

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held at the Diamantina Shire Council Administration Centre, Bedourie on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 commencing at 9.17am.

1. Attendance

Cr Robbie Dare (Mayor)	Cr Barry Gaffney (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Joyce Crombie	Cr Garth Tully
Mr Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)	Ms Lisa White (Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer)

2. Apologies

Min 2009.9.1

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Gaffney.
That Cr Geoff Schrader's apology be accepted.

Carried 4/0

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Min 2009.9.2

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held September 21, 2009 be confirmed.

Carried 4/0

4. Notices of Motion

Nil.

5. Motion to receive all reports

Min 2009.9.3

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

Carried 4/0

6. Reports

6.1 Operational Plan Report

Nil submitted due to problems incurred with the reporting software Microsoft 'Access'. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provided context around problem and confirmed full reporting would be presented at Ordinary Meeting No. 10 and would add an extra one to two hours to meeting duration.

Councillors agreed for the CEO to schedule a separate telephone conference in November to review the operational plan reporting, separate to Ordinary Meeting No. 10.

6.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

This matter was not part of the published agenda.



- A. Mr John Menzies phone message – The CEO played a pre recorded aggressive voice message which was left by Mr Menzies on the CEO's home telephone. The CEO advised that the matter has been brought to the attention of the police for further investigation. The Councillors' expressed concern and supported the CEO's decision.

1. Community Consultation – Birdsville

Min 2009.9.4

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council hold a public consultation session in Birdsville on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 9am to 12 noon.

Carried 4/0

INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

2. Staff Matters

3. PowerPoint Presentation

The 'New mining and energy developments in Central West Queensland 2009' presentation that was made by Mr Phil Ferenczi, Regional Geologist of Queensland Mining and Engineering Rockhampton at the Remote Area Planning & Development Board meeting, was re-presented in summary by the CEO.

Attendance

10.04am – Cr Dare left the meeting

10.05am – Upon invitation, Mr Kent joined the meeting for the purposes of presenting his report

10.06am – Cr Dare returned to the meeting

6.4 Director of Works Report

INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

3. RPC Nappabillie: 44/80/13
4. Re Seal Works: 44/81A/708, 44/93C/716, 223/81A/709, 223/93D/709, 810/170
5. Black Spot Projects: 223/80A/1 & 2
6. Bedourie Tennis Courts
7. Training
8. Birdsville to South Australian Border
9. Birdsville to Windorah
10. Birdsville to Bedourie
11. Bedourie to Boulia
12. Bedourie to Windorah
- Water tank for fatigue management shelter to be connected to No. 3 bore.
13. Griffith Tanks to Coorabulka to Border

14. Coorabulka to Springvale
15. Carcoory to Stoney Crossing
- Mr Kent to address problem of grid being vertically aligned too high by increasing road approaches.
16. Birdsville to Simpson Desert Access
17. Sandringham to Ethabuka
18. Diamantina Lakes to Davenport
19. Bedourie Town

Attendance

- 10.45am – The CEO contacted Mr Paul Tones (Bedourie Town Services Foreman) by telephone for the purpose of obtaining further information regarding the Bedourie Sports Oval surface upgrade and concluded at the same time
 - 10.53am – Meeting adjourned for morning tea
 - 11.11am – Meeting resumed
20. Bedourie Aerodrome
 21. Birdsville Town
 22. Birdsville Aerodrome
 23. Workshop
Vehicles and warranty - Councillors recommended that the CEO contact Mr Craig Black of Black Toyota to resolve the matter.
 24. Sub Contractors
Mr Kent to continue to enforce requirement that subcontractors provide quotes prior to works commencing.
 25. RIP Funding, Blackspots, Tid's
- Attendance**
- 12.09pm – The CEO left the meeting and returned at this time
26. Target Expenditure December 2009

OTHER MATTERS

These matters were not part of the published agenda.

