

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Diamantina held in the Board Room of the Diamantina Shire Council Administration Centre, Bedourie on Monday, August 18, 2008 commencing at 9.12am.

1. Attendance

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

2. Apologies

Cr Garth Tully	
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Min 2008.8.1

**Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.
That the apology tendered by Cr Tully be received.**

Carried 4/0.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Min 2008.8.2

**Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.
That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held July 21, 2008 be confirmed.**

Carried 4/0.

Min 2008.8.3

**Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Schrader.
That the Minutes of the Pre Budget Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held August 6, 2008 be confirmed.**

Carried 4/0.

Officers' Reports

Min 2008.8.4

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

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

Scott Mason left the meeting at 9.15am and returned at this time in the company of Mr Brian Mooney (Tourism and Development Manager). Mr Mooney was in attendance to present his report.

8.7 Tourism and Development Manager Report

1 – Youth Development and Local Government Conference

It was agreed to not pursue this conference given that a significant amount of resources have been invested into the Youth Council of late. Also it is expected that the 2008/09 budget will be somewhat constrained.

8 – Waste Management Services (Birdsville Races)

It was agreed to not have Bedourie septic tanks serviced by Veolia Environmental Services during Birdsville Race Week, 2008.

Attendance

Cr Gaffney left the meeting at 9.30am and returned at 9.32am.

19 – Oldest Homes

Considered by council.

8.7b Late Tourism and Development Manager Report

Tenders for Cleaning

Min 2008.8.5

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council award the cleaning contract for Birdsville and Bedourie to Holistic Facility Services on the basis that the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that the provider can provide an adequate service for the tendered price.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Mr Mooney left the meeting at 10.50am.
- Cr Gaffney left the meeting at 10.50am and returned at 10.51am.
- Scott Mason left the meeting at 10.50am and returned at 10.51am in the company of Mr John Brun, Principal Planner, Department of Infrastructure and Planning. Mr Brun was in attendance for the purpose of presenting council with the Draft Central West Regional Plan.
- Ms Jodie Wynne, Planner, Department of Infrastructure and Planning entered the meeting at 10.55am, also for the purpose of presenting council with the Draft Central West Regional Plan.

11. Deputation – Draft Central West Regional Plan

Mr Brun tabled copies of the Draft Central West Regional Plan.

He agreed to consider the following matters on behalf of council:

- Elevating the classification of Birdsville from a 'community activity centre' to a 'district rural activity centre' (to be equivalent with Bedourie); and
- Elevating the classification of the Bedourie Airport from 'minor' to 'major'.

Submissions regarding the plan close October 29, 2008. The above concerns should be included in council's submission. Mr Brun encouraged council to review the land use polices contained within the plan.

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Mr Brun advised that there have been 1,400 mining leases released in the Diamantina and Boulia shires. The major mineral resource is copper.

The next Regional Planning Advisory Committee/Regional Coordination Committee Meeting will be held during November, 2008.

Attendance

Mr Brun and Ms Wynne left the meeting at 11.17am.

8.7 Tourism and Development Manager Report (Continued)

19 – Oldest Homes (Continued)

Attendance

Mr Kevin Barr (Director of Works) entered the meeting at 11.22am. Mr Barr was in attendance for the purpose of presenting his report.

Minute 2008.8.6

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council offer the following properties for sale by auction in accordance with section 491 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Lot	Plan	Parish	Address
1	SP197778	Bedourie	701 Eyre Street, Bedourie
2	SP197779	Bedourie	1 Timor Street, Bedourie
3	SP197779	Bedourie	1 Merri Street, Bedourie
4	SP112845	Muddawarry	4 Florence Street, Birdsville
5	CP863096	Muddawarry	5 Coolibah Court, Birdsville
5	SP112845	Muddawarry	5 Florence Street, Birdsville
6	CP863096	Muddawarry	6 Coolibah Court, Birdsville
11	SP110060	Muddawarry	11 Jardine Street, Birdsville
21	SP110060	Muddawarry	21 Jardine Street, Birdsville
23	CP863096	Muddawarry	23 Jardine Street, Birdsville
42	SP110060	Muddawarry	42 Jardine Street, Birdsville
60	SP112845	Bedourie	604 Eyre Street, Bedourie
505	RP904678	Bedourie	505 Herbert Street, Bedourie
702	CP900256	Bedourie	702 Eyre Street, Bedourie

Carried 4/0.

Minute 2008.8.7

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council delegate authority to its Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to establish reserve prices for the properties listed in Minute number 2008.8.6.

