

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held at the Birdsville Town Hall, Birdsville on Monday, November 16, 2009 commencing at 9.30am.

1. Attendance

Cr Barry Gaffney (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Joyce Crombie
Cr Geoff Schrader	Cr Garth Tully
Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)	Lisa White (Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer)

Mr Geoff Morton, Roseberth Station was present in the Public Gallery when this meeting opened.

2. Apologies

Min 2009.10.1

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.
That Cr Rob Dare's apology be accepted.

Carried 4/0

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Min 2009.10.2

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held October 14, 2009 be confirmed subject to the following amendment to Min 2009.9.7:

"That council submit an application under the Strategic component of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program for the construction of a multi-purpose building in [Bedourie] to meet the needs of the local community which will generate long term sustainable employment"

Carried 4/0

4. Notices of Motion

Nil.

5. Motion to receive all reports

Min 2009.10.3

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.
That all reports be received.

Carried 4/0

6. Reports

6.1 Operational Plan Report

The Operational Plan Report will be reviewed by Councillors by way of telephone conference during November, 2009.

6.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report



1. Public Consultation - Birdsville

Attendance

9.59am – Mr Stuart Bourne, Civil Engineer, George Bourne and Associates entered the Hall area and attended the Public Gallery

10.03am – Mr Bourne vacated the Public Gallery

2. LGMA Annual Conference

3. Staff Matters

6.2(a) Chief Executive Officer's Report - Part II

This report was not part of the published agenda.

4. Staff Matters (Continued from item 3, Part I) – Contains four Confidential Items

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Min 2009.10.4

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Council close its Meeting to the public in accordance with section 463(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

10.25am – Meeting closed by resolution

10.25am – Mr Morton vacated the Public Gallery

10.27am – Ms White left the meeting upon request

Min 2009.10.5

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council reopen its Meeting to the public.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

10.37am – Meeting re-opened to the public

10.37am – Meeting adjourned for morning tea

10.52am – Meeting resumed

10.52am – Inspector Paul Biggin, Mount Isa District Office and Senior Constable Neale McShane, Birdsville Police Station, both of Queensland Police Service were in attendance for the purposes of a deputation

10.52am – Mr Geoff Morton entered the Public Gallery

Deputation – Inspector Biggin and Senior Constable McShane

The following issues were discussed.

- Drink driving campaign
Inspector Biggin suggested improved advertising of voluntary breath testing initiative. Councillors agreed to purchase generic banners i.e 'Blow Before you Go' to be used at community events.
- Speed limit reduction over race meetings
Senior Constable McShane has advised locals in relation to the reduction in speed limits to particular roads around race time and will continue to raise awareness of this matter.



- Desert Yarns Newsletter
Inspector Biggin commented that police input into publication has been positive.
- Bedourie staffing – Marty Halls' replacement
Constable Wade Jackson has relocated to Bedourie. Constable Jackson will remain in town until the position is filled, hopefully by January, 2010. Recruitment process is well underway and Queensland Police Service are endeavouring to find the right fit for both the Queensland Police and the community.
- Birdsville staffing over Christmas
Senior Constable McShane will be on annual leave through to March, 2010. Appropriate relief will be arranged by Queensland Police Service.
- Schools
Senior Constable McShane is attending Birdsville State Primary School on a regular basis and Constable Jackson has been encouraged to attend Bedourie State Primary School on a weekly basis. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) commented that the Bedourie Principal is very pleased with the new relationship being established.
- Drug Abuse
Drug abuse was discussed in the context of Council camps.
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
Council advised that it will be implementing a Drug and Alcohol Policy that provides for random testing of employees.
- Infrastructure and Property damage
Pool access outside advertised hours is still a problem. Concern exists regarding possible accidents occurring during these unauthorised access periods, resulting in pool having to be manned and reducing operating hours for Community. It was agreed that sensor lights be fitted in the pool compound.
- Theft of Fuel
The CEO commented that minor theft of fuel has been a problem over time however Council is unaware of any issues at present.
- Litter
It was noted that there has been a decrease in noticeable litter in both communities, particularly Bedourie.
- Road Closures
A discussion took place regarding road closures and local access.
- Protocols for Road Closures
Practical arrangements for determining road closures were discussed.
- Drink Right Program
CEO queried whether Officers McShane and Jackson would be willing to facilitate this program within Birdsville and Bedourie. Senior Constable McShane was in favour. Inspector Biggin to follow up with Constable Jackson.



