

Minutes of Belyuen Community Government Council Meeting held on 15 November 2014

Meeting conducted by telephone with Manager Bill Stuchbery and the CEO Cathy Winsley

Meeting commenced at 11.30am

1. Apologies

None

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd July 2014

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Manager

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence In

4.1 PowerWater Token Services Agreement

Agreement covers the sale of pre paid power tickets at the Belyuen Store.

NOTED: The Common Seal was placed on the agreement.

Motion: The Common Seal be placed on the signed agreement between PowerWater and Belyuen Council for the sale of prepaid power tickets.

Moved: Manager

4.2 TOPROC Final Report Governance Options for Regional Waste Facility June 2014

Action: Noted

4.3 Department of Transport

Black Spot Program 2015-2016

Action: Noted

4.4 Department of Local Government and Regions

Copy of December 2013 Deloitte report on Financial Sustainability of Regional Councils in the NT

Action: Noted

4.5 Kenbi Rangers

Letter supporting Belyuen Council's application to NT Government to expand Council boundaries to include all Kenbi Land Claim area.

Action: Noted

4.6 Department of Local Government and Regions

Letter from new Chief Executive Mike Chiodo of the Department advising of changes within the department and his appointment.

Action: Noted

4.7 Chief Minister & Minister for Local Government and Regions

Letter re Cox Peninsula and Coomalie Community Advisory Group and deferring decisions about boundary expansion until the Group has investigated options.

Action: Noted

4.8 Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing

Letter re Active remote community funding 2013-2014 and 2014-2015

CEO advised that there is an outline plan for Sport and Recreation which is in operation and that this Plan will be detailed incorporating funding applications that have already been submitted to various funding bodies. Council currently has 3 Community Sport and Recreation Officers working on a casual basis. The Officers have identified work tasks.

Action: Letter be actioned by the CEO and a Sport and Recreation Plan finalised and forwarded to the Department and tabled at the next Council meeting.

4.9 Email from Shaun Hardy Project Director Regional Governance Department of Local Government and Regions

Email advising that proposal to contract in resources required to assist with administration is endorsed dependent on the Manager's approval.

Action: That the Manager approves use of Council Resources to assist with administration as identified by the CEO.

5. Correspondence Out

5.1 Department of Local Government and Regions Liaison Officer re Boundary Expansions for Belyuen and Coomalie and Transition to a new Local Government Entity.

5.2 Feedback to the Forrest Review of Indigenous Training and Employment Programmes "Creating Parity".

CEO commented that Feedback was restricted to 2 A4 pages

Action: The Feedback paper Noted.

Motion : That the Correspondence In and Out be accepted.

Moved: Manager

6 General Business

6.1 Belyuen Culture Program

Program is funded by Corrugated Iron and is a joint Belyuen Council and Belyuen School Program 10 week program. Involves adults in the community being the teachers for one day a week and teaching children aspects of culture but in an activity based setting. Each week has a different theme. Activities are being videoed and still photos taken. Students are also videoing the activities from their perspective. Funds will be sought to have all the material put into a DVD and resource materials including reading material produced for the students.

6.2 Cemetery Project

The information has been recorded re grave sites and is being put into a book form which will be handed over to all families at a bbq early December to be included in the Culture Program.

This Project was funded by the Heritage Council NT and has taken a few years to complete largely due to the sensitive nature of the Project.

6.3 Audit Report 2013-2014

Audit report to be presented at a Special Meeting 15 November 2014 at 4pm.

6.4 Monthly Financial Reports

The following monthly reports tabled

June 2014

July 2014

August 2014

September 2014

Action: The Manager accepted the Financial Reports. It was noted that a further breakdown of income and expenditure was required to clearly identify the commercial aspects of the Workshop Business (Community Services).

6.5 Annual Report

Noted: The Annual report will be completed by mid December 2014

Report to include in the opening comments the status of service delivery and what was achieved.

6.6 Update Emergency Management Plan

Noted: That only minor amendments are needed to the 7th edition update.

6.7 Recreation Hall Update

Noted: That Jacob (formerly SKM) have still not finalised sign off due the fire safety requirements. CEO to contact SKM to seek finalisation asap.

6.8 Belyuen Store

Noted: Additional stock audit procedures have been incorporated in to business operations

6.9 Community Christmas Party

Noted: That all organisation is now in hand.

6.10 CEO Leave

Noted: CEO will be absent on annual leave from 23/12/14 to 16/1/15. The Workshop Manager will be responsible for operations during the CEO absence.

6.11 IAS applications

CEO commended the consultant Mr Chris Capper on the detail and quality of the applications produced under the consultancy.

7. Other Business

7.1 Audit Report meeting scheduled for 4pm 15 November 2014

Noted

There being no further business the Manager closed the meeting at 1pm

Confirmation of Minutes.....

Date.....