



BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Belyuen Community Government Council Meeting held on 9th August 2017.

The President opened the meeting at 3pm.

The CEO introduced Peter Wyatt and Solomon Gaturu from the Department of Housing and Community development.

1. Present

Teresa Timber President
Lillian Singh
Gary Timber
Raylene Singh

2. Apologies

John Moreen
Anita Malyin
Henry Moreen

The President accepted the apologies.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2017

The CEO commented that the Minutes could not be confirmed because no one at the meeting was present at the 31st July meeting.

4. General Business

4.1 Manager – Brief Hand Over

The President invited Solomon Gaturu and Peter Wyatt to give a brief update of the hand over from Manager to Council.

Solomon apologised on behalf of Hugh King the Council Manager up until 1st August 2017 for his absence due to illness.

4.2 Council in CareTaker mode

Solomon explained to Council that they are in CareTaker mode because there is a new Council election happening in August. The Council here today are here until 4th September when the newly elected Council takes over.

Solomon explained to Council that in CareTaker mode there are certain things that Council can not do.

These things cover:

Council not making any major decisions

Council not making any major announcements

Council can not have any major events

Council can do anything that would bind them to a decision

The CEO commented that a copy of the Care Taker policy was available in each Council member's folder.

4.3 Code of Conduct

Solomon explained to Council that there is an expected way of behaving and conducting business that Council members need to follow.

These cover things like acting honestly and for the benefit of the whole community.

Council will sometimes discuss things confidentially and these items must remain confidential.

The CEO commented that a copy of the Code of Conduct is available in each Council member's folder.

4.4 Brief update of current Council Programmes

The CEO gave a brief update on programmes that are run. The CEO commented that they have been the same programmes over the last few years – aged care, culture programme, workshop and the store.

4.5 Information on payment of allowances to Council members and the Minister's guidelines on the allowance.

The CEO provided information about the allowances that Council members are now paid.

The allowances will be paid into their bank accounts on 4th September.

Council members were requested to fill out a form provided by the CEO to give bank account details for each member.

The CEO requested that the information be returned as soon as possible.

4.6 Council Election date 18 August 10.30am – 1.30pm

Solomon commented that the Electoral Commission had changed some of the polling dates and that it was possible that Belyuen's date had been changed.

The Electoral Commission had changed the date to 14th August.

The CEO to contact the Electoral Commission to discuss getting some flyers into the community to let people know that the polling will be early in the week.

4.7 Policy on Environmental Sensitivities in the workplace – Council Office and Training Centre.

Policy to address scents and fumes that can cause health issues to individuals

CEO informed the Council that a policy is being prepared and will be taken to Council in the near future.

4.8 Store Hours – for Council information

Starting from 21 August 2017 the Store will close at 2pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday remain open until 4.30pm.

5. Other Business

There being no further business the president closed the meeting at 3.26pm

Confirmation of Minutes.....

Date.....

not confirmed