

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held in the Board Room of the
Diamantina Shire Council Administration Centre, Bedourie on Friday, October 29, 2010
commencing at 8.20am.**

1. Attendance

Cr Barry Gaffney (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Joyce Crombie
Cr Brian Hanna	Cr Garth Tully (from 9.20am)
Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)	

2. Apologies

Cr Robbie Dare (Mayor)	
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Minute No. 2010.9.1

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the apology tendered by Mayor Cr Robbie Dare be accepted.

Carried 3/0.

Condolence

Minute No. 2010.9.2

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council convey its condolences to its Tourism Officer, Miss Alexandria Sticher at the passing away of her mother, Mrs Judy Sticher who died in Saint Helens, Tasmania on October 28, 2010.

Carried 3/0.

Attendance

8.45am	Ms Kay Harper (Executive Assistant) entered the meeting to deliver information to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
8.45am	Mr Andrew Warren (Youth Councillor, Diamantina Shire Youth Council) attended the meeting
8.45am	Ms Harper left the meeting

Welcome to Youth Cr Warren

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Youth Cr Warren to the meeting and encouraged Youth Councillor representation at Ordinary Meetings whenever possible.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Ordinary Meeting – September 20, 2010

Minute No. 2010.9.3

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held September 20, 2010 be confirmed.

Carried 3/0.

Attendance

9.03am The CEO left the meeting for the purpose of summoning a deputation
9.04am The CEO returned to the meeting
9.04am Messrs Scott Mead and John Perry, Directors, Mead Consulting entered the meeting for the purpose of reporting on projects they have been engaged to complete on behalf of Council

Deputation – Mead Consulting

Mr Perry presented information to Council on its financial management and sustainability. The following ratios were analysed.

- Working Capital Ratio
- Cash Expenses Cover
- Cash at Bank
- Capital Works Expenditure
- Operating Surplus Ratio
- Net rates, utilities and charges/Operating revenue

Attendance

9.19am Ms Harper entered the meeting to deliver information to Mr Warren and the CEO
9.20am Ms Harper left the meeting
9.20am Cr Tully entered the meeting

- Self Generated Revenue
- Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Attendance

9.23am Cr Tully left the meeting

- Interest Cover
- Interest Coverage Ratio
- Debt Service Cover

Attendance

9.25am Cr Tully returned to the meeting

- Average useful life of total property, plant and equipment excluding land
- Annual capital expenditure/Annual depreciation
- Capital Works Expenditure (analysed again)
- Cash at Bank (analysed again)
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Asset Consumption Ratio

The graphs employed contain historical data from January, 2005 to the present time and then forecast data to January, 2020 except the Capital Works Expenditure graph which included historical data from January, 1995. It is the intention of the CEO through the Finance Manager to report on a suite of the above ratios on a monthly basis.

Council was apprised of other matters worked on by Mead Consulting, those matters being:

- Queensland Treasury Corporation 10-year Financial Sustainability Model review
- Plant Operation review
- Oncost Rates review
- Industrial Estate leases review

- Community Housing equity review
- Property Rating database maintenance and 2010/11 rates levy
- Differential General Rating Strategy
- Comparative Data benchmarking

Attendance

10.02am	Morning Tea adjournment
10.25am	Meeting resumed without Messrs Mead and Perry in attendance
10.25am	Mr Henry Wallace (Deputy CEO) was in attendance for the purpose of presenting his report when the meeting resumed

6.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report – Part I

1. September 30, 2010 Financial Report
2. Aged Debtors Report
3. Tender 2010/6 – Supply and Delivery of two new Motor Graders

Attendance

10.30am	Upon invitation, Ms Jenny Neale (Finance Manager) attended the meeting
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3. Tender 2010/6 – Supply and Delivery of two new Motor Graders (Continued)
4. Tender 2010/7 – Supply and Delivery of one new Wheel Loader
5. First Quarter 2010/2011 Budget Review

Council conducted a thorough review of its 2010/11 budget.

Attendance

10.55am	Youth Cr Warren retired from the meeting
11.31am	Ms Neale left the meeting
11.33am	Ms Neale returned to the meeting
11.41am	Cr Crombie left the meeting
11.44am	Cr Crombie returned to the meeting
11.54am	Ms Barbara Hardy (Administration Officer) entered the meeting for the purpose of providing information to the Deputy Mayor
11.54am	Ms Hardy left the meeting
12.15pm	Cr Hanna left the meeting for the purpose of attending to catering requirements
12.17pm	Cr Hanna returned to the meeting

Minute No. 2010.9.4

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the first quarter 2010/11 budget review as amended.

Carried 4/0.