- Disaster Management Planning

Council was encouraged by Inspector Biggin to ensure key contact lists are kept up to date and network is involved.

Attendance

11.18am – the CEO left the meeting and returned at 11.19am

- Key Events for remaining year and early 2010

- Bikekhana – Bedourie, December 5, 2009.
- Diamantina Shire Council staff break-up – Bedourie, December 18, 2009.
- Bronco Branding – Birdsville, May, 2010. Ms White to provide Councillors and Inspector Biggin with date of Bronco Branding event. Inspector Biggin and Senior Constable McShane commended Council on the use and efficiency of the courtesy bus provided at race meets and suggested a similar service for this event.

- Fire Brigade – Birdsville Races

The availability of Auxillary Firefighters was appreciated and recommend for future Race events.

- Additional tourists prior to 2010 race meetings

Senior Constable McShane highlighted there may be a few extra tourists in town around race meets in 2010 with the Betoota Race Club's intention to hold a race meet 1 week prior to Birdsville.

- Civil Aviation Safety Authority – email received from Mr Russell Dwyer

The CEO tabled an email received from Mr Russell Dwyer, Airport Inspector, Civil Aviation Safety Authority Operations in Brisbane following up on issues regarding airport management during the Birdsville Race Week event 2009.

- Access to Aviation Grounds by Emergency Service Personnel

It was reiterated that emergency service personnel require unimpeded access to the aviation grounds in the event of an emergency.

Attendance

11.34am – Inspector Biggin and Senior Constable McShane left the meeting

6.2(a) Chief Executive Officer's Report - Part II

4. Staff Matters (Continued from item 3, Part I) – Contains four Confidential Items contd

Min 2009.10.6

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council close its Meeting to the public in accordance with section 463(1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

11.35am – Meeting closed

11.35am – Mr Morton vacated the Public Gallery

11.36am – Ms White left the meeting



Min 2009.10.7

**Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Tully.
That Council reopen its Meeting to the public.**

Carried 4/0

Attendance

12.33pm – Meeting reopened to the Public

Min 2009.10.8

**Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Schrader.
That Council place on record its support to the Chief Executive Officer regarding the approach being taken to resolve staff management issues as discussed and as contained within the confidential report presented to Council.**

Carried 4/0

Attendance

12.34pm – Ms White entered the meeting

12.34pm – Mr Ross Carter, Nurse Manager, Diamantina Health Service entered the meeting for the purpose of a deputation

12.34pm – Mr Morton entered the Public Gallery

Deputation – Mr Carter, Nurse Manager, Diamantina Health Service

The following issues were discussed.

- **Cardiac Outreach Team - Mobile Stress Testing**
Mr Carter referred to a letter received from the CEO regarding the Cardiac Outreach Team Mobile Stress Testing initiative and expressed concern regarding decisions being made by Council without sufficient consultation with North and West Queensland Primary Health Care who are the service provider for the Diamantina Health Service. Liability concerns were raised.
- **Bedourie Clinic Ownership**
The CEO advised that he is very close to finalising negotiations with the Department of Health and Ageing for a draft purposes deed effect the transfer of ownership of Bedourie Clinic from the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation to Council.
- **Report turn around time**
Mr Carter expressed concern regarding turn around time of reports being signed off from Council. Council will improve turn around times.
- **Contract**
Contract between Diamantina Shire Council has not been signed, although forwarded to Council approximately nine months ago. The CEO is to investigate and arrange execution as a matter of priority.
- **Funding**
As part of the grant application for x-ray machines, funding was obtained for a defibrillation machine which was not required. Mr Carter suggested using some of these funds for equipment to compliment the mobile stress testing unit.
- **Pamphlets**
Council congratulated Mr Carter on the new Diamantina Health Service pamphlets.



