

**Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Special Budget Meeting
held in the Board Room of the Administration Centre, Bedourie
Friday, August 20, 2010 commencing at 3.05pm.**

1. Attendance

Cr Barry Gaffney (Deputy Mayor)	Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)
Cr Joyce Crombie	Henry Wallace (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Cr Brian Hanna	

2. Apologies

Minute No. 2010.S2.1

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That Diamantina Shire Council accepts the apologies submitted by Mayor Cr Robbie Dare and Cr Garth Tully.

Carried 3/0

Introduction

Mr Wallace provided a navigation and explanation about the myriad of documents that comprised the agenda for the Special Budget Meeting.

3. Insurance for Community Events

Minute 2010.S2.2

Resolved.

That inquires be made regarding insurance for community events, specifically whether a joint policy can be purchased or another initiative can be pursued to decrease the cost of premiums paid.

4. Revenue Policy

Minute 2010.S2.3

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That, in accordance with Section 104 (Financial management, planning and accountability documents) of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 134 (Revenue Policy) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, the 2010/2011 Revenue Policy as set out in Section A of the 2010/2011 Budget Publication, be adopted.

Carried 3/0

5. Revenue Statement

Minute 2010.S2.4

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That, in accordance with Section 104 (Financial management, planning and accountability documents) of the Local Government Act 2009, Section 106 (Preparation of revenue statement) and Section 107 (Revenue statement contents) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, the 2010/2011 Revenue Statement as set out in Section A of the 2010/2011 Budget Publication, be adopted.

Carried 3/0



6. Rates and Charges

Minute 2010.S2.5

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That, in accordance with Section 94 (Power to levy rates and charges) of the Local Government Act 2009 Diamantina Shire Council will levy the following rates and charges:

Differential General Rates

Category 1 – Bedourie

Category 2 – Betoota

Category 3 – Birdsville

Category 4 – Rural

Category 5.1 – Mining – Small

Category 5.2 – Mining – Medium

Category 5.3 – Mining – Large

Category 6 – Telecommunications

Category 7 – Commercial

Category 8 – Industrial

Utility Charges

Water Access Charges

Sewerage (Common Effluent Disposal) Charges

Cleansing Charge

as outlined in Council's Revenue Statement in Section A of the 2010/2011 Budget Publication, be adopted.

Carried 3/0

7. Differential Rates Charges

Minute 2010.S2.6

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded and Cr Crombie.

That, in accordance with Section 15 (Categorisation of land for differential general rates) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 the categories into which rateable land in its area is to be categorised; and criteria by which land is to be categorised is set as follows be adopted:

Category 1 – Bedourie

Those urban lands situated within boundaries of the Town Reserve of Bedourie and having a primary land use code 00 to 09, 21, 50 to 52, 55 to 57, 72, 92, 94, 97 and 99.

Category 2 – Betoota

Those urban lands situated within boundaries of the Town Reserve of Betoota and having a primary land use code 00 to 09, 21, 50 to 52, 55 to 57, 72, 92, 94, 97 and 99.

Category 3 – Birdsville

Those urban lands situated within boundaries of the Town Reserve of Birdsville and having a primary land use code 00 to 09, 21, 50 to 52, 55 to 57, 72, 92, 94, 97 and 99.

Category 4 – Rural



Those rural lands within the Shire used for the purposes of sheep grazing, cattle grazing, dairy cattle, agriculture or other rural uses and having a primary land use code 64 to 66, 68, 74, 75, 79, 80, and 82 to 89 including lands leased from the Crown or subject to an occupation licence.

Category 5.1 – Mining – Small

Those rural lands within the Shire used for extractive (mining) purposes and having a primary land use code 40.
Extraction less than 1,000 tonnes.

Category 5.2 – Mining – Medium

Those rural lands within the Shire used for extractive (mining) purposes and having a primary land use code 40.
Extraction of 1,000 to 10,000 tonnes.

Category 5.3 – Mining – Large

Those rural lands within the Shire used for extractive (mining) purposes and having a primary land use code 40.
Extraction of greater than 10,000 tonnes.

Category 6 – Telecommunications

Those lands within the Shire used for transformers and having a primary land use code 91.

Category 7 – Commercial

Those lands within the Shire used for commercial purposes and having a primary land use code 10 to 16, 17, 18, 22 to 27, 30, 38, 41 to 44, 47 to 49 and 58.

Category 8 – Industrial

Those lands within the Shire used for industrial purposes and having a primary land use code 28, 29, 31, 33 to 37 and 95.

Carried 3/0

8. When rates and charges must be paid

Minute 2010.S2.7

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That, in accordance with Section 52 (When rates or charges must be paid) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 the period within which rates or charges must be paid will be set at 60 days after the rate notice for the rates or charges are issued, be adopted.

Carried 3/0

9. Discount for prompt payment of rates and charges

Minute 2010.S2.8

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That, in accordance with Section 64 (Discount for prompt payment of rates or charges) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 the discount for prompt payment of Rates and Charges be adopted:

- (a) Set at 15%;
- (b) Will be applicable to only differential general rates and not be applicable to utility charges such as water, sewerage and cleansing charges;
- (c) Will apply only if all other rates or charges are paid in full; and



- (d) Will be applicable to the discount period of the due date of which rates or charges must be paid.

Carried 3/0

10. Pensioner Concessions

Minute 2010.S2.9

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That, in accordance with Part 10 (Concession) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, that Council will grant assistance by way of remission of rates to pensioners under the State Government Pensioner Subsidy Scheme provided they:

- Hold a valid Blue Centrelink Pension Card, a Gold Veteran Affairs Card or a Blue Veteran Affairs Card;
- are the registered owner or life tenant of the property; and
- are solely or jointly with a co-owner, legally responsible for the payment of the rates/charges;
- reside on the property for which the remission is claimed; and
- make a claim on the appropriate application form, for an initial application.

This will entitle approved pensioners to receive a rate concession of 20% on all rates/charges, up to a maximum of \$180.00, be adopted.

Carried 3/0

11. Debt Policy

Minute 2010.S2.10

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded and Cr Crombie.

That, in accordance with Section 104 (Financial management, planning and accountability documents) of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 133 (Debt Policy) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, the 2010/2011 Debt Policy as set out in Section A of the 2010/2011 Budget Publication, be adopted.

Carried 3/0

12. 2010/2011 Budget

Minute 2010.S2.11

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That, in accordance with Section 104 (Financial management, planning and accountability documents) of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 100 (Adoption and amendment of the budget) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, the 2010/2011 Budget as set out in Section B of the 2010/2011 Budget Publication, be adopted.

Carried 3/0

13. 2010/2011 Statement of Estimated Financial Position

Minute 2010.S2.12

Moved by Cr Hanna and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the 2010/2011 Statement of Estimated Financial Position as set out in Section D of the 2010/2011 Budget Publication, be received.

Carried 3/0

14. 2010/2011 FEES AND CHARGES

Minute 2010.S2.13

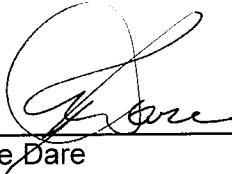
Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Hanna.

That the 2010/2011 Fees and Charges as set out in Section E of the 2010/2011 Budget Publication, be adopted.

Carried 3/0

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.24pm.

Minutes confirmed this Twentieth day of September, 2010.



Cr Robbie Dare
MAYOR