Carried 4/0.

8.6 Director of Works Report

2 – Signage

Minute 2008.8.8

Resolved.

That Diamantina Shire Council boundary identification signage be erected where necessary and that all station identification signage be replaced.

Attendance

Cr Gaffney left the meeting at 12.20pm and returned at 12.22pm. Messrs Stuart Bourne, Engineer and Keith Luckhurst, Partner, George Bourne and Associates entered the meeting at 12.29pm. The gentlemen were in attendance to present the Engineers Report.

8.8 Engineer Report

Minute 2008.8.9

Resolved.

That council strike the following two jobs from the schedule of Roads to Recovery works for 2008/09 in order to constrain expenditure to within the available funding.

- **Prepare and seal both shoulders of Timor Street from Herbert Street to Eyre Street - \$58,292**
- **Prepare and seal the northern shoulder of Nappa Street from Herbert to Eyre Street - \$14,022**

Minute 2008.8.10

Resolved.

That council officially thank Arrabury Pastoral Company for the use of the ‘Cluny’ Station airstrip while the Bedourie Airport was being reconstructed.

The meeting considered section 15 – “Department of Main Roads Meeting” of the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Minute 2008.8.11

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council approach the Department of Main Roads to discuss a proposal for council to conduct all cultural heritage inspections and liaisons for road works projects.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

- Luncheon adjournment at 1.15pm.
- The meeting resumed at 2.12pm without Messrs Barr, Bourne and Luckhurst in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2.12pm to permit council to conduct its Budget Meeting.
- The meeting resumed at 3.34pm.

8.4 Chief Executive Officer Report

1 – Councillor portfolios

Not to be pursued.

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2 – Engineering services

Considered by council. It was agreed to maintain the status quo.

3 – Recognition of Mr Vaughan Johnson

To be held over until such time as the Queensland Redistribution Commission has made its final deliberations regarding the Queensland electoral boundary review.

4 – Aerodrome landing fees

Not to be pursued at this stage.

5 – Airport loan

Matter addressed during the Budget Meeting held August 18, 2008.

6 – Bedourie Airport Upgrade

Cr Gaffney advised that MacAir will not land in Bedourie at night because the airport is allegedly missing a particular type of instrument. This matter is to be pursued by the Chief Executive Officer.

33 – Rates Write-Off

Min 2008.8.12

Move by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That Diamantina Shire Council write off the incorrectly levied rates on land described as Lot 15 on RB20 Parish Muddawarry which is aboriginal trust land situated in Birdsville, owned by the Wirrarri Aboriginal Land Trust and referred to as assessment number 191/0.

Carried 4/0.

34 – Natural Disaster Mitigation Programme

Min 2008.8.13

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That Diamantina Shire Council advise the Queensland Department of Emergency Services that it does not wish to undertake the Bedourie Flood Mitigation Study – project identification number 1392”.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

Cr Schrader left the meeting at 5.44pm and returned at 5.47pm.

35 – Transportable Home Tenders

Min 2008.8.14

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council purchase three two-bedroom transportable homes referred to as ‘The Grafton 1’ from Westbuilt Quality Homes for erection in the township of Bedourie in accordance with their tender submitted and subject to the following variations:

- 1. Bedroom 1 to be extended by one metre and bedroom 2 to be extended by 1 metre for a cost of \$3,850 per metre.**
- 2. 15 amp hard wired plugs for air conditioning to be installed: 2 for the dining/lounge area; and 1 in each bedroom.**
- 3. Heavy duty circuit breaker to be installed in meter box/power board.**
- 4. Verandah with railings and sliding door to be fitted to the lounge end for a cost of \$4,850.**
- 5. Discount of \$4,000 to apply per home because of the multiple purchase.**

Carried 4/0.

36 – Incorrect parcel reference

Min 2008.8.15

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That with reference to minute number 2008.1.13 from the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held February 18, 2008 (page 5), the reference to the land parcel is erroneous. The decision does refer to land described as Lot 508 on RB17 Parish Muddawarry and not to Lot 507 as minuted.

Carried 4/0.

37 – Birdsville Gift Public Meeting

Min 2008.8.16

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That the Birdsville Gift event be cancelled and that council place on record its gratitude to the individuals and organisations that supported the event. Further that Athletics Queensland be advised of this decision.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

Scott Mason left the meeting at 6.23pm and returned in the company of Mr Henry Wallace (Deputy Chief Executive Officer). Mr Wallace was in attendance for the purpose of presenting his report.