- Donations/Fundraising account
 - Mr Carter advised there is a balance of approximately \$55,000 currently in the fundraising account with roughly 95% of funds raised for x-ray machines.
 - Mr Carter mentioned other areas that may require financial support associated with new x-ray machines such as training and education.
 - \$15,000 allocation for refurbishment to inside of clinic requires a variation.
 - Mr Carter suggested an improved consultation process with Diamantina Health Service regarding funding is required.
- Reporting line for Mr Carter
Confirmed reporting line for Mr Carter is to the CEO of Diamantina Shire Council.
- Training in Alice Springs
Mr Carter informed Council of the Remote Area Nurses conference/training in Alice Springs.
- Surplus Rollover Request
Mr Carter referred to a request for information regarding surplus funds and is awaiting a reply from Council.

Attendance

- 1.11pm – Mr Carter left the meeting
- 1.11pm – Luncheon adjournment
- 1.49pm – Meeting resumed without Ms White in attendance
- 1.49pm – Mr Morton was present in the Public Gallery

5. Local Government Act Training – Mount Isa

Attendance

- 1.50pm – Ms White entered the meeting

6. Procurement Arrangements – Contractors

7. Works Orders – Civica Software Program

8. Bedourie Clinic Ownership – Update – contains Confidential Material

9. InfoXpert

10. Swimming Pool Guidelines

11. Elected Member Workshops

12. Traditional Access – Indigenous Land Use Agreement – Pitta Pitta (Confidential)

Min 2009.10.9

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council close its meeting in accordance with section 463(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

- 2.32pm – Meeting closed
- 2.32pm – Mr Morton vacated the Public Gallery



Min 2009.10.10

**Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Schrader.
That Council reopen its meeting to the public.**

Carried 4/0

Attendance

2.49pm – Meeting reopened to the public
2.49pm – Ms White left the meeting and returned at 2.50pm
2.49pm – Cr Schrader left the meeting and returned at 2.50pm
2.50pm – Mr Morton returned to the Public Gallery

Min 2009.10.11

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council advise the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc of its views regarding Schedule 22 of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement between Alfred Nathan, Neville Aplin and Jean Jacks and the Councils of Boulia, Cloncurry and Diamantina (Draft 2, Version 3, November 10, 2009) being that Council believes the rights afforded are too generous both express and implied, particularly regarding the use of firearms for hunting and the broad scope that the definition of 'Traditional Access Area' affords. Council recommends that permission be sought each and every time a traditional access area is accessed for a traditional activity. Further, that Council supports the institution of such a schedule into the Indigenous Land Use Agreement provided it is subjected to responsible limitations, that which do not exist in the current draft.

Carried 4/0

13. Teleconference – Operational Plan Review

Min 2009.10.12

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That council hold a meeting utilising telephone conferencing technology to review its performance in achieving the goals and objectives over the period July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 contained within its Operational Plan pertaining to the financial year ending June 30, 2010 and representing year one of its Corporate Plan that spans the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014 at the following time.

Date	Wednesday, November 23, 2009
Time	7pm to 8.30pm

Further, that the review be continued at the following time should it become necessary.

Date	Wednesday, November 30, 2009
Time	7pm to 8.30pm

Further, that Council makes this decision in accordance with section 512 of the Local Government Act 1993."

Carried 4/0

14. Hawkins Lease - Confidential

Min 2009.10.13

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Schrader.



