

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Diamantina held
in the Birdsville Community Hall, Birdsville on Monday, November 24, 2008
commencing at 9am.**

1. Attendance

Cr Robert Dare (Mayor)	Cr Barry Gaffney (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Joyce Crombie	Cr Geoff Schrader
Henry Wallace (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)	Ms Karen McGrath (Personnel Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer)

2. Apologies

Cr Garth Tully	Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)
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Min 2008.11.1

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the apologies tendered by Cr Tully and the Chief Executive Officer be received.

Carried 4/0.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Min 2008.11.2

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Dare.

That the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held October 27, 2008 be confirmed.

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.11.3

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That all officers' reports be received.

Carried 4/0.

4. Chief Executive Officers Report

1. Desert Channels Queensland Meeting – Bedourie Town Common

Min 2008.11.4

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Bedourie town common boundary fence be altered to include within the common land area the stock water trough located on the eastern side of the sand hill running north-south in relation to the township.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Cr Dare left the meeting at 9.38am and returned immediately.

12. Councillors Ideas and Recommendations

12.1 December, 2008 Meeting Date

Min 2008.11.5

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Dare.

That the December, 2008 Ordinary Meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 be postponed to Friday, December 19, 2008 and that the meeting conclude by 3pm to permit councillor attendance at the council Christmas break up party.

Carried 4/0.

12.2 Local Government Bill 2008

Min 2008.11.6

Resolved.

That Cr Dare attend the Local Government Executive Meeting in Brisbane on December 18, 2008 to discuss key elements of the recently introduced Local Government Bill such as the Financial Sustainability and Accountability of Councils, Material Personal Interest and Conflict of Interest.

4. Chief Executive Officers Report (continued)

18. 2009 Meeting Dates

Min 2008.11.7

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council hold its Ordinary Meetings on the following Monday's during 2009.

	February 23	March 16	April 20
May 18	June 15	July 20	August 17
September 21	October 19	November 16	December 21

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Morning Tea adjournment from 10.48am to 11.05am.

19. Corporate Planning

Min 2008.11.8

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That the Diamantina Shire Council hold a Corporate Planning Session on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

Carried 4/0.

20. ORRG Technical Committee

Min 2008.11.9

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council nominate its Director of Works, Mr Kevin Barr as its representative on the Outback Regional Roads Group Technical Committee.

Carried 4/0.

21. ORRG LRRS

Council was encouraged to reconsider its position regarding its Local Roads of Regional Significance network.

Min 2008.11.10

Resolved.

That council retain only one Local Road of Regional Significance, the Bedourie – Windorah Road. Further, that neighbouring shires and the Outback Regional Road Group be advised of this position.

Attendance

- Mrs Rowlands entered and left the meeting at 11.28am

5. Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report

Considered by Council.

6. Director of Works Report

Considered by council.

8. Technical and Engineering Services Report

Increase Birdsville Tyre Pressure Rating

Min 2008.11.11

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Birdsville aerodrome runway 14/32 Tyre Pressure Rating be re-assessed in light of Queensland Airport Consultants aerodrome report dated July 2, 2007 in conjunction with the pavement performance to date, and that the tyre pressure rating be increased to 850 kilopascals.

Carried 4/0.

9. Environmental Health Officer's Report

Considered by council.

10. Correspondence for Decision

11.10.1 Mount Isa Community Helicopter Inc. – Funding Request

Min 2008.11.12

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Dare.

That council donate \$2,000 toward Mount Isa Community Helicopter Inc for 2008/09 and pledge to donate approximately \$5,000 for the 2009/10 financial year.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Cr Schrader left the meeting at 12.39pm and returned at 12.41pm.

11.10.4. The Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. – Native Title Claim Negotiations

Min 2008.11.13

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Dare.

That Diamantina Shire Council group with other relevant councils for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and assistance for the negotiation of native title claims that it is currently affected by.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Adjournment for lunch from 1.03pm to 2.17pm.
- Mr Brian Mooney, Tourism and Development Manager was in attendance when the meeting resumed for the purpose of presenting his report.

7. Tourism and Development Managers Report

Big Red – Birdsville

Min 2008.11.14

Resolved.

That Mr Brian Mooney (Tourism and Development Manager) investigate development strategies for Big Red provided there is no cost to council.

Attendance

- Cr Schrader left the meeting at 2.50pm and returned at 2.53pm.

7.1 Tourism and Development Managers Late Report

Wirrarrri Visitor Information Centre

Hanging interpretive signage will only be permitted in the foyer and library sections of the Wirrarrri Centre, Birdsville.

