

Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council
held in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre, Bedourie
on Monday, October 28, 2013 commencing at 8.06am.

1. ATTENDANCE

Councillors Geoff Morton (Mayor), Garth Tully (Deputy Mayor), Steve Cramer, Don Rayment and Jody Barr with Chief Executive Officer, Leon Love.

Mayor welcomed Leon Love to the position of Chief Executive Officer and is confident that his time spent with Council will be rewarding.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting – September 16, 2013

Minute No. 2013.10.28-OM-01

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held September 16, 2013 be confirmed with the following amendment:-

- **That 'Carried 5/0' be added at the end of Minute No. 2013.09.16-OM-24.**

Carried 5/0.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

AS(ii) Birdsville Bronco Branding Facilities

Cr Tully declared he may have a perceived material conflict of interest in this matter, as per section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, due to being related to the tenderer KABZ's Plumbing.

Cr Tully will elect to leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and resolved.

4. MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS

Minute No. 2013.10.28-OM-02

Resolved

That all Officers Reports and Information Reports be received.

Carried 5/0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

- I(i) Trust Fund Report for period ending September 30, 2013
- I(ii) Our Balance Sheet as at September 30, 2013
- I(iii) Our Revenue and Expenditure as at September 30, 2013
- I(v) Birdsville Airport Report
- I(vi) Bedourie Airport Report
- I(vii) Bedourie and Birdsville Technical Inspection 2013

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-03

Resolved

That the Works Manager provide a costed works program to complete the recommendations identified in the Technical Inspection 2013 Report conducted for Bedourie and Birdsville airports.

Carried 5/0.



I(viii) Letter from Dusty Miller re Poisoning in Birdsville

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-4

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Council coordinate and fund the testing of bone matter and a deceased crow to establish the cause of death.

Carried 5/0.

I(ix) Update - Environmental Health Officer, Mr Tony Goldsworthy

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-5

Resolved

That arrangements be made with Veolia Waste Management services to provide a daily pump-out service of the dump points during the 2014 Birdsville Races Carnival.

Carried 5.0.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-6

Resolved

That the Chief Executive Officer recommend to Council amendments to Councils Local Laws to enable a temporary camping permit system to be introduced for Birdsville and Bedourie.

Carried 5/0.

I(x) Veolia Agreement for provision of services – Birdsville Races

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-7

Resolved

That Council agree in principle with Veolia Waste Management's proposal, subject to a written request being received. Further, that if a written request is received on the same terms, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate suitable arrangements with Viola Waste Management for the use of Council's Birdsville Works Depot during the Birdsville Race week and for the long-term storage of equipment at Council's Birdsville Works Depot provided that Council are able to utilise the equipment for other major functions within the shire.

Carried 5/0.

I(xi) World Speed Record-Bilpa Morea Clay Pan Update

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-8

Resolved

That Diamantina Shire Council agree to change the order of reports in the October Agenda and defer the consideration of Information Report I(xi) until the Tourism and Community Manager is able to attend the Meeting.

Carried 5/0.

DEPUTATION: MRS HEATHER WEIR, ACCOUNTANT, AVANCE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Mrs Weir provided Council with an update on the status of its 2012/2013 Financial Statements and Council's Internal Audit Program.

I(xi) World Speed Record-Bilpa Morea Clay Pan Update

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-9

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

That Diamantina Shire Council agree to fund a maximum of three rooms of accommodation for three night's for Mr Rosco McGlashan and crew in either Bedourie or Birdsville subject to receiving suitable recognition of Council's support of this project.

Carried 5/0.



I(xii) Bedourie Clinic detailed plans from Statewide drafting

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-10

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Diamantina Shire Council approve the preliminary designs provided by Statewide Drafting Group for the redevelopment of the Bedourie Clinic subject to confirmation from Queensland Health that they endorse the plans with the Chief Executive Officer to provide an estimate of cost to a future Council meeting.

I(xiii) 2014 Diamantina Visitors Guide
Noted.

ACTION REQUIRED REPORTS

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-11

Resolved

That Diamantina Shire Council agree to change the order of reports in the October Agenda and defer the consideration of Information Report I(xiii) until the Tourism and Community Manager is able to attend the Meeting.

Carried 5/0.

A(viii) Diamantina Shire Council Arts and Cultural Plan Draft

Executive Summary

Creative Industries Culture Arts Development Assistance Development Support (CICADAS) in conjunction with the Diamantina Shire Council Community Development Officer (CDO) and the Regional Arts Development Fund committee (RADF) has developed a draft Arts and Cultural Plan for Diamantina Shire.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-12

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the Diamantina Shire Arts & Cultural Plan as presented.

Carried 5/0.