That council close its Meeting to the public in accordance with section 463(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

2.56pm – Meeting closed
2.56pm – Mr Morton vacated the Public Gallery

Min 2009.10.14

**Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.
That Council reopen its meeting to the public.**

Carried 4/0

Attendance

3.13pm – Meeting reopened
3.13pm – Ms White left the meeting and returned at 3.14pm

Min 2009.10.15

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That council instruct McInnes Wilson Lawyers that it is unwilling to re-enter into a lease agreement with Mr Wayne Hawkins for the property located at 23 Jardine Street, Birdsville. Rather, it would prefer that Mr Hawkins purchase the property outright should he desire to own it. Council notes it is dissatisfied with Mr Hawkins for the outstanding debt he has accumulated and it is for this reason, being lack of confidence, that Council is unwilling to re-instate the lease agreement. Further, that Council now considers the Lease/Buy Policy to be a failed policy.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

3.14pm – Mr Morton vacated the Public Gallery
3.14pm – Ms White left the meeting and returned at 3.14pm
3.15pm – Mr Henry Wallace (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) entered the Public Gallery

15. RAPAD Representation

Min 2009.10.16

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That council advise the Central Western Remote Area Planning and Development Board that it proposes no change to its elected representation on the Board of Directors and that it fully supports its Mayor, Cr Robbie Dare as its representative.

Carried 4/0

16. Local Laws

Min 2009.10.17

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That council hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the following local laws, subordinate local laws and policies.

- **Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2009**
- **Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2009**
- **Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2009**



- Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2009
- Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2009
- Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2009
- Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2009
- Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2009
- Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2009
- Subordinate Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2009
- Policy No. 1 (Meetings) 2009
- Policy No. 2 (Libraries) 2009

That the Special Meeting be held at the following time.

Date	Sunday, February 14, 2009
Time	9am

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.10.18

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council hereby resolves to make *Local Law (Repealing) Local Law (No. 1) 2009* which repeals the following local laws –

- (a) *Local Law No. 2 (Protection of Vegetation)*
- (b) *Local Law No. 8 (Extractive Industries)*
- (c) *Local Law No. 15 (Domestic Water Carriers)*
- (d) *Local Law No. 16 (Blasting Operations)*

Carried 4/0

6.3 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report

Attendance

3.27pm – Mr Wallace moved from the Public Gallery to the meeting for the purposes of presenting his report

3.28pm – Ms White left the meeting and returned at 3.32pm

1. October 2009 Financial Report
2. Suicide Awareness Workshop
3. Unregistered Council Vehicles
4. 2009/2010 Rates Update

Attendance

3.42pm – Cr Crombie left the meeting

5. Creditor Payment Terms

Council determined that its accounts payable payment terms remain at 14 days.

Attendance

3.42pm – Cr Crombie entered the meeting at 3.46pm

6. Charter Costs – Bedourie Races

Min 2009.10.19

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That the costs associated with transporting a jockey for the Bedourie Race Event, 2009 be borne by Council given that the costs are minor - \$231.12 from an overall expense of \$3,278 which was the cost of Council hiring a aeroplane from Air Central West for Council business.

Carried 4/0

7. Audit Committee Meeting Date

Min 2009.10.20

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council's next Audit Committee Meeting be held at 10am on December 9, 2009.

Carried 4/0

8. Adoption of Council's Annual Report

Min 2009.10.21

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That a Special Meeting date of Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7.30pm be set to adopt Council's 2008/2009 Annual Report.

Carried 4/0

9. 2009/2010 1st Quarter Budget Review

This material was not part of the published report.

Min 2009.10.22

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That Council adopt the first quarter 2009/2010 budget review as amended.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

4.47pm – Cr Tully left the meeting

6.3 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report – Part II

Attendance

4.49pm – Cr Tully returned to the meeting

1. State Government Sets December 2010 for Completion of Asset Management Plans

2. Technical and Engineering Services Report – Financial Summary of Road Maintenance Performance Contract and Flood Damage

3. Councillor Remuneration Resolution

Min 2009.10.23

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Tully.



That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the Expenses Reimbursement Policy as presented in accordance with section 250AK of the Local Government Act 1993. Further, that Diamantina Shire Council authorise expenses to be paid by said policy as amended.