6.2(b) Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report – Part II

6. Donation Request – Bedourie State School Parents and Citizens Committee

Minute No. 2010.9.5

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council support the Bedourie State School Parents and Citizens Association by providing a donation of \$2,000 to be used to offset insurance costs involved in conducting the Annual Bikekhana Event.

Carried 4/0.

7. Rates Interest Write Off

Minute No. 2010.9.6

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council approve the write off of \$1,170.75 in interest on the following assessments.

Assessment	Owner	Total (\$)
00032-08000-000	Robert Martin & Adele Elrae Dare	297.01
00029-05000-000	Ben Raymond Dare	55.25
00032-14000-000	Jeffrey Robert Dare	55.25
00014-20000-000	Robert Martin & Adele Elrae Dare	630.06
00009-10000-000	Robert Martin & Adele Elrae Dare	133.18
TOTAL		\$1,170.75

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

12.42pm Adjournment for the purposes of conducting the Airport Terminals Working Group Meeting and lunch
2.18pm Meeting resumed

6.4 Engineer's Report

- i) Revised 20 year Capital Works Programme – Water and Sewer

Minute No. 2010.9.7

Resolved.

That the Chief Executive Officer investigate raw water drawing arrangements for Birdsville. That the Engineer provide a report to Council outlining options for the upgrade of the Birdsville Water Mains based on replacement of infrastructure close to the source of supply where the water temperature is higher. That Council be provided with a practical costing for in-house completion of the Bedourie Cooling Ponds project. That Council be provided with a costing for the expansion of the Birdsville Cooling Ponds. That Council seek to utilise \$550,000 of the \$1,179,640 Potable Water Infrastructure Improvement Project funding from the Federal Government's Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities which will require an equal \$550,000 commitment from Council.

- ii) 4 Mile Yards Access Road – Preliminary Feasibility Report

Minute No. 2010.9.8

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council seek to have gazetted as a shire road, the access road to Adria Downs Station from the Bedourie-Birdsville Road and develop it in a staged manner over an appropriate period of time.

Carried 4/0.

- iii) Ergon Power Application Requests
iv) 9 Mile Flats Project Budget – 44/81A/22

Minute No. 2010.9.9

Resolved. That Diamantina Shire Council advise the Department of Transport and Main Roads that it notes their estimate for sealing of an eight kilometre section of the Bedourie-Birdsville Road in the area known as the 'Nine Mile Flat'. Further, that Council believes the actual construction cost will be significantly less and that is on the confidence of such assumption that it is willing to proceed with the project.

- v) Birdsville Water Main Upgrade Design Layout
- 1. Visits to Shire/Conferences
- 2. Main Roads Expenditure
 - 2.1 Roads Maintenance Performance Contract
- 3. Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contract Works
 - 3.1 No. 3 Realignment – 44/93C/17
 - 3.2 Devils Grid North – 44/81A/17
 - 3.3 9 Mile Flats – 44/81A/22
- 4. Birdsville Subdivision
- 5. Flood Damage Estimates
- 6. Bedourie Residential Subdivision
- 7. Natural Disaster Mitigation Program Submissions
- 8. Roads to Recovery
- 9. Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme
- 10. Betoota Realignment
- 11. Black Spot Funding
- 12. Birdsville Apron Extension
- 13. Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodrome Terminal Upgrade
- 14. Asset Condition Surveys – Water and Sewer
- 15. Priority Infrastructure Plans
- 16. Professional Engineers Act

Attendance

3.20pm Mr Bourne left the meeting

6.3 Works Manager Report – Part I

Questions on Notice

- Report requested on Cuppa Creek bitumen job on Birdsville-Windorah Road
 - Report requested on Meeting held with Council representatives and Mr Dave Hemmings of the Department of Transport and Main Roads
1. Future Queensland Transport and Road Investment Program Projects
 2. Department of Transport and Main Roads Contract Update Spreadsheet
 3. Title Change – Director of Works to Works Manager
 4. Job No. 44/81A/17 – Devil's Grid
 5. Roads to Recovery
 6. Traffic Control – New Requirements for Council
 7. Fuel Theft

Minute No. 2010.9.10

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council close its Meeting to the public in accordance with section 72(1)(h) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

3.35pm Meeting was closed

Minute No. 2010.9.11

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council re-open its Meeting to the public.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

3.54pm Meeting re-opened to the public
3.55pm Scott Mason left the meeting for the purpose of summoning a deputation
3.55pm Scott Mason returned to the meeting
3.55pm Mr Grant Samson, Sales Representative – General Line, Hastings Deering (Australia) Ltd attended the meeting for the purpose of delivering a presentation on Caterpillar products

Deputation – Hastings Deering (Australia) Ltd

Mr Samson delivered a presentation about Caterpillar Motor Graders and Wheel Loaders.

