

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held in the Board Room of the
Diamantina Shire Council Administration Centre, Bedourie on Monday, October 17, 2011
commencing at 8.16am.**

1. Attendance

Cr Rob Dare (Mayor)	Cr Stephen Cramer
Cr Joyce Crombie	Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)
Ms Barbara Benefield (Acting Executive Assistant)	

2. Apologies

Minute No. 2011.9.1

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That the apology tendered by Cr Barry Gaffney be accepted and that the apology tendered by Cr Garth Tully for one half day be accepted.

Carried 3/0.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Ordinary Meeting – September 15, 2011

Minute No. 2011.9.2

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Dare

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held September 15, 2011 be confirmed.

Carried 3/0.

4. Notices of Motion

Nil.

5. Motion to Receive all Reports

Minute No. 2011.9.3

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That all Officers Reports be received.

Carried 3/0.

6. Reports

6.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report (presented by the Chief Executive Officer)

1. Status of Financial Statements
2. Advice regarding the 1st Quarter Budget Review
3. Primary Care Infrastructure Grant



Minute No. 2011.9.4

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That the Chief Executive Officer is directed to formally request the Department of Health and Ageing to be allowed to change the scope of the Primary Care Infrastructure Grant to pay for detailed planning and design to a "shovel ready stage" for both Bedourie and Birdsville clinics. Should the request be formally denied, the Chief Executive Officer is directed to withdraw from the Bedourie Clinic Project and funding.

Carried 3/0.

4. 50:50 Vision

Minute No. 2011.9.5

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Dare

That with respect to the Diamantina Shire Council:

- 1.1 Endorse the statement of commitment for consultation.**
- 1.2 Appoint Councillor Joyce Crombie as the Gender Equity Program champion.**
- 1.3 Endorse the "Stand for Election" awareness campaign as the Gender Equity program project.**
- 1.4 Proceed to prepare a self-assessment of staff/elected representative gender ratios.**

Carried 3/0.

6.3 Finance Manager Report (presented by the Chief Executive Officer)

1. Revenue and Expenditure Report for period ending September 30, 2011
2. Balance Sheet Report as at September 30, 2011
3. Trust Fund Report for period ending September 30, 2011
4. Credit Card Expenditure Reports for period ending September 11, 2011
5. Our Cash Position as at September 30, 2011
6. Our Debt as at September 30, 2011
7. Aged Debtors Report as at September 30, 2011
8. Financial Management Sustainability Ratios

Attendance

9.02am	Scott Mason left the meeting to second Mr Trevor Stewart, Works Manager, to the meeting
9.02am	Cr Dare left the meeting
9.03am	Scott Mason entered the meeting
9.03am	Cr Dare entered the meeting
9.04am	Mr Stewart and Mr Adrie Den Ronden, Overseer, entered the meeting
9.06am	Mr Den Ronden left the meeting

6.4 Works Manager Report

1. Bedourie Town Services Team Report – October, 2011
2. Bedourie Airport Report – October, 2011
3. Birdsville Town Services Team Report – October, 2011
4. Birdsville Airport Report – October, 2011
5. Work Planning Gantt Charts
6. Plant Performance
7. Workshop Manager Report – October, 2011
8. Overseer's Report – October, 2011
9. Department of Transport and Main Roads Financial Management Tool



Attendance

9.35am Mr Stewart left the meeting
9.35am Scott Mason left the meeting to second Mr Shane Kelly, Corporate Services Manager, to the meeting
9.35am Scott Mason entered the meeting
9.36am Mr Kelly entered the meeting

6.7 Corporate Services Manager's Report

1. Staff Matters
2. Electrical Contractor Position

Attendance

9.39am Mr Stuart Bourne, Engineer, entered the meeting
9.39am Mr Bourne left the meeting

Prior to accepting the advice provided by the Corporate Services Manager regarding the employment of an electrician, the Corporate Services Manager was requested to provide further information.

Attendance

9.47am Cr Crombie left the meeting
9.49am Cr Crombie entered the meeting

3. Local Government Electoral Act Changes and Election Cost Estimates
4. Land Valuation 2012

Minute No. 2011.9.6

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That Diamantina Shire Council hereby resolves to advise the Valuer General that Council does not believe a valuation of the Diamantina Shire local government area should be undertaken to be effective June 30, 2012.

Carried 3/0.

5. Amendment to Fees and Charges Schedule

Minute No. 2011.9.7

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That Diamantina Shire Council hereby resolves to replace the existing fee structure under the Internet Usage heading in the Register of Fees and Charges 2011-12 with the following fees for Internet Usage:

15 minute block	-	\$2.50
30 minute block	-	\$5.00
3 hour block	-	\$10.00
1 gigabyte/30days	-	\$24.95
3 gigabyte/30days	-	\$49.95
5 gigabyte/30days	-	\$75.00
7 gigabyte/30days	-	\$100.00
10 gigabyte/30days	-	\$140.00

Carried 3/0.

