

Minutes of Meeting of Belyuen Council and Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 27 October 2009

Present: Neil Murray Manager; Mona Singh; Betty Harris; John Mclean YMCA; Chrissie Lovett YMCA; Cathy Winsley CEO

The Manager opened the meeting at 1.15pm and welcomed everyone.

1. **Apologies:** Teresa Timber; Zoe Singh; Craig Woodie
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on 3 September 2009

Manager resolved to accept the minutes of the Belyuen Council meeting held on 3 Septembers 2009

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

None

4. **Advisory Matters**

4.1 **Amenities Block update**

Manager informed the meeting that PowerWater had advised that the block could not be sited near the Store as the power and water can not be hooked into the Store Services.

PowerWater have advised that the block be sited on the far side of the shelter that has power connected to it. The sewer can then be connected across the road (Lot.....)

The Manager advised that there would be additional costs involved in architectural and design costs.

The Manager recommends that Mode Design the Project Consultants be asked to go ahead with the redesign incorporating the changes and provide to the Manager an estimated cost of the project with the changes.

All agreed to the Manager's recommendation.

4.2 **Community Christmas Party**

The CEO informed the meeting that the party was organized for 2 December and will be held at the Primary School. To date the YMCA, Night Patrol, CatholicCare, Mandorah Hotel, Government Business Manager have offered sponsorship for the Party by providing drinks and food. The Belyuen Store purchases gifts for the children and pensioners.

4.3 Keep Australia Beautiful

Keep Australia Beautiful has provided a large amount of information in regard to recycling and waste control in the community.

Manager advised that due to the amount of information that needs to be gone through at the Advisory Committee it is suggested to discuss this matter at a Special Issues meeting after Christmas. Keep Australia Beautiful be approached to come to the meeting to discuss the information.

4.4 Play ground equipment

CEO advised the meeting that the Five Year Lease Program had approved the erection of the play ground equipment.

CEO has contacted Forpak SA advising them of this and now waiting for a date to erect the equipment.

4.5 YMCA - update

John McLean and Chrissie Lovett gave verbal report at the meeting.

Chrissie Lovett from YMCA is now doing work in the community under NAPCAN.

Chrissie is going to be working with Gloria Singh Coordinator at the Family Centre and helping Gloria build up the program.

Chrissie presented a mock Community Newsletter which she has shown to many people in the community and has had a good response. Chrissie will work with Gloria on the newsletter in the future.

Meeting supported the newsletter and requested that the Council Logo be placed on the front page.

John McLean reported that the applications for the Traineeships with YMCA close today (27 October).

John informed the meeting that he and Chrissie will go through the applications with the Council Sport and Recreation Officers and the CEO.

The Manager thanked the YMCA staff for the good work they are doing in the community and Council appreciates this.

John McLean thanked Council for their support.

4.6 Belyuen Employment subcommittee – update

The Manager gave a brief background to the role of the sub committee.

The sub committee recently had a meeting with the Director of Darwin Regional CDEP (DRCDEP) – Kelvin Costello. Kelvin informed the meeting that they were undertaking planning work in the CDEP communities and Belyuen was a part of that.

The Manager informed the meeting that he and the GBM were going to have a meeting with Indigenous Business Affairs to talk with them about what support they can give Belyuen in the way of Business Planning. The Market Garden and the Workshop had been identified as two places where Business Plans could be looked at.

4.7 Belyuen Alcohol sub committee update

John Mclean informed the meeting that the alcohol sub committee met recently and discussed with the CDEP Supervisor setting up a men's breakfast program. John informed the meeting that there was some negative attitude towards the idea as some members of the sub committee would only support the concept if it was a 'tea time' program.

John informed the meeting that the CDEP Coordinator and himself went ahead with the program as they believed that breakfast was the best meal to be targeting. John commented that the program has been overwhelming successful and there is a large group of men coming every morning before going to work. The program is currently been supported by CDEP and YMCA.

The Manager commented that he would request ratification at the next Service Providers meeting as to who is on the Alcohol Sub Committee.