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.10.24

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the following remuneration schedule for Councillors

Name	Office	Base Fee	Attendance at approved meetings/function/conference etc. Fee per day. (Does not include travel time)
Cr R Dare	Mayor	\$44,300	\$300
Cr B Gaffney	Deputy Mayor	\$18,980	\$300
Cr G Tully	Councillor	\$12,660	\$300
Cr J Crombie	Councillor	\$12,660	\$300
Cr G Schrader	Councillor	\$12,660	\$300

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.10.25

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council provide superannuation at the rate of 12% with member contributions set at 6% and that Council permit salary sacrifice by elected members in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried 4/0

4. Tender 2009/06 – Freight Service to Diamantina Shire Council

This section of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report was retrieved from the public gallery.

Min 2009.10.26

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Council abandon the freight tender process in accordance with section 1.6B of the tender specifications due to the difficulty in comparing tenders. Further, that council be provided with a report at the next meeting for new assessment criteria that can be used to consistently compare tenderers.

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.10.27

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That Council designate all documents pertaining to the Tender 2009/06 – Freight Service to Diamantina Shire Council as Confidential.

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.10.28

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council be provided with a report on potential opportunities for preferred supplier arrangements.



Carried 4/0

Attendance

5.49pm – Mr Wallace left the meeting
5.48pm – Mr Morton left the public gallery and returned to it at 5.51pm
5.50pm – Cr Gaffney left the meeting and returned at 5.51pm

7. OTHER MINUTES

7.1 Diamantina Shire Council Children's Services – Playgroup Meeting Minutes (Bedourie)

Min 2009.10.29

Moved Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Minutes of the Bedourie Playgroup held August 25, 2009, September 29, 2009 and October 27, 2009 be endorsed.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

5.55pm – Mr Les Kent, Director of Works, attended the meeting for the purposes of presenting his report
5.57pm – Mr Kent left the meeting

7.2 Diamantina Shire Council Youth Council

Min 2009.10.30

Moved Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Youth Council held August 17, 2009, September 28, 2009 and October 26, 2009 be endorsed.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

5.58pm – Mr Les Kent attended the meeting for the purposes of presenting his report

7.3 Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting

Min 2009.10.31

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That the Minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting held August 7, 2009 be endorsed.

Carried 4/0

7.4 Foreman's Meeting

Min 2009.10.32

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That the Minutes of the Foreman's Meeting held October 30, 2009 be received.

Carried 4/0

7.5 Executive Leadership Team

Min 2009.10.33

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.



That the Minutes of the Executive Leadership Team Meeting held October 22, 2009 be received.

Carried 4/0

6.4 Director of Works Report

3. Nappabillie final report
4. Re Seal projects x 5
5. Blackspot projects 1 and 2
6. Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme Footpath - Herbert Street, Bedourie
7. Bedourie Oval
8. Birdsville Oval
9. Report on Caterpillar RM500 Mixer
10. System Leakage and Closed Circuit Television works
11. Road works Implementation Plan Report and Debrief
12. Workshop status over Christmas period
13. Vehicle and Plant Replacement
14. Productivity Comparison
15. Marion's Lookout
16. No 3 Bore
17. Vehicle Registrations
18. Warrantee Costs
19. Acquisition of Large Printer and Laminator
20. Cuppa Creek
21. Black Spot Projects 223/80A/3 and 4
22. Bedourie Tennis Courts
23. Training
24. Birdsville to South Australian Border
25. Birdsville to Windorah



26. Birdsville to Bedourie
27. Bedourie to Boulia
28. Bedourie to Windorah
29. Griifith's Tank to Cooroolbulka to Border
30. Cooroolbulka to Springvale
31. Lake Machattie Road
32. Birdsville to Simpson Desert Access
33. Bedourie to Kamaran to Sandringham
34. Diamantina Lakes to Davenport
35. Bedourie Town
36. Bedourie Aerodrome
37. Birdsville Town
38. Birdsville Aerodrome
39. Workshop
40. Sub Contractors
41. Target Expenditure December, 2009
42. Proposal for the purchase of hired Cat 627 Scraper
Obsolete and superseded. Refer Director of Works Report - Part II
43. Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008
Obsolete and superseded. Refer Director of Works Report - Part II
44. Acquisition of Large Printer and Laminator
Obsolete and superseded. Refer Director of Works Report - Part II

6.4 Director of Works Report – Part II

42. Proposal for the purchase of hired Caterpillar 627 Scraper

Min 2009.10.34

Moved by Cr Gaffney.

