

Minutes of Belyuen Community Government Council and Advisory Committee held on May 14 2009

Present: Neil Murray Manager, Zoe Singh, Craig Woodie, Maria Lippo, Mona Singh, Esther Burrenjuk, Anne Moreen, Gracie BinBin, John McLean YMCA, Chrissie (YMCA), Cathy Winsley CEO.

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

1. Apologies

No apologies

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 26 February 2009.

CEO advised the Manager that the Minutes are not available as they are on the computer which has been taken in for repairs.

3. Business arising from minutes

No business due to minutes not being available

4. Advisory Committee Business

4.1 NT Police Criminal History Checks

CEO informed the meeting of changes to the NT Criminal History Record check. Checks are to become National checks and the cost has increased.

4.2 Special Purpose Grant – Department of Local Government - Update

Grant of \$85000 for Capacity Building - \$45000 to help renovate the Council Office and bring it up to an acceptable standard. \$40000 to help the YMCA provide activities in the community.

4.3 Amenities Block - Update

\$100000 from Federal Government and \$100000 from NT Government has been provided to construct amenities blocks at the sports oval.

Manager informed the meeting that estimated cost is \$275000

Manager asked the community members if they approved for Council to put in the difference using Council savings. All members agreed that Council surplus funds can be used to help pay for the amenities blocks.

Manager commented that the funds need to be spent by the end of September.

4.4 Shelters – oval - Update

Manager informed the meeting that the Shelters are costing \$65000. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure are overseeing the project.

4.5 Playground equipment - Update

CEO informed the meeting that there was a meeting with Clive Dodd of Consulting Coordination in the morning to discuss what type of playground equipment and where to place it. A number of members of the community attended the meeting including the Sport and Recreation Officers and YMCA staff.

Main piece of equipment will be placed near the public phone using trees there as natural shade. Other equipment will be placed in the park area of Lot 233, Women's Centre, Family Centre and if there is any funds left over a couple of items at the back of the Council office.

CEO informed the meeting that Clive Dodd has been engaged as the Project Manager.

4.6 Roads to Recovery – Update

CEO informed the meeting that costings were being prepared for road signs and kerbing at the main intersections in the community. The white rocks need to be removed as they are no safe.

4.7 Bush Holidays - Update

CEO informed the meeting that a group of community women interested in helping to plan for the bush holidays have been meeting regularly. To date Carers NT have committed the use of a 4wd vehicle, Yilli Rreung Housing have committed to providing bed frames and mattresses for the pensioners wishing to go out bus and the YMCA and CentaCare have committed their support with transport.

The Manager informed the meeting that Council can help with funds if needed.

4.8 Community Hall funding application – Update

Manager informed the meeting that an application requesting \$3.6million had been forwarded to the Federal Government. Belyuen Council is waiting on the response of that application.

4.9 Special Purpose Grant (SPG) Department of Local Government – Update

Manager informed the meeting that the request to Local Government for \$32000 to purchase a new front deck mower. Council is still waiting on the response to this request.

4.10 Closing the Gap – Department of Local Government

Manager informed the meeting that the request to Local Government for \$100000 towards the amenities block has been approved and the request for \$4100 to purchase a laptop and equipment for power point for council training and other community workshop use has been approved.

4.11 NT Heritage application

CEO informed the meeting that an application has been forwarded to NT Heritage seeking \$20300 to undertake oral history recording particularly in relation to the Delissaville Cemetery.

Discussion took place about the need for water at the cemetery. It was agreed that it would be put into the Shire Plan.

4.12 Boundaries Consultation

Manager informed the meeting about the consultation/discussions that are going on in relation to local government boundaries – what is called the Top End area – includes Belyuen, Wagait, Coomalie, Dundee, Bynoe Harbor, Marrakia, Bulgul.

Manager informed the meeting that there is a meeting tonight to meet with the Consultants who have been engaged to do the consultancy. Belyuen needs to have a community member attending these meeting.

The CEO attended the first meeting and the Manager will be attending tonight's meeting.

Anne Moreen suggested that Henry Moreen may attend. Zoe Singh and Craig Woodie commented that they would be interested in attending.

Next meeting will be on 18 May.

CEO to let the Manager know who will be representing Belyuen Community at the meeting.

5. Other Advisory Committee Business

5.1 Speed bumps in the community

Discussion took place about the need to have speed bumps in the community to make drivers slow down.

CEO commented that Council could look at that in the next round of Roads to Recovery funding.

5.2 Advisory Committee Business closed

The Manager advised the meeting that that concluded the Advisory Committee Business. The Manager thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

6. Council Business for Manager

6.1 Correspondence In

- i. Minister for Racing, Gaming & Licensing – Community Benefit grant to purchase DJ equipment has been approved. Grant for \$3000.
The Manager signed the letter of acceptance.
- ii. Housing Applications from
Peter Chainsaw and Jennifer Burrenjuk
Penny Sing
Margaret Bigfoot
Bronwyn Bianamu

CEO advised the Manager that Bronwyn Bianamu has since left the community

Manager signed the applications noting that Bronwyn Bianamu was no longer in the Community.

6.2 Correspondence Out

- i. Letters to Wagait Supermarket, Mandorah Hotel and Delissaville Store requesting sponsorship to the Barunga Festival.

7. Other Business

There being no further business the Manager closed the meeting at 4pm

Confirmation of minutes.....

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