Late Corporate Services Manager's Report (Part II)

6. Letter requesting to purchase land – Dusty Miller

Attendance

10am Mr Kelly left the meeting
10.01am Mr Kelly entered the meeting



10.03am Ms Benefield left the meeting to obtain technical assistance
 10.04am Ms Benefield entered the meeting
 10.04am Mr Matt Young, Information Technology Officer, entered the meeting
 10.05am Mr Young left the meeting
 10.14am Mr Kelly left the meeting
 10.16am Morning tea adjournment
 10.44am Meeting resumed with Mr Kelly and Mr David Kerrigan, Ms Kristyn Middleton and Ms Cassie Moore of the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Service in attendance

Late Corporate Services Manager's Report (Part II) (Continued)

6. Letter requesting to purchase land – Dusty Miller (Continued)

Minute No.2011.9.8

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That Diamantina Shire Council advise Mr Robert (Dusty) Miller that in response to his request for additional land to expand his business Council would, in principle, look favourably upon an application being submitted by Mr Miller to the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) provided that any proposed development was not constructed over existing infrastructure.

Carried 3/0.

Attendance

10.46am Mr Kelly left the meeting

Deputation – Mr David Kerrigan, Ms Kristyn Middleton and Ms Cassie Moore of the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Service (ATODS), Central West Health Service District

Cr Dare thanked the group for coming. Mr Kerrigan introduced his associates.

Mr Kerrigan described the work currently being undertaken with school children including making short films encouraging the children to work both in front of and behind the camera.

Ms Middleton and Ms Moore are working specifically on the Smoke Free Support Program through the schools.

Attendance

10.51am Ms Benefield left the meeting to seek technical assistance
 10.51am Ms Benefield and Mr Young entered the meeting
 10.52am Mr Young left the meeting

Mr Kerrigan showed an example of the types of film he is producing with the school children which was received favourably. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) asked if the short films could be put on the School website or be linked into the Council website. Mr Kerrigan advised that 100% of Bedourie parents have signed consent documents so that the films can be used. Mr Kerrigan is to give copies of the film to the CEO.

Mr Kerrigan advised the group is conducting a workshop in Birdsville this week and is hoping to get a film made as part of National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week. They are also hoping to visit the Council work camps.

Attendance

11.12am Ms Benefield and the CEO left the meeting
 11.13am Ms Benefield entered the meeting
 11.14am Mr Kerrigan, Ms Middleton and Ms Moore left the meeting
 11.14am The CEO, Mr Bourne and Mr Keith Luckhurst, Engineer, George Bourne and Associates and Mr Stewart entered the meeting
 11.14am Mr Stewart left the meeting
 11.15am Ms Benefield left the meeting to seek technical support
 11.19am Ms Benefield and Mr Young entered the meeting
 11.21am Mr Young left the meeting

6.5 Engineer's Report

1. Visits to Shire/Conferences
2. Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) Contract
3. Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contract (MWPC)
 - 3.1 9 Mile Flat
 - 3.2 Cuttaburra Toilet
 - 3.3 Devils Grid South
 - 3.4 Burrimurra Flat
 - 3.5 Durrie Horse Paddock
 - 3.6 Waddi Trees
4. Flood Damage Estimates

Attendance

11.28am Mr Trevor Stewart entered the meeting for the purpose of presenting the Engineer's Report
11.34 am The fire alarm sounded and all attendees evacuated the building
11.37 am All attendees entered the boardroom except Cr Crombie
11.39am Cr Crombie entered the meeting

5. Bedourie Residential Subdivision
6. Natural Disaster Mitigation Program Submissions
7. Roads to Recovery
Mr Bourne answered Councillor's queries regarding the status of current funding levels for recent events.
8. Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS)
9. Betoota Realignment
10. Black Spot Funding
11. Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodromes
12. Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodrome Terminal Upgrade
13. Birdsville Water Main Upgrade & Bedourie Cooling Pond
14. 4 Mile Yards Access Road
15. Future E.Coli Monitoring
16. Water Consumption Information

Birdsville Ground Level Reservoir

Minute No. 2011.9.9

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Dare

That Diamantina Shire Council accept the tender from Stewart and Sons Steel for \$74,080.00 (exclusive of GST) to undertake installation and painting of a new roof, with a warranty of 15 years, onto the Birdsville Ground Level Reservoir.

Carried 3/0.