8.5 Deputy Chief Executive Officer Report

Considered by council.

Attendance

Mr Wallace left the meeting at 6.34pm.

9 Correspondence for Decision

8.9.1 Mead Consulting Service – Provision of Professional Services

Minute 2008.8.17

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie.

That council make provision within its 2008/09 budget to retain the services of Mead Consulting Services Pty Ltd for professional services at the cost of \$13,200.

Carried 4/0.

8.9.2 Mrs Lorelle Barr – Permission to keep a cat

Min 2008.8.18

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council grant permission to Mrs Lorelle Barr, occupant of 9 Marrawilla Street, Bedourie to house one Siamise cross desexed male cat indoors on the condition that the cat does not cause any damage whatsoever.

Carried 4/0.

8.9.3 Local Government Association of Queensland Inc 2009 State Election Policy Plan

Min 2008.8.19

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council advise the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. that it considers the following issues of relevance to local government and their communities in Queensland:

- 1. Financial support to address the shortfall of housing in remote areas, which currently hinders economic progress.**
- 2. Provision of additional monies to seal important sections of gravel state controlled roads.**
- 3. Broadband internet access and mobile telephone network access for un-serviced areas.**
- 4. Retention of country race meetings.**
- 5. Affordable insurance for community organisations and community events.**
- 6. A significantly larger funding pool for the upgrading of rural aerodromes with regular passenger transport services.**
- 7. Full autonomy for councils to manage community housing in areas that are not considered viable for commercial investment. The Department of Housing should relinquish their control of social housing to local authorities in areas that experience little or not market growth.**

Carried 4/0.

8.9.4 Councillor Reimbursement of Expenses Guidelines Changes

Received and noted.

8.9.5 Local Government Association of Queensland Inc Native Title Updates

Received and noted.

8.9.6 Campbell Higginson Town Planning – Bedourie Subdivision

A teleconference was conducted between council and Mr Colin Higginson, Managing Director, Campbell Higginson Town Planning from 7.03pm to 7.22pm. The purpose of the teleconference

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was to discuss planning principles and the planning process regarding the proposed Bedourie residential lot subdivision.

8.9.7 Department of Natural Resources and Water – Consultation – Annual Valuation **Effective**
30 June 2009

Min 2008.8.20

Moved by Cr Schrader and Seconded by Cr Dare.

That council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Water that it does consider it necessary for it to conduct an annual valuation effective June 30, 2009.

Carried 4/0.

7.9.2 Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi Native Title Claim (Deferred from July 21, 2008 Ordinary Meeting)

Received and noted.

7.9.6 Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi Native Title Claim (Deferred from July 21, 2008 Ordinary Meeting)

Received and noted.

12 Other Minutes

8.10.1 Foreman's Meeting – August 1, 2008

Considered by council.

Late Correspondence

8.9.8 Jade Smith and Mount Isa Race Meeting

Min 2008.8.21

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That council waive the hire fee for the community bus for the 'Ladies Weekend Away' event scheduled for October, 25 2008 on the basis that all fuel costs are met by the hirer and the bus is returned with a full tank of fuel. Further, that all other hire conditions as per council policy apply.

Carried 4/0.

7.1b Late Chief Executive Officer Report

38 – Office rent – Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre

Council advised that the renting of office space within the Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre should be deferred until the building is occupied by council. Further, that the matter of third party occupancy be reviewed early 2009.

53 – Constitutional recognition of local government

Min 2008.8.22

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That Diamantina Shire Council advise the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc of its unequivocal support for the constitutional recognition of local government.

Carried 4/0.

Attendance

Scott Mason left the meeting at 7.54pm and returned at 7.55pm.

54 – Bedourie Clinic – ownership issue

Min 2008.8.23

Moved by Cr Crombie and Seconded by Cr Schrader.

That this item be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of council.

Carried 4/0.

55 – House and Chattel Auction

It was agreed that the dates for the above auctions will be determined by the Chief Executive Officer in conjunction with the auctioneer, leaving sufficient time for buyers to arrange finance.

56 – Motel unit development – Mr Jim Smith

Min 2008.8.24

Moved by Cr Dare and Seconded by Cr Gaffney.

That council delegate authority to its Chief Executive Officer to assess and determine the application from Mr Jim Smith for additional accommodation units at the Royal Hotel, Bedourie.

Carried 4/0.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Minutes confirmed this fifteenth day of September, 2008.

Cr Robbie Dare
MAYOR