

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held in the Board Room of the Administration Centre, Bedourie on Monday, September 20, 2010 commencing at 9.18am.

1. Attendance

Cr Robbie Dare (Mayor)	Cr Barry Gaffney (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Joyce Crombie	Cr Brian Hanna
Cr Garth Tully	Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)

2. Apologies

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Ordinary Meeting – August 16, 2010

Minute No. 2010.8.1

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held August 16, 2010 be confirmed.

Carried 5/0.

3.2 Special Budget Meeting – August 20, 2010

Minute No. 2010.8.2

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held August 20, 2010 be confirmed.

Carried 5/0.

4. Notices of Motion

Nil.

5. Motion to Receive all Reports

Minute No. 2010.8.3

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That all reports be received.

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2010.8.4

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

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

Carried 5/0.

Attendance
9.44am

Meeting closed to the public

Minute No. 2010.8.5

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

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

Carried 5/0.

Attendance

10.24am Meeting re-opened to the public

6. Reports

6.1 Operational Plan Report

Nil.

6.3 Director of Works Report

This report was not presented. Rather, a discussion between the elected members and the Chief Executive Officer took place.

Attendance

10.45am Morning tea adjournment

11.31am Meeting resumed

11.32am Mr Stuart Bourne, Engineer, George Bourne and Associates attended the meeting for the purpose of presenting his report

6.4 Engineer's Report

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Advice Sought

A general discussion took place regarding the construction methods to be employed for the Birdsville Subdivision Stage II Capital Works Project.

1. Roads to Recovery Programme 2010/2011

Minute No. 2010.8.6

Resolved.

That Diamantina Shire Council amend the 'Proposed Roads to Recovery Projects' programme document as included in the agenda to reflect the following.

- Seal Graham Street, Birdsville shoulders both sides with a sealed link across the centre median
- Graham Street, Birdsville stormwater drainage to be checked for level control and above works to be affected such that proper functioning of the hydraulic infrastructure occurs
- Budget limit to reflect the 2010/11 funding allocation (estimated at \$300,000)
- Birdsville Subdivision Stage II Project to be funded initially from the Roads to Recovery budget with remaining costs to be debited to Councils \$500,000 capital works budget allocation, thus saving money from the latter budget

Further, that a low cost seal the full width of the terminal access road off Graham Street be constructed to serve as an all-weather patron access to the Birdsville Airport Terminal building and that funding for said project be in accordance with the Birdsville reseal, apron extension and lighting budget.

2. Asset Condition Surveys: Water and Sewer

Minute No. 2010.8.7

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council conduct public consultation regarding the future of the Birdsville River Water reticulation system.

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2010.8.8

Resolved.

That Diamantina Shire Council consider an amended version of the proposed 20-year Capital Works Programs for water and sewerage at its October, 2010 Ordinary Meeting pending consideration of the positive impact the recently awarded grant of \$1,179,640 for 'Birdsville water mains and Bedourie cooling ponds'.

Information for Councillors

3. Visits to Shire/Conferences
4. Main Roads Expenditure
 - 4.1 Road Maintenance Performance Contract
5. Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contract Works
 - 5.1 No. 3 Realignment – 44/93C/17
 - 5.2 Devils Grid – 44/81A/17
 - 5.3 9 Mile Flat – 44/81A/22
6. Birdsville Subdivision
7. Flood Damage Estimates
8. Bedourie Residential Subdivision
9. Natural Disaster Mitigation Program Submissions
10. Roads to Recovery
11. Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme
12. Betoota Realignment
13. Black Spot Funding
14. Birdsville Apron Extension
15. Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodrome Terminal Upgrades
 - Semi-circular ridge capping to be included in the next revision
 - Provision to slide bags at ground level between check in office and traffic office to be facilitated by installing a 1 metre x 1 metre partition covered by a sliding door lockable from inside the check in office
 - All councillors to be invited to the Working Group Meetings
16. Financial Summary

Decision required from Council

Nil.

Questions Without Notice

Nil.

Attendance

1.03pm	Luncheon adjournment
2.04pm	Meeting resumed

6.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report

This report was presented by the Chief Executive Officer.

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Advice Sought

Nil.

Information for Councillors

1. August 31, 2010 Financial Report
2. Aged Debtors Report
3. Unaudited 2009-2010 Financial Statements

Decision required from Council

Nil.

Questions Without Notice

Nil.

Attendance

2.39pm	Meeting adjournment
8.02am	Meeting resumed on Tuesday, September 21, 2010
8.03am	Mr Brian Mooney (Tourism and Development Manager) attended the meeting for the purpose of presenting his report

6.5 Tourism and Development Manager Report

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Advice Sought

Nil.

Information for Councillors

1. Visitor/Birdsville Caravan Park Statistics
2. Birdsville Races Attendance

3. Funding Report
4. Response from Bush Heritage
5. Itinerary for Ministers Mulherin and Lawlor Visit
6. Youth Council
7. Playgroup
8. Seniors Week
9. Department of Communities Visit
10. CICADAS @ RAPAD and Art Support Australia
11. Attend Council Meeting

Decision required from Council

12. Burke and Wills Commemorative Plaque

Minute No. 2010.8.9

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council grant approval in-principle for a plaque to be sculpted for positioning in Birdsville commemorating the Burke and Wills Expedition by Dr Ross Bastiaan. The selected site for this plaque would be 280 metres south of the Diamantina River Bridge at Birdsville on the Windorah Road. Further, that Council allocate \$1,500 toward this project and ensure that said allocation is included within its forthcoming 2010/11 first quarter fiscal review.