Attendance

4.02pm Mr Wallace entered the meeting
4.27pm Mr Samson left the meeting

6.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report – Part I (Continued)

3. Tender 2010/6 – Supply and Delivery of two new Motor Graders (Continued)

Minute No. 2010.9.12

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council accept the tender submitted by Hastings Deering (Australia) Ltd, Mount Isa for supply of two by Caterpillar 140M Motor Graders subject to the trade of Councils Caterpillar 140H VHP Motor Grader (Unit No. 517) and Caterpillar 140H VHP Motor Grader (Unit No. 518) for the change over price of \$640,200. Further, that Council seek to privately sell Unit No. 517 and 518 prior to delivery of the new machines, with the view of maximising its return.

Carried 4/0.

4. Tender 2010/7 – Supply and Delivery of one new Wheel Loader (Continued)

Minute No. 2010.9.13

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council accept the tender submitted by Hastings Deering (Australia) Ltd, Mount Isa for supply of one Caterpillar 966H Wheel Loader subject to the trade of Councils Caterpillar 966GII Wheel Loader (Unit No. 562) for the change over price of \$323,400 due to trade price tendered and proven after sales service and support of Hastings Deering. Further, that Council seek to privately sell Unit No. 562 prior to delivery of the new machine, with the view of maximising its return.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

4.35pm Mr Wallace left the meeting

6.3(b) Works Manager Report - Part II

8. Work Planning

9. Heavy Specification Prime Mover Purchase

Minute No. 2010.9.14

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council endorse the actions of its Chief Executive Officer in accepting the tender (No. 2010/04) submitted by Black Truck Sales for the supply and delivery of one 6964FX Western Star Prime Mover rated at a minimum 130 tonne Gross Combination Mass for the tendered price of \$254,852 subject to the trade of Unit No. 906 – International Eagle 9900i.

	(\$)
Western Star Prime Mover	368,104
Add Extended Warranty Option	4,023
	<u>372,127</u>
Less Trade – Unit No. 906	110,000
	<u>262,127</u>
Less requirement for Bridgestone tyres	7,275
	<u>254,852</u>
Add pin-striping and naming	1,500
	<u>256,352</u>

Carried 4/0.

6.3(c) Works Manager Report – Part III

Attendance

4.47pm Ms Harper entered the meeting for the purpose of passing a message to Cr Tully
4.47pm Ms Harper left the meeting

10. Workshop Manager's Report
11. Bedourie Parks and Gardens Report
12. Work Planning (Continued)

6.5 Tourism and Development Manager Report

1. Promotional DVD of the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival
 - Ensure Birdsville Cup is included in presentation
2. Visitor/Birdsville Caravan Park Statistics
3. Birdsville Pontoon
4. Restoration Plans for Birdsville Courthouse
5. Restoration Plans for Carcoory Ruins
6. Funding Report
7. Youth Council
8. Playgroup
9. Aviation Security Identification Cards (ASIC)
10. Uniforms
11. Desert Rivers Development Board

Minute No. 2010.9.15

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council endorse the following nominated members to the Desert Rivers Development Board.

Betoota Race Club

Mrs Bev Morton

Betoota Social Club	Mrs Lorraine Kath
Birdsville Race Club	Mrs Nell Brook
Bedourie Gymkhana Club	Mrs Jeena Cramer
Birdsville Social Club	Mr Don Rayment
Bedourie Race Club	Mrs Kathi Tully
Community Member – Birdsville	Mr Robert Miller
Community Member – Bedourie	Mrs Jenny Parsons
Cultural Member	Mrs Jean Barr

That Council nominate all councillors to the Desert Rivers Development Board.

Carried 4/0.

12. Request from Birdsville Social Club

Minute No. 2010.9.16

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council offer to the Birdsville Social Club any available storage room at the Indoor Sports Centre, Birdsville rent free.

Carried 4/0.

13. Economic Development Plan

Minute No. 2010.9.17

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council request Starfire Solutions Pty Ltd to proceed with the development of a Diamantina Shire Economic Profile and an Economic Development Plan. Further, that consultation with cattle stations be made via respective head offices and that Council amend its budget accordingly to reflect the increased cost in pursuing this planning objective.

Carried 4/0.