Attendance

- Mrs Katrina Ireland, Principal, Birdsville State Primary School entered the meeting at 3.07pm for the purpose of discussing public use of the swimming pool at the Birdsville State Primary School.
- Mr Mooney left the meeting at 3.12pm.

10. Correspondence for Decision (continued)

11.10.2 Department of Education, Training and the Arts – Public Access to the Birdsville State School Swimming Pool

Min 2008.11.15

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Dare.

That council advise the Department of Education, Training and the Arts that it is not willing to enter into a community use agreement to provide public access to the Birdsville State Primary School swimming pool at this stage however council would be willing to financially support a Birdsville community group that is willing. Councils level of financial support would include meeting increased maintenance costs as a result of the usage increase, public liability and assistance in training required for a supervisor to

- implement safety procedures;
- effect recovery from the water;
- perform first aid; and
- perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Further, that a copy of this advice be forwarded to Mrs Katrina Ireland, Principal, Birdsville State Primary School.

Carried 4/0.

11.10.5 Proposed Mobile Phone Base Station (Confidential)

Min 2008.11.16

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

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

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Upon request, Ms McGrath left the meeting at 3.48pm.
- Cr Dare left the meeting at 3.48pm to attend a phone call from Mr Paul Bell, President, Local Government Association Queensland Inc. and returned at 3.56pm.

Min 2008.11.17

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That Diamantina Shire Council reopen its meeting to the public.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Upon invitation, Ms McGrath returned to the meeting at 4.07pm

Min 2008.11.18

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council seek a response from Optus on the following matters in order to properly consider their proposal to establish mobile base stations at Bedourie and Birdsville at the December, 2008 Ordinary Meeting.

1. **Will the cost of the service be affordable? Council notes the significant capital outlay for a limited quantity of consumers.**
2. **Regarding satellite latency, will this technology be faster than existing technology and if so, how?**
3. **Will wireless devices be compatible with the frequency this technology operates on?**

Carried 4/0.

11.10.6 Department of Health and Ageing – Birdsville & Bedourie Regional Health Service 2007-08 Progress Report

Min 2008.11.19

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Dare.

Received and noted.

Carried 4/0.

11.10.7 Mayor Cr Ed Warren - Chairman of the Central Western Queensland Remote Are Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) and Mayor of Winton Shire Council – The Future of the Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA)

Council considered that it would be advantageous to make a decision after the teleconference held on November 25, 2008.

11.10.8 Ingenero – Solar Generation in the townships of Bedourie and Birdsville

Min 2008.11.20

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Council arrange a deputation from Ergon Energy to discuss alternative power sources and the future of the power stations at Bedourie and Birdsville.

Carried 4/0.

11.10.9 Minister for Main Roads and Local Government – Increase in Value of the Penalty Unit

Min 2008.11.21

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council advise the Honourable Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government and the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation that it elects to opt in with respect to the application of an increase in the value of a penalty unit from \$75 to \$100 for legislation council administrators within its jurisdiction.

Carried 4/0.

11.10.10 Cheryl Wicks Letter of Objection Regarding Differential General Rate Levy

Min 2008.11.22

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That council advise Ms Wicks that upon considering her objection to the minimum general rate levy for 'mining' as per councils Differential General Rating structure, and upon considering the impact of the rate level on all ratepayers within the category, council considers the increase to be equitable.

Carried 4/0.

11. Late Correspondence for Decision

11.11.1 Arrabury Pastoral Company – Rates Assessment No. 00135-00000-000

Min 2008.11.23

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That council pay to Arrabury Pastoral Company the amount of \$7,631.40 which represents the discount amount of 15% which was not allowed for on rate assessment 00135-00000-000 as a result of an error on the rate card.

Carried 4/0.

11.11.2 Diamantina Health Service – Budget Surplus

Min 2008.11.24

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council inform the Diamantina Health Service (Birdsville) that the audit of the Diamantina Health Service is yet to be completed and therefore the estimated surplus of \$28,000 is not confirmed.

Carried 4/0.

10. Correspondence for Decision (continued)

11.10.2 Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. – Local Government Bill
2008

Min 2008.11.25

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Mayor Cr Rob Dare represent Diamantina Shire Council at the Local Government Bill 2008 discussion to be held on December 12, 2008.

Carried 4/0.

12. Councillors Ideas and Recommendations

12.1 Boulia – Bedourie Mail Service

Min 2008.11.26

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Dare.

That Council write to Australia Post, Townsville regarding the mail service between Boulia – Bedourie – Boulia via Sandringham and Carlo Stations advising of the recent problems that have occurred.

Carried 4/0.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.53pm.

Minutes confirmed this nineteenth day of December, 2008.

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Cr Barry Gaffney
Deputy MAYOR