Carried 5/0.

13. Birdsville Hotel Request

Attendance

8.53am

Cr Hanna declared a material personal interest in this matter given his position of Manager of The Birdsville Hotel. He left the meeting at this time.

Minute No. 2010.8.10

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That to support the upcoming 'Back to Birdsville' event, that a section of Burt Street, Birdsville be closed, that section being described as from the northern end of the Birdsville Hotel (such that access is permitted to the laneway adjacent Burt Street) across Burt Street to the Airport fence down to the intersection of Adelaide Street (such that Adelaide Street remains unimpeded) from 10am on Friday, October 22 until midnight on Sunday, October 24, 2010 for the purpose of operating a wet entertainment area. Further, that music is permissible from 10am until 8pm.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

8.55pm

Upon invitation, Cr Hanna returned to the meeting.

Questions Without Notice

Cr Tully inquired about the costs associated with the Skytrans Charter for the Bedourie Races and costs for the Anne Kirkpatrick Concert in order that a reasonable amount can be determined to allocate to Boulia Shire Council who have indicated their willingness to contribute to the cost of the Concert given that it was of benefit to local Boulia resident, Miss Shelley Norton who is an entrant in the Royal Flying Doctors Service Spirit of the Outback Awards.

Cr Gaffney thanked Mr Mooney and his staff for their excellent efforts with the recent Birdsville Race event, which was significantly impacted by rain that trapped many racegoers in Birdsville for an extended period. All councillors echoed Cr Gaffney's sentiments.

Attendance

9.02am Mr Mooney left the meeting
9.03am Cr Tully left the meeting
9.03am Scott Mason left the meeting and returned at this time
9.04am Cr Tully returned to the meeting
9.04am Mr Robert Powell (Environmental Health Officer) attended the meeting for the purpose of presenting his report

6.6 Environmental Health Officers Report

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Advice Sought

Nil.

Information for Councillors

1. Cockroach in Bread
2. Proposed Waste Levy
3. Review of Queensland Industrial Estates 2006-2009
4. Bedourie Rubbish Tip

Attendance

9.22am Mrs Barbara Hardy entered the meeting to deliver a message to Cr Tully and left at this time
9.25am Cr Tully left the meeting

5. Birdsville Effluent Ponds and Pump Station No. 1

Attendance

9.28am Cr Tully returned to the meeting

Minute No. 2010.8.11

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council consider a third sewerage treatment effluent pond for the Birdsville Common Effluent Disposal system and that the Environmental Health Officer provide a report to the October, 2010 Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration.

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2010.8.12

Resolved.

That information on the capacity and functioning of the Birdsville Common Effluent Disposal system, specifically pump stations (including the new pump station in the new subdivision area) to cater for existing and peak demand is to be provided to a forthcoming Council meeting.

6. Birdsville Caravan Park
7. Birdsville Airport
8. Birdsville Public Toilets – Wirrarri Centre
9. Birdsville Races
10. Septic Tank Desludging
11. Food Vendors

12. Food Illness Report
13. Camping within Town Area

Decision required from Council

Nil.

Questions Without Notice

Nil.

Attendance

9.58am	Mr Powell left the meeting
9.59am	Morning tea adjournment
10.27am	Meeting resumed

6.9 Chief Executive Officer Report

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Advice Sought

Nil.

Information for Councillors

1. Matters of Importance to the Chief Executive Officer
2. Staff Matters
3. Regional Road Group Assembly in Mackay – August 30, 2010
4. Meeting with the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission – August 31, 2010
5. 114th Local Government Association of Queensland Inc Annual Conference – August 30 to September 2, 2010
6. Housing Matters

Decision required from Council

7. Community Housing

Questions Without Notice

Cr Crombie – What is status of aboriginal housing in Birdsville?

An update was provided by the Chief Executive Officer and a general discussion ensued.

Decision required from Council (Continued)

7. Community Housing (Continued)

Minute No. 2010.8.13

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council offer Community housing Unit 3/601 Eyre Street, Bedourie to Mr Wayne Kite.

Carried 5/0.

8. Councillors Ideas and Recommendations

Cr Hanna – Inquired as to the possibility of Council writing off the plant hire component of invoice number 19237 issued to Birdsville State School

Minute No. 2010.8.14

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council write off the plant hire component of invoice number 19237, being \$640.17 issued to Birdsville State School on August 3, 2010.

Carried 5/0.

Cr Gaffney – Expressed concern that the Birdsville State Emergency Service main roller door is not repaired and that important resources such as the flood boat and Rural Fire Service Appliance are presently exposed to the weather

Cr Gaffney – Expressed concern regarding outstanding Birdsville Caravan Park campsite earthworks maintenance

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.29am.

Minutes confirmed this Twenty-ninth day of October, 2010

Cr Robbie Dare
MAYOR