Attendance

11.52am Cr Crombie left the meeting
11.53am Cr Crombie entered the meeting
12.05pm Messrs Bourne, Luckhurst and Stewart left the meeting
12.06pm Ms Benefield left the meeting to welcome Ms Jennifer Gannon and Mr Bob Maloney of Ergon Energy
12.07pm Ms Gannon and Mr Maloney entered the meeting for the purpose of their deputation
12.07pm Ms Benefield entered the meeting

Deputation – Ms Jennifer Gannon, Generation Asset Management and Mr Bob Maloney, Property Officer of Ergon Energy – Community Energy Planning

Cr Dare welcomed Ms Gannon and Mr Maloney to the meeting.



Advice was provided regarding the Birdsville Geothermal upgrade project that the design work will be completed by the end of 2011 with construction expected by the end of 2013.

A Solar farm is planned for Bedourie which would require a three hectare area. Council suggested a proposed location at the northern end of its industrial precinct and expressed its willingness to work together.

Attendance:

1.07pm Ms Gannon and Mr Maloney left the meeting
1.08pm Luncheon adjournment
1.56pm The meeting resumed with Mr Steven Baldwin, Tourism and Community Manager in attendance
1.56pm Mr Young entered the meeting
1.57pm Mr Young left the meeting

6.6 Tourism and Development Manager Report

Nil Submitted.

Mr Baldwin presented a verbal update to Council.

Attendance:

2.10pm Mr Baldwin left the meeting

6.8 Environmental Health Officer Report

Nil Submitted.

6.9 Councillors

Nil submitted.

6.10 Chief Executive Officer's Report

1. Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) Telephone Conference Meeting on Friday, September 2, 2011
2. Local Government Managers Australia (Queensland) Incorporated Practitioner's Concourse at Yeppoon from September 6 to 9, 2011
3. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - Contract for position of Works Manager

Minute No. 2011.9.10

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Dare

That Diamantina Shire Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 72(1)(b) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010.

Carried 3/0.

Attendance:

2.25pm The Meeting was closed
2.25pm Upon request, Ms Benefield left the meeting

Minute No. 2011.9.11

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That Diamantina Shire Council reopen its meeting to the public.

Carried 3/0.

Attendance:

2.50pm The Meeting was re-opened
2.50pm The CEO left the meeting



2.51pm The CEO and Ms Benefield entered the meeting

4. Public Consultation Meeting – Bedourie Gun Club
5. Diamantina Shire Council Presentation at the Local Government Association of Queensland Incorporated Annual Conference
6. Leasehold Land Meeting – October 3, 2011
7. Local Government Association of Queensland Incorporated (LGAQ) 115th Annual Conference held at the Gold Coast from October 3 to 6, 2011
8. Research Ideas
9. Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) Telephone Conference Meeting – October 10, 2011

Attendance:

3.20pm Ms Benefield left the meeting

10. Local Disaster Management
11. Record of Directions from the Mayor to the Chief Executive Officer

Attendance:

3.21pm Ms Benefield entered the meeting

7. Other Minutes

7.1 Youth Council Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2011

Minute No. 2011.9.12

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Dare

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Youth Council Meeting held September 27, 2011 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.

7.2 Workplace Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2011

Minute No. 2011.9.13

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Workplace Health and Safety Committee Meeting held September 23, 2011 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.

7.3 Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2011

Minute No. 2011.9.14

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting held August 10, 2011 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.



7.4 Youth Council Meeting – August 5, 2011

Minute No. 2011.9.15

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Youth Council Meeting held August 5, 2011 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.

7.5 Local Disaster Management Group Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2011

Minute No. 2011.9.16

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held April 3, 2011 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.

7.6 Disaster Management Group Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2011

Minute No. 2011.9.17

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held March 6, 2011 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.

8. Councillors Ideas and Recommendations

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| Cr Crombie | - | Safety signage at the Pontoon on the Billabong at Birdsville is required. |
| Cr Dare | - | Additional guy wire could be required for the pontoon |
| | - | Inspect at the next Council Meeting |

Minute No.2011.9.18

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That Diamantina Shire Council invite Expressions of Interest for an operator to operate a canoe/kayak hire business on the Birdsville Billabong utilising the recently constructed pontoon infrastructure subject to the following conditions:

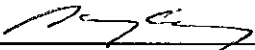
1. The ecological sensitivity of the area must be preserved.
2. A copy of current insurance for public liability and any necessary license/s must be provided to Council prior to operation.
3. This is not a sole or exclusive right to operate a business.
4. No motorised craft can be operated.
5. Daylight use is only permitted.
6. A water craft speed limit of four knots is applicable.
7. Life jackets must be worn at all times.
8. Water Craft must conform to Australian design standards.
9. Children must be supervised.
10. Water craft must carry all necessary safety equipment.

Carried 3/0.



There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.42 pm on Monday, October 19, 2011.

Minutes confirmed this Twenty-first day of November, 2011.



Cr Barry Gaffney
DEPUTY MAYOR

Documents tabled at meeting

Nil.