.

The Manager commented that Belyuen's preferred option was to go with DCC for reasons such: as DCC being a bigger Council and have the management structure /expertise that Belyuen community could benefit from; more opportunities for employment and training; and a good waste management practice.

General discussion took place about the small population base in the area and if Litchfield were not included the rest of the area would not have a capacity to sustain a Shire with approximately 2,500 people. All agreed that both Council's financially can not keep operating under the current status and within the next financial year would have to start using some of their reserves for operational funds. Neither Council want to be in that position.

The Manager and CEO thanked John for coming to Belyuen and offered support to Coomalie

2. Acquittal of the Capital Infrastructure Grant file number: 2009/04263, \$59290

The CEO presented the acquittal documents for the Closing the Gap Infrastructure grant of \$59290 to upgrade the Women and Children's Centre.

ACTION: The Manager signed the acquittal document.

3. Acquittal of Capital Infrastructure Grant file number: 2010/05128

The CEO presented the acquittal documents for the Closing the Gap Infrastructure grant of \$8910 to purchase travelling irrigators.

ACTION: The Manager signed the acquittal document.

4. Community Hall Update

The Manager advised that he is waiting for SKM to prepare the documents to be able to put stage 1 'securing the hall' out to tender.

5. Centrelink Contract

The CEO discussed with the Manager that the Contract was until November 2010 as Centrelink were to carry out a review of the Belyuen Agency in light of Council's request for increase in Agency fees.

ACTION: The CEO to sign the Centrelink Contract for July to November 2010.

6. Delissaville Store

The Manager and CEO discussed the current situation with the Store in regard to the fact that the Delissaville Social Club is no longer constitutional. The Manager commented that there had been some discussion from FACSHIA in regard to Council taking back the Store and that the Manager had received a letter from the Committee asking Council to take back the Store. Manager advised that Council are now waiting to hear from FACSHIA and NT Associations in regard to possible winding up of the Delissaville Social Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.30pm