That this matter be deferred to Council's next meeting and for the Director of Works to report to Council with further information including service history.

Carried 4/0



43. Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

Min 2009.10.35

Moved by Cr Tully Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council ensure its facilities in Birdsville and Bedourie are suitable for the impoundment of cats.

Carried 4/0

44. Acquisition of Large Printer and Laminator

Min 2009.10.36

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council approve the expenditure on a printer and laminator to the value of \$15,000 (excluding tax) to be used by the Works Department and Tourism and Development Department on varied projects and applications for the mutual benefit gained. Further, that this purchase be funded equally from the respective programs with funding to be allocated at Council's first quarter budget review.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

7.06pm – Mr Kent left the meeting and returned at 7.07pm

7.07pm – Mr Bourne entered the meeting for the purposes of presenting the Engineers Report

6.5 Engineer's Report

1.0 Cuttaburra Floodways – 44/81A/22

Min 2009.10.37

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council adopt Option three, being to change the scope of Department of Transport and Main Roads approved job no. 44/81A/22 (Cuttaburra Floodways) scheduled for 2012/2013 with an associated budget of \$690,000 to a project to pave and seal a more economical section of the Bedourie-Birdsville Road being the 8.2 kilometre section known as the '9 Mile Flat' on the basis that Council will fund the shortfall if necessary.

Carried 4/0

2.0 Visits to Shire/Conferences

3.0 Main Roads Expenditure

3.1 Road Maintenance Performance Contract

4.0 Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contract Works

4.1 Reseals 44/81A/708, 44/93C/716 (2008/2009)

Reseals 223/81A/709, 223/93D/709 (2009/2010)

4.2 Nappabillie 44/80A/13

4.3 No. 3 Realignment 44/93C/17



- 4.4 No. 3 Rest Stop 44/93C/18
- 4.5 Devils Grid 44/81A/17,19 and 21
- 4.6 Cuttaburra Floodway's 44/81A/22

- Plan realignments and identify sections on Bedourie-Birdsville Road at the next meeting.

- 5.0 Birdsville Subdivision
- 6.0 Flood Damage Estimates
- 7.0 Bedourie Residential Subdivision
- 8.0 Natural Disaster Mitigation Program Submissions
- 9.0 Roads to Recovery
- 10.0 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme
- 11.0 Works Programme Two Year Look-Ahead
- 12.0 Betoota Realignment
- 13.0 Black Spot Funding
- 14.0 Bedourie Cooling Pond
- 15.0 Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodrome Terminal Layouts and Development Plan

Min 2009.10.38

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council consult with the community regarding the proposed new airport terminal buildings for Birdsville and Bedourie Airports at its earliest convenience, consider any feedback received on December 9, 2009 at 10am, then invite tenders for the design and construction of both buildings.

Carried 4/0

- 16.0 Birdsville Aerodrome Crack Sealing
- 17.0 Birdsville Pedestrian Footpath
- 18.0 Linemarking

Attendance

7.51pm – Mr Kent and Mr Bourne left the meeting

7.52pm – Mr Brian Mooney, Tourism and Development Manager, entered the meeting for the purposes of presenting his report