A(ix) Footprints in Time – Arts Project Approval of Locations

Executive Summary

Council has received funding from Arts QLD for the Footprints in Time project which will involve a series of interpretative panels and a brochure. Approval is sought from council for the proposed locations.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-13

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Barr

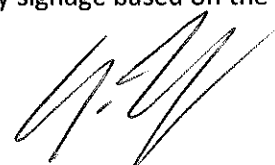
That Diamantina Shire Council agree in principle of the proposed interpretive signage project subject to additional information being provided by the Tourism and Community Manager at the November Council Meeting outlining proposed content on signs, cost of production, location of each sign with documentation supporting the selection of the each site.

Carried 5/0.

A(x) Town and Shire Entry Signs – Approval of new drafts

Executive Summary

Council at their May meeting asked for a new draft of the Shire and town entry signage based on the revised sign concept prepared by the Tourism & Community Manager.



Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-14

Resolved

That Council approve the proposed shire and town entry signage with the following amendments:

- **Town Entry Signage to have population and elevation only;**
- **Shire Entry Signage to have shire population and area only and located as follows:-
Larger Sign - Bedourie/Boulia Road, Bedourie/Windorah Road, Birdsville-Windorah Road and Birdsville-SA border.
Smaller Sign – On all roads that cross the Shire boundary.**

Carried 5/0.

A(xi) Diamantina Health Service – Budget Approval

Executive Summary

Central and North West Queensland Medicare Local (CNWQML) provided council with their proposed budget for the Diamantina Health Service 2013-2014 financial year in June 2013. The then CEO and TCM requested clarification of a number of items and these have now been provided.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-15

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Diamantina Shire Council approve the 2013-2014 Diamantina Health Service budget as presented.

Carried 5/0.

AS(ii) Bedourie Race Course - Shadecover

Noted. Works have been completed.

AS(iii) Public Liability Agreements with property owners

Noted. Council generally agreed to proceed with licence agreements for Deon's Lookout and Vaughn Johnson Lookout.

Attendance

11am

Council adjourned the Meeting for Morning Tea.

11.15am

Council resumed the Meeting.

A(i) Plant Purchase for Bedourie and Birdsville Landfill Management

Executive Summary

To ensure Council's Town Services Team are able to effectively manage and maintain the refuse tip and area surrounding the site it is recommended that Council amend its 2013/2014 Plant Replacement Schedule to facilitate the purchase of two used Track Loaders. The Waste Management Report Council commissioned through Bellas and Reitano outlined the necessity of compaction in both towns' refuse tips to maximise the life of the dump points.

Minute No.2013-10-28-OM-16

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cramer

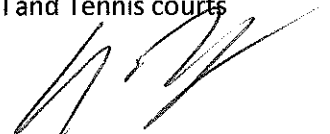
That Diamantina Shire Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to acquire one used track loader up to the value of \$50,000 (including GST) plus freight for the purpose of refuse tip maintenance. Further that Council amend its 2013/2014 budget to reflect the additional purchase.

Carried 5/0.

A(ii) Irrigation system around the Bedourie Town Oval and Tennis Court

Executive Summary

Seeking approval to install new irrigation system around the Bedourie Town Oval and Tennis courts up to sand dune.



As part of northern end town beautification town crew is planning to plant trees around the oval, tennis courts and towards sand dune.

It is in the tree planting plan that Council agreed to that we plant trees around the oval and this cannot be done without any water access

Minute No. 2013-10-28-17

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Diamantina Shire Council amend its 2013/2014 budget to include \$10,000 to install the taps and irrigation system around the Bedourie Town Oval for the purposes of town beatification.

Carried 5/0.

AS(i) Birdsville Streetscape Plan

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-18

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Council endorse in principle the proposed streetscape plan for the Birdsville with the project to be staged as follows:

Stage 1: Adelaide Street (Vaughn Street to Frew Street)

Stage 2. Adelaide Street (Frew Street to Burt Street)

Stage 3. Adelaide Street (Burt St to the Police Station)

Further, that Council be presented with the final plan and estimate of cost for each stage at a future meeting for final approval.

Carried 5/0.

LA(iii) Tender 2013-010 – Supply and Delivery of One New Motor Grader with Trade-in Unit 1501

Executive Summary

In accordance with Council's Plant Replacement Schedule, Tenders were recently invited for the supply and delivery of a new Motor Grader and to dispose of the current Caterpillar 140M Motor Grader (Unit Number 1501).

Tender 2013-010 for the Supply and Delivery of one new Motor Grader (140Kilowatt / 185HP minimum) with or without trade-in of used UNIT 1501 Caterpillar 140M Grader (140 kilowatt/ 185HP).