27. Lookout – Mr Kent advised that Cr Dare and Mr Trevor Stewart (Overseer) conducted a site visit to determine proposed location for establishment of a Lookout (refer site map - p38).
28. Use of old Tyres – Mr Kent said there could be a creative use for excess tyres.
29. Rotary Mixer – Mr Kent to make enquiries into the status of warranty and possible costs associated with recent repairs.
30. Light vehicle servicing – Mr Kent to make enquiries as to why Council would be having light vehicles serviced in Mount Isa.



Attendance

12.38pm – Mr Kent left the meeting

31. The CEO and Councillors discussed generally various other items including Business Support Training; the Director of Works position; Overseer position – Mr Stewart and Mr Kev Barr Snr.

Attendance

1.11pm – Meeting adjourned for lunch

Attendance

2.17pm – Meeting resumed

2.19pm – Mr Kent, Mr Stuart Bourne, Civil Engineer and Mr Keith Luckhurst, Senior Engineer, both of George Bourne & Associates joined the meeting, the latter gentleman for the purposes of presenting the Engineers Report

6.5 Engineers Report

INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

2.0 Visits to Shire/Conferences

Attendance

2.22pm – Ms White left the meeting

3.0 Main Roads expenditure

3.1 RMPC contract

4.0 Main Roads MWPC 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 & 21

4.6 Cuttaburra Floodway's 44/81A/22

5.0 Birdsville Subdivision

Mr Trevor Stewart (Overseer) to be involved with planning Stage II works.

Attendance

2.27pm – Ms White returned to the meeting

2.49pm – Mr Henry Wallace, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO) entered the meeting and left at the same time.

6.0 Flood Damage Estimates

7.0 Bedourie Residential Subdivision

Identified need to finalise subdivision layout for Bedourie in terms of telephone and water infrastructure.

8.0 Natural Disaster Mitigation Program Submissions

9.0 Roads to Recovery

10.0 TIDS

11.0 Works Programme 2 year look ahead

12.0 Betoota Realignment

13.0 Black Spot Funding

14.0 Bedourie Cooling Pond

Mr Bourne to prepare documentation as if to go to tender. The CEO to progress matter of funding in the interim.

15.0 Bedourie & Birdsville Aerodrome Terminal Layouts and Development Plan

16.0 Birdsville Aerodrome Crack Sealing

17.0 Birdsville Pedestrian Footpath

18.0 Linemarking

OTHER MATTERS

This matter was not part of the published agenda.

19.0 Sports Centre – reviewed late correspondence/plans provided by Mr Bourne. Agreed to finalise residential subdivision layout for Bedourie in terms of telephone and water infrastructure. Suggestions to be considered:

- Development footprint to be increased
- Toilets (urinal and two pans) to be added to change rooms
- Building width to be increased to 22m
- Storeroom area to be increased
- Kitchen area to be increased to be suitable for commercial application
- Breezeway to be included
- Change room for mothers to be incorporated

Attendance

3.23pm – Mr Bourne and Mr Luckhurst left the meeting

6.4 Director of Works Report (Cont)

OTHER MATTERS

This matter was not part of the published agenda.

32. Road Inspection

Min 2009.9.5

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council hold a road inspection, route to be determined, on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and Wednesday, December 16, 2009.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

3.34pm – Mr Kent left the meeting

3.36pm – Cr Crombie left the meeting



3.36pm – Ms White left the meeting and returned with Mr Henry Wallace (DCEO)
3.36pm – Cr Crombie returned to the meeting at 3.38pm

6.3 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report - Late

This report was not part of the published agenda.

INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

1. **September 2009 Financial Report**

Attendance

3.41pm – Ms White left the meeting and returned at 3.42pm

2. **2009/2010 1st Quarter Budget Review**

3. **2008/2009 Audit**

4. **2009/2010 Rates**

DECISION REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL

5. **Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) \$100m - Round Two**

Min 2009.9.6

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council submit a proposal to obtain the \$30,000 under round two of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program for the purposes of improving the Birdsville Oval Walkway project by the installation of lighting.

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.9.7

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

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

OTHER MATTERS

6. **Freight Tender**

Council to be provided with a copy of Council's Policy, advertisement, invite documents, responses, summary and analysis of responses and discussion from Mr Henry Wallace. Further, that a telephone discussion be organised.