6.6 Tourism and Development Manager

1. Queensland Events Conference
2. Curators Visit to Shire
3. Outback Queensland Tourism Authority Special Meeting – Winton
4. Wirrarri Visitor Centre Postcards
5. Birdsville Races Visitors - Estimated Revenue into Australian Businesses
6. Shire Visitation Numbers for 2009
7. Conservation Management Plans
8. New Birdsville Homes
9. Report of Fire Damage – Lot 603, Eyre Street Bedourie
10. Country and Regional Living Expo (Country Week)
11. Elizabeth Springs – National Heritage List
12. Correspondence from Mr Geoff Morton Regarding Television Advertising and Gary Peoples
- Feedback being obtained by Gary Peoples and Tourism and Development Manager to present at December, 2009 Meeting. Response to be forwarded to Mr Morton about the advertising and advertising of the three race meets to be considered for 2010.
13. Visitor Statistics
14. Funding Report
15. Eat-Well Be-Active Program
16. Low Carbon Diet
17. Housing Report
18. Community Development Report
19. Birdsville Caravan Park – Quote for Ablution Upgrade

Min 2009.10.39

Moved by Cr Gaffney.

That all matters pertaining to the Birdsville Caravan Park be deferred to Council's next meeting and in the meantime an inspection be carried out and a full report prepared for Council.

Carried 4/0



20. Betoota Race Club

Min 2009.10.40

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council approves the Capital Expenditure from it's 2009 – 2010 budget for Betoota Race Club's infrastructure improvements to the outside running rail at Betoota Racecourse.

Carried 4/0

21. Four Wheel Drive Training for Diamantina Shire

Min 2009.10.41

Moved by Cr Tully.

That Council defer this matter to its December, 2009 meeting and that the Chief Executive Officer obtain more information and in particular, whether it is a mandatory requirement for an employer to provide training for employees required to drive a four wheel drive work vehicle to carry out the requirements of their role.

Carried 4/0

22. Birdsville Caravan Park Requests

23. Bedourie Visitors Centre

Min 2009.10.42

Moved by Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council officially open the Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre at a convenient date during February, 2010. Further, that Mr Vaughan Johnson, MP and/or Mrs Betty Kiernan, Member for Mount Isa be invited to perform the opening.

Carried 4/0

24. Maiden Gully Marong Lions Club / Bendigo Jockey Club

Min 2009.10.43

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council participate in the promotional event to promote the Maiden Gully Marong Lions Club annual fundraising trip to Birdsville as organised by the Maiden Gully Marong Lions Club with the Bendigo Jockey Club to be held at Bendigo, Victoria on February 21, 2010.

Carried 4/0

6.6 Tourism and Development Manager – Part II

1. Email from Mr Geoff Morton - North and West Queensland Primary Health Care

Min 2009.10.44

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council advise Mr and Mrs Geoff Morton that in light of the contention regarding the available uses of the funds in the Diamantina Health Service fundraising account, that Council is not interested in accessing funds to offset the shortfall (being \$15,348.70) in grant monies for the acquisition of x-ray machines for Diamantina Health Service.



Rather, Council will use funds from its operating account to offset the shortfall in grant monies (\$15,348.70) and adjust its budget accordingly.

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.10.45

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council use funds from Council's operating account to offset the shortfall in grant monies (\$15,348.70) for the acquisition of x-ray machines for Diamantina Health Service and adjust its budget accordingly.

Carried 4/0

Restoration Support – Lady Diamantina Bowen

Min 2009.10.46

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council request support from the Hon. Betty Kiernan MP, Member for Mt Isa in persuading the Queensland Government to pursue the restoration of the grave site of Lady Diamantina Roma Bowen in Kensal Green Cemetery, London.

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.10.47

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Diamantina Shire Council advise Minserv Pty Ltd that it accepts the 2010 fee schedule for the operation of the Birdsville Caravan Park in accordance with clause 60.1 of the lease agreement between the said parties.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

9.03pm – Mr Brian Mooney left the meeting

8. COUNCILLORS IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ludlow Bore

– Cr Schrader advised that Sandringham Station has not been billed for use of water, usually \$200 per year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Minutes confirmed this Eighteenth day of December, 2009.

Cr Robbie Dare
MAYOR