6.9 Chief Executive Officer Report – Part I

1. Local Government Act 2009 Workshop
2. Matters of Importance to the Chief Executive Officer
3. Staff Matters

Attendance

5.22pm	Ms Harper entered the meeting for the purpose of delivering information to the CEO
5.22pm	Mr Robert Powell (Environmental Health Officer) attended the meeting for the purpose of presenting his report
5.22pm	Ms Harper left the meeting
5.22pm	Mr Powell left the meeting to obtain reading glasses
5.23pm	Mr Powell returned to the meeting

6.6 Environmental Health Officer Report

1. Birdsville Caravan Park
2. Vector Control
3. Town Cleanup
4. Overgrown Land
5. Consideration of Third Effluent Pond for Birdsville

Attendance

5.40pm	Ms Harper entered the meeting
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5.40pm Ms Harper left the meeting
5.40pm Cr Gaffney left the meeting
5.42pm Cr Gaffney returned to the meeting

Minute 2010.9.18

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council consider the provision of a third effluent pond for Birdsville and allocate \$20,000 in the 2011/12 budget to undertake the project.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

5.44pm Mr Powell left the meeting

6.9 Chief Executive Officer Report – Part I (Continued)

3. Staff Matters (Continued)
4. Ministerial Deputation
5. Central Western Remote Area Planning and Development Board Teleconference – October 1, 2010
6. Aerodrome Terminals Pre Start Meeting
7. Local Government Managers Australia (Queensland) Annual Conference
8. Birdsville Land Auction
9. Local Government Infrastructure and Planning Symposium – March 14-17, 2011 in Brisbane

Minute No. 2010.9.19

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council permit any available Councillors and its Chief Executive Officer to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland Local Government Infrastructure and Planning Symposium entitled: “Remaking the Roads, Reshaping the Regions, Raising Revenue – Redefining the Role of Local Government” which is scheduled from March 14 to 17, 2011 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Carried 4/0.

6.9(b) Chief Executive Officer Report – Part II

10. Property Management Policies

Minute No. 2010.9.20

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the following polices as presented.

- **Duration of Needs Policy**
- **Internal Review of Property Decisions**
- **Tenancy Dispute Resolution Policy**
- **Requests for Service Referrals Policy**

Carried 4/0.

11. Street Numbering for the Townships of Birdsville and Bedourie

Minute No. 2010.9.21

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt street numbering for the Township of Birdsville and for the Township of Bedourie in accordance with the tabled plans and in accordance with Section 12 of Local Law No. 21 (Roads) 1999.

Carried 4/0.

6.9(c) Chief Executive Officer Report – Part III

12. Corporate Planning

Minute No. 2010.9.22

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council consider a draft Operational Plan for 2010/11 at a meeting to be held on December 15, 2010 commencing at 10am.

Carried 4/0.

6.9(d) Chief Executive Officer Report – Part IV

13. Department of Health and Ageing Teleconference

6.9(e) Chief Executive Officer Report – Part V

14. Housing Report

Attendance

6.52pm The CEO left the meeting for the purpose of obtaining information
6.52pm The CEO returned to the meeting

Minute No. 2010.9.23

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council offer Community Housing at Unit 3/16 Gibber Court, Birdsville to Ms Miranda Palmer.

Carried 3/0 with Cr Hanna abstaining from the vote.

Late correspondence

The Birdsville Hotel – Request for additional fuel storage area for Birdsville Aviation

Attendance

6.59pm Cr Hanna declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting

Minute No. 2010.9.24

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That the Birdsville Hotel request be deferred till the next Ordinary Meeting of Council pending supply of additional information including a map of the site area.

Carried 3/0.

Attendance

7.04pm Upon invitation Cr Hanna returned to the meeting

7. Other Minutes

7.1 Diamantina Shire Youth Council – September 27, 2010

Minute No. 2010.9.25

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Youth Council Meeting held September 27, 2010 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.

8 Councillors ideas and Recommendations

Cr Tully Remove rubbish bins from Deon's Lookout
 Tabling of invoices from Bedourie Race Club for payment

Minute No. 2010.9.26

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council take the bins away from Deon's Lookout and erect an environmental sign that discourages litter.

Carried 4/0.

Cr Crombie Display of 'Two Sisters Sitting Talking' art works in Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre accompanied by a talking station

Cr Hanna Public Meeting to be held in Maree, South Australia on November 24, 2010 to discuss infrastructure requirements

Minute No. 2010.9.27

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council tender its apology for the Public Meeting to be held in Maree, South Australia on November 24, 2010 because of its clash with Council's scheduled Ordinary Meeting.

Carried 4/0.

Cr Gaffney Sand build up on the fence line of the Birdsville Town Common boundary
 Assessment of flood fences on commons

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.23pm.

Minutes confirmed this Twenty-fourth day of November, 2010.

Cr Barry Gaffney
DEPUTY MAYOR