

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Diamantina held in the Board Room of the Diamantina Shire Council Administration Centre, Bedourie on Monday, September 15, 2008 commencing at 9.10am.

1. Attendance

Cr Barry Gaffney (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Joyce Crombie
Cr Geoff Schrader	Cr Garth Tully
Scott Mason (Chief Executive Officer)	

2. Apologies

Cr Rob Dare (Mayor)	
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Min 2008.9.1

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the apology tendered by Cr Rob Dare be accepted.

Carried 4/0.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Min 2008.9.2

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held August 18, 2008 be confirmed.

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.9.3

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held August 18 and August 29, 2008 be confirmed.

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.9.4

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That all officers' reports be received.

Carried 4/0.

4. Chief Executive Officers Report

Min 2008.9.5

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That Diamantina Shire host a farewell community barbecue for the Honorable Mr Vaughan Johnson MP, Member for Gregory at the Bedourie Community Centre.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Scott Mason left the meeting at 9.15am and returned at this time.
- Mr Brian Mooney, Tourism and Development Manager entered the meeting at 9.17am for the purpose of presenting his report.

7. Tourism and Development Report

Attendance

- Scott Mason left the meeting at 9.26am and returned at 9.28am.
- Scott Mason left the meeting at 9.44am and returned at 9.46am.
- Mr Richard Cooley, Funding Manager entered the meeting at 9.50am for the purpose of discussing several funding opportunities. He left at 10.20am.

Min 2008.9.6

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council allocate \$1,400 toward the Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour event to be held in Birdsville on October 19, 2008.

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.9.7

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That pursuant to section 915(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Adelaide Street, Birdsville, from ANZAC Park, east to the intersection of McDonald Street, Birdsville, be closed to traffic between 2.30pm and 5pm on Sunday, October 19, 2008, and also Burt Street, Birdsville, from the intersection of Burt and Adelaide Streets to Graham Street, Birdsville from 1.30pm to 5pm on Sunday October 19, 2008 for the purpose of a parade for the Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.9.8

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council approve the following community housing applications.

Tenant	Accommodation size	Address
Mr John Warren	1 bedroom unit	Unit 1, 601 Eyre Street, Bedourie
Mr and Mrs Neil Stevens	2 bedroom unit	Unit 2, 5 Eyre Street, Bedourie
Mr John Hanna	2 bedroom unit	Unit 2, 18 Gibber Court, Birdsville

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.9.9

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That the three two-bedroom transportable homes for Bedourie be sited on the following lots.

- Lot 809 on Plan EU8, Parish Bedourie (Wodonga Street)
- Lot 207 on Plan EU8, Parish Bedourie (Marrawilla Street)
- Lot 2 on SP197778, Parish Bedourie (Merri Street)

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.9.10

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That in light of information regarding the final costs of the four two-bedroom transportable homes recently erected in Bedourie, that council elevate the reserve price from \$180,000 to \$190,000 for Lot 1 on SP197778, Parish Bedourie (701 Eyre Street).

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Morning tea adjournment from 10.56am to 11.16am.
- Mr Mooney was not in attendance when the meeting resumed.
- Mr Henry Wallace (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) was in attendance when the meeting resumed. Mr Wallace was present for the purpose of presenting his report.

5. Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report

Min 2008.9.11

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That council charge CRC Electrical \$110 rent per week for occupying the area within the old workshop building.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

Mr Wallace left the meeting at 11.47am.

9. Correspondence for Decision

9.4.1 – Two Extra Dogs – Holly Sloan

Min 2008.9.12

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council grant permission for Miss Holly Sloan to temporarily house two additional dogs at her residence, 2/20 Lignum Court up to and including October 17, 2008.

Carried 4/0.

9.4.2 McInnes Wilson Lawyers – Native Title Application – Mithaka People

Received and noted.

9.4.3 Earth Energy Renewable Review

Considered by council.

9.4.4 Diamantina Cost of Living Comparison

Received and noted.

Min 2008.9.13

Resolved.

That Dr Ann Ingamells, Griffith University and Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre be invited to address council at a forthcoming meeting to discuss the Diamantina Cost of Living Comparison Report.

9.4.5 Purposes Deed – Transfer of Property from Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation

Min 2008.8.14

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Tully.