The Manager requested that John Mclean discuss the Men's Breakfast Program at the next Services Providers meeting.

The Manager informed the YMCA that Council supports the Men's Breakfast Program and will assist where needed.

4.8 Belyuen Housing Reference Group update

CEO gave a brief update on what the reference group has been doing. The group recently had a meeting with Territory Housing and Earth Connect. Earth Connect will be doing another scope of works for all houses. Commence 2 November. They are planning to start renovations late November. There will be ten community people employed however the employment will not start until January.

The Housing Reference Group discussed people's housing needs while renovations are taking place. Not all families will have to move out. Reference Group provided Territory Housing with information as to where families could possibly move to and who would need to move into a 'transition' house.

4.9 Boundaries meeting update

The Manager informed the meeting that the Consultants will be presenting their report at a meeting at Litchfield Shire this afternoon. The Manager will be attending the meeting.

The CEO requested that the Manager give an apology for her as she will not be able to attend the meeting.

4.10 Community Bus Policy

The CEO presented the bus policy after changes had been made in relation to community people using the bus and paying for it such as paying for a seat to go to Darwin shopping.

The bus can not be used in any situation where it is seen that Council is charging a hire or receiving a reward for it. For the bus to be used in this manner Council must apply for a Commercial Vehicle Passengers Licence.

The Manager thanked the CEO for preparing the Policy and requested that Version 1 and adoption date be placed on the Policy.

Manager resolved that the Version 1 Community Bus Policy be adopted as of 27 November 2009.

All agreed.

4.11 Demolition of Community Hall

Manager informed the meeting that Council has agreed to pay 50 % of the cost of demolition. Council's share is \$32000

The Manager informed the meeting that there was discussion from the GBM that Belyuen Council would undertake the contract. The Manager commented that in that situation the Council will have to abide by the Local Government ACT and seek further quotes.

The Manager commented that he is waiting for the GBM to come back with his proposal as to who is going to manage the contract.

5. Council matters

5.1 Proof Aboriginality form

Manager signed Proof of Aboriginality form for Stanley BilBil.

5.2 Acquittal for SPG front deck mower

CEO had prepared the acquittal and the Manager signed it

Acquittal form was noted to be recorded in the minutes

5.3 Acquittal for Closing the Gap – laptop/power point equipment

CEO had prepared the acquittal and the Manager had signed it

Acquittal form was noted to be recorded in the minutes

5.4 Municipal Charges

The CEO informed the meeting that the letter from Yilli Housing advises Council that Rubbish Removal Service Charge for 09/10 is \$42501.47 and the dog control \$6409.12. The Department of Local Government has paid Council \$8500 in waste collection charges and \$21148 in rates charge.

There is a big shortfall that Council will have to pick up.

5.5 Yilli Housing Applications

The Manager signed housing applications for Samthan Bangun and family, Linda Yarrowin and Rex Singh and family, Robyn Lane and Trevor Bianamu and family; and Adrian Nilco and Daylene White and family.

Applications to be forwarded to Yilli Housing

5.6 AMS Delissaville Aerodrome Safety Inspection Report

The Manager noted the report and the positive comments about the way the Airstrip Reporting Officer looks after the airstrip.

5.7 Kenbi Dancers

Letter from Kenbi Dancers and response from the Manager tabled at the meeting. The Manager has agreed to sponsor the Kenbi Dancer's trip to Melbourne for \$3500. The Manager commented that in his response to the request he has informed the Kenbi Dancers that Council will not be in a position to make such large sponsorships in the future.

5.8 PowerWater Contract

The Manager noted that the contract with PowerWater has been signed and the Belyuen Community Government Common Seal placed on the contract.

6. Other Business

6.1 Emergency Procedures Manual Update

The CEO requested that a Special Issues meeting be held to update the Manual.

It was agreed that the meeting would be held Thursday 5 November 2009 at 12 noon. The CEO to arrange lunch for the meeting.

There being no further business the Manager closed the meeting at 2.30pm

Confirmation of Minutes.....

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