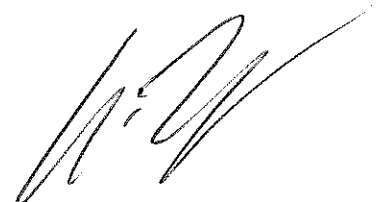
Comprehensive analysis of the tenders received has been completed and is presented to Council for its consideration.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-19

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Barr

That Council accept the tender price of \$522,500 from Hastings Deering Australia for the supply and delivery of one Caterpillar 140M Grader as per specification and accept the trade in offer from Hastings Deering of \$236,500 for unit 1501 Caterpillar 140M grader be accepted.

Carried 5/0.



LA(iv) Tender 2013-011 – Supply and Delivery of One New Telehandler Trade-in with Unit 238

Executive Summary

In accordance with Council's Plant Replacement Schedule, Tenders were recently invited for the supply and delivery of a new Telehandler and to dispose of the current Caterpillar TH83 Telehandler(Unit Number 238).

Tender 2013-011 for the Supply and Delivery of one new Telehandler with or without trade-in of used Caterpillar TH 83 Telehandler.

Comprehensive analysis of the tenders received has been completed and is presented to Council for its consideration.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-20

Resolved

That Diamantina Shire Council not accept any tender for the supply and delivery of one new Telehandler with Trade in of Unit 238. Further, that Council endorse its Chief Executive Officer to investigate suitable options for the purchase of a used telehandler an Elevated Work Platform.

Carried 5/0.

Acting Birdsville Town Services Foreman

The Mayor past on his congratulations to Ms Mary-Jane Bell on her efforts whilst Acting Birdsville Town Services Foreman in early October 2013.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-21

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That the Chief Executive Officer write a letter to Ms Mary-Jane Bell to acknowledge her efforts whilst Acting Town Foreman in Birdsville..

Carried 5/0.

A(iii) Aggregate Supply Tender: Reseals

Executive Summary

The Aggregate Supply Tender for the 2013/2014 Reseals closed on September 20, 2013. 16 tender documents were sent and three tenders were received. The scope of works includes the supply of aggregate for the bitumen re-sealing works on '9 Mile Flats' and 'Burrumurra' projects and Bedourie and Birdsville Town Streets. The aggregate will be delivered in conjunction with the relevant sealing works.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-22

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

That Council accept the tender of PE & GC Harris for the supply and delivery of aggregate for various works at a cost of \$134,887.50 (including GST).

Carried 5.0.

A(iv) Bitumen Tender Reseal

Executive Summary

The 'Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray' Bitumen Tender for the 2013/2014 Reseals closed on September Twentieth, 2013. 17 tender documents were sent and six tenders were received. The scope of works includes bitumen reseals to the '9 Mile Flats', 'Burrumurra' projects and Bedourie and Birdsville town streets. The works will be completed November – December 2013.



Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-23

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Council accept the tender of Rock N Road Bitumen for the 'Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray' Bitumen Tender for various works at a cost of \$294,984.10 (including GST).

Carried 5/0.

A(v) Bedourie and Birdsville Water and Sewer Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance 2013-2014 Tender

Attendance

12.30pm

Cr Tully left the Meeting.

Executive Summary

The Bedourie and Birdsville Water and Sewer Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance Tender closed on October 4, 2013. 30 tender documents were sent out and five tenders were received. The works were divided in two portions:

Portion 1: Water & Sewer Maintenance and Repairs

Includes installation of new water bulk water meters & replacement of Valves (Bedourie), replace heat exchanger pumps (Birdsville), maintenance cleaning of heat exchanger (Birdsville), relocate wash down bay (Birdsville), repair and replace Wodonga St Sewer line, install non-return valves to pump stations, replace conduit to switchboards.

Portion 2: Bedourie and Birdsville Sewer, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Survey

CCTV Survey of Sewer network in Bedourie and Birdsville.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-24

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Morton

That Diamantina Shire Council not accept any tenders for the Bedourie and Birdsville Water and Sewer Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance 2013-2014 Tender. Further, that Council engage KABZS Plumbing in accordance with its Approved Contractor Schedule to undertake the works contained within the tender ,excluding the CCTV survey, with all materials required to complete the works to be purchased by Council.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

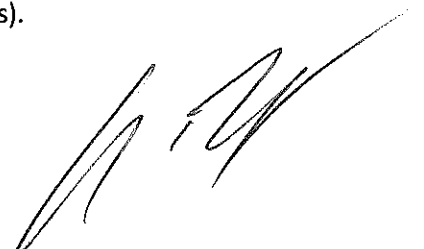
12.46pm

Cr Tully returned to the Meeting.