Attendance

4.47pm – Mr Wallace left the room

4.47pm – Ms White left the room and returned the same minute with Mr Brian Mooney (Tourism Development Manager) who was present for the purposes of presenting his report



6.6 TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

ADVICE SOUGHT

1. Use of Birdsville Community Hall

Min 2009.9.8

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That council permit the Community Hall in Birdsville to be used for accommodation for the eight people participating on the Royal Flying Doctor Service Trek 2010 from McKenzie Hall Pty Ltd on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the cost of \$100 per person per night, with funds received to be donated by Council to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Carried 4/0

INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Visitor Statistics

2. Birdsville Races
 - Council agreed to defer consideration of Birdsville Race matters till early 2010.
 - Council staffing – implement a roster to address staffing issues during this time.
3. Drug and Alcohol Management Plan (DAMP)

Attendance

5.28pm – Ms White left the meeting at 5.25pm and returned at 5.30pm

4. Horse Wash Downs on River – Birdsville
5. Cuttaburra Crossing – Birdhides
6. Asbestos Report 2009
 - Entire Report to be submitted to future Council Meeting.
7. Funding Managers Report
8. Diamantina Shire Council Children Services
9. Youth Council Meeting
10. Marrawilla Street Housing Landscaping
11. Community Housing Applications

DECISION REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL

12. Establishment of BBQ at Council Caravan Park

Min 2009.9.9

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council approves the construction of a barbeque at the location identified at the Council Caravan Park in Bedourie by the Youth Council.

Carried 4/0



6.6 CONFIDENTIAL TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT – PART II

Min 2009.9.10

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

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

Attendance

Meeting closed at 5.52pm

Carried 4/0

Min 2009.9.11

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Council reopen its meeting to the public.

Attendance

Meeting reopened at 6.39pm

Carried 4/0

OTHER MATTERS

13. **Thank you to Mr Mooney**

Min 2009.9.12

Resolved.

That Mr Mooney be formally thanked for his efforts with respect to the three race meets with a special thank you for Mr Mooney's efforts with respect to the ute muster event. Cr Gaffney was particularly impressed with Mr Mooney's handling of matters raised by members of the public during these events.

14. **Birdsville Races - Additional Entertainment**

Min 2009.9.13

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council provide each of the Race Clubs with verbatim feedback from the written report from the Events Coordinator and with respect to the advice to Birdsville that Council is happy to support the Race Club in an entertainment role if they allow Council to do so.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

6.52pm – Mr Mooney left the meeting and returned at the same time

15. **Late correspondence**

This report was not part of the published agenda.

Min 2009.9.14

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Council thank the Department of Environment and Resource Management for its correspondence and seek clarification around the development of the public access road matter, requesting the road be developed along the west side of the old rabbit fence in the northern Simpson Desert, not the east.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

7.01pm – Mr Mooney left the meeting

7. COUNCILLORS IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Kit Homes - Cr Tully enquired as to whether any thought has been given to purchasing kit homes and having GW Murphy erect them.
2. Skytrans management in town - Cr Dare invited other Councillors to attend dinner at 6pm on October 15, 2009 at the Roadhouse.
3. Re-union – Cr Crombie suggested holding a reunion for Councillors and CEOs.

Attendance

7.22pm – Ms White left the meeting

4. Honour Board – develop a list for an honour board for each town of past elected members, Shire Clerks and CEOs.

Min 2009.9.15

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded Cr Dare.

That Council develop an honour board for Councillors and CEOs to be displayed in each town.

Carried 4/0

Attendance

7.27pm – Ms White returned to the meeting

5. National Roads Congress, Mackay

Min 2009.9.16

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That Councillors Dare and Crombie attend the National Local Roads and Transport Congress on November 8 – 10, 2009 in Mackay with registrations for remaining Councillors to be submitted upon their request should they become available.

Carried 4/0

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.31pm.

Minutes confirmed this Sixteenth day of November, 2009.



**Cr Barry Gaffney
DEPUTY MAYOR**