That council advise the Department of Health and Ageing that it is willing to execute a purposes deed for the transfer of ownership of the Bedourie Clinic from the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation to the Diamantina Shire Council provided that:

- the sum payable for a breach event as per clause 5(b) is reduced to a reasonable amount;
- that the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation confirm that no applicable State approvals under the Statutory Bodies and Financial Arrangements Act 1982 are required;
- that clauses 6(e) and (f) are deleted; and
- that the commonwealth provide some mechanism to allow council to bring the Purposes Deed to an end on reasonable terms.

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.8.15

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council donate the surplus Christmas gifts from previous years to the Youth Council to raffle for fundraising.

Carried 4/0.

12. Other Minutes

Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Youth Council – August 15, 2008

Considered by council.

Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Youth Council – September 8, 2008

Considered by council.

Attendance

Scott Mason left the meeting at 12.15pm and returned at 12.16pm.

Light Vehicle Tenders

Min 2008.9.15

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council trade the following vehicles.

Disposal	Acquisition	Supplier	Change Over (\$)
Unit 971 Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Black Toyota, Dalby	19,501
Unit 977 Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Black Toyota, Dalby	20,301
Unit 1002 Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Black Toyota, Dalby	18,701
Unit 1001 Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Toyota Landcruiser Workmate	Black Toyota, Dalby	24,712
Unit 976 Toyota Hilux Dual Cab	Toyota Hilux Single Cab	Black Toyota, Dalby	12,203
Unit 1100	Nissan Patrol ST	Pickerings, Mount	18,900

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Unit 1101 Nissan Patrol	Nissan Patrol ST	Pickerings, Mount Isa	19,400
Unit 1102 Nissan Patrol	Landcruiser GXL 200S	Black Toyota, Dalby	49,485
Unit 1103 Nissan Patrol	Nissan Patrol ST	Pickerings, Mount Isa	16,400
Total cost			199,603
Total budget			203,500

Carried 4/0.

Power Upgrade

2008.9.16

Resolved.

That power to the Bedourie Airport and Bedourie Race Track be upgraded to three phase capacity.

10. Councillors Reports

Cr Crombie

- Verbal abuse incident amongst Birdsville parks and gardens staff
- Unauthorised and inappropriate use of troop carrier by a council employee

Cr Schrader

- Town common is affected by drought – stocking rates may need to be cut back
- Muster of town common to be organised

Cr Gaffney

- Town clean up to be organised and a council loader to be made available for larger items of junk

Attendance

Luncheon adjournment from 12.55pm to 2pm.

Mr Kev Barr (Director of Works) was in attendance when the meeting resumed.

6. Director of Works Report

Mr Barr advised that the Cluny Sandhill job has been complicated by cultural heritage issues. The planned 1.6 metre cut (option B) is not achievable because of culturally significant material found. Option C (0.9 metre cut) may be feasible.

Attendance

- Scott Mason left the meeting at 2.26pm and returned at 2.28pm.
- Scott Mason left the meeting at 2.58pm and returned at 3pm.
- Messer's Cooley and Mooney entered the meeting at 3pm for the purpose of listening to the EarthEnergy presentation.
- Mr Michael Sherington, Director, EarthEnergy Australia Pty Ltd entered the meeting at 3pm for the purpose of delivering a presentation on the potential of renewable energy.

11. Deputation

Mr Sherington tabled a Renewable Energy Study Proposal for council's consideration.

Attendance

- Cr Schrader left the meeting at 3.39pm and returned at 3.40pm.
- Messer's Cooley, Mooney and Sherington left the meeting at 3.55pm.
- Mr Stuart Bourne, Engineer, George Bourne and Associates attended the meeting at 3.55pm for the purposed of presenting his report.
- Scott Mason left the meeting at 3.55pm and returned at 3.57pm.
- 4.25
- Kev 4.34

8. Engineers Report

Considered by council.

Attendance

- Mr Bourne left the meeting at 4.25pm.
- Mr Barr left the meeting at 4.34 pm.

4. Chief Executive Officers Report (Continued)

19. Policy Upgrade

Min 2008.9.17

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That Diamantina Shire Council repeal policy number 1.29 'Road Closures' and adopt the 'Birdsville Races Street Closure Policy' as presented.

Carried 4/0.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.35pm.

Minutes confirmed this twenty seventh day of October, 2008.

Cr Rob Dare
MAYOR