A(vi) Diamantina Shire Council Natural Hazard Management Area (Flood) and Defined Flood Levels

Executive Summary

The Queensland Development Code sets mandatory requirements for "finished floor levels", based on "defined flood levels" within a "flood hazard area". Whilst there is no formal statutory obligation on Council to designate a flood hazard area and floor levels, adequate and appropriate controls can only be effectively applied within a relevant framework of flood parameters adopted by Council. Council can by resolution designate a "natural hazard management area" and the associated "defined flood levels" and "finished floor levels". In so doing, such designated levels become mandatory building requirements, particularly for Class 1 buildings (houses).



Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-25

Resolved

That Council defer making a decision regarding setting defined flood levels to allow for additional clarification of flood levels in Birdsville and Bedourie during the 1974 flood levels to be undertaken by the consulting engineer.

Carried 5/0.

Sale and Relocation of House at 11 Eyre Street, Bedourie

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-26

Resolved

That Diamantina Shire Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to purchase the house and land at 11 Eyre Street, Bedourie described as Lot 603 on Crown Plan 900256 from the Department of Public Housing for \$20,000 and once settlement is finalised, that the Chief Executive Officer invite tenders for the purchase and removal of the house from this site.

Carried 5/0.

Gantt Charts

Tabled.

Attendance

1.07pm

Council adjourned the Meeting for Lunch.

2pm

Council resumed the Meeting.

A(vii) Diamantina Shire Council – Councillors Attendance at Constituted Council Meetings via Teleconferencing

Executive Summary

Diamantina Shire Council is a remote Council situated in South West Queensland where elected representatives and Council Administration Centres are separated by vast distances. Elected representatives are drawn from across the Shire many of whom work and live in isolated areas of the Shire. Attendance at Council meetings presents travel issues, particularly in times of rain, flood, fire and road closures. Teleconferencing attendance at Council meetings is an effective method of ensuring elected members can carry out their duties and participate in the decision making process of Council.

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-27

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council endorse the proposed Council Meeting Teleconference Policy, subject to the following amendments:

- **Inclusion that it can be used for agreed emergent special meetings**
- **Include when a quorum is not otherwise achievable.**

Carried 5/0.

LA(ii) Retrospective Approval for Birdsville Race Club Capital Expenditure

Executive Summary

Diamantina Shire Council [DSC] has agreed to reimburse the Birdsville Race Club Inc. the amount of up to \$20,000 capital works expenditure for works begun in the 2012/13 financial year. Birdsville Race Club Inc. has provided documentation confirming capital works expenditure to the amount of \$40477.60 for upgrading and extension of electrical connections and equipment and now seeks reimbursement.



Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-28

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Council approve the capital expenditure grant payment of \$44,777.60 to the Birdsville Race Club Inc. being comprised of the unspent carry over of \$30,000 from the 2012/2013 financial year and \$10,477.60 from the 2013/2014 financial year allocation.

Carried 5/0.

Report from Projects Officer, Mr Brian Mooney

Received.

AS(v) Approval of Central West Pest Management Group Constitution

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-29

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Barr

That Diamantina Shire Council endorse the Constitution for the Central West Pest Management Group as presented and a once off contribution of \$15,000 be approved towards the Pristine Waterways Project.

Carried 5/0.

Ultra High Frequency (UHF) Radio Service Upgrades

Minute No. 2013-10-28-OM-30

Resolved

That Council endorse Council employees actively working towards the upgrading of UHF radios services within the Shire, including the submission of funding applications, on the basis that no monetary contribution will be provided by Council.

Carried 5/0.

COUNCILLOR IDEAS/ RECOMMENDATIONS

Cr Rayment Enquired about testing and tag services and local electrician in Birdsville.
Action – The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would review the Procurement Policy to ensure that local tradesman were utilised where possible.

Proposed that a meet and greet BBQ should be held in Birdsville for the CEO possibility of holding after the November Council Meeting.
Action – Agreed

Raised concerns regarding the relocation of the French Line CAN in Birdsville.
Action – Agreed that the various sites would be inspected at the Birdsville Council meeting.

Enquired about where suitable signage/fencing can be installed at Big Red to indicate where to drive and mark the edges of the track to prevent driving all over the sandhill.
Action - Agreed that the Works Manager provide advice at the next meeting.

Cr Morton Ute Muster needs ownership by a community club in Bedourie. Council should invite clubs to provide expressions of interest to continue the event into the future.
Action – Agreed that the Chief Executive Provide advice as to Council's involvement in this event and events generally.

Fibre Optic Project update.



Advised Council that Birdsville won the 2014 Tidy Town Energy Conservation
Champions Award.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Minutes confirmed this Eighteenth day of November, 2013.

Cr Geoff Morton
MAYOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Morton', is written over a horizontal line.