

****DRAFT** Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council
held in the Board Room of the Diamantina Shire Council Administration Centre, Bedourie
on Monday, October 15, 2012 commencing at 8.34am.**

1. ATTENDANCE

Councillors Geoff Morton (Mayor), Garth Tully (Deputy Mayor), Steve Cramer, Don Rayment and Jody Barr with Chief Executive Officer, Scott Mason and Executive Assistant, Miss Seven Ryan.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting – September 11, 2012

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-01

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held September 11, 2012 be confirmed.

Carried 4/0.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

5. MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-02

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

That all Officers Reports be received.

Carried 4/0.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Operational Plan

Nil.

6.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Nil.

6.3. Finance Manager (presented by Miss Dominique Wells, Finance Officer and Mrs Heather Weir, Contract Accountant)

1. Bad Debt - Write off (Mr Ty Blackman)

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-03

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Barr

That Diamantina Shire Council write off the remaining debt of \$408.64, of Mr Ty Blackman, in relation to his rental of property 23 Jardine Street, Birdsville, in light of being unable to recover the outstanding debt and costs associated with continual recovery efforts.

Carried 4/0.

3. Revenue and Expenditure Report for period ending September 30, 2012
4. Balance Sheet Report as at September 30, 2012
5. Trust Fund Report for period ending September 30, 2012
6. Credit Card Expenditure Reports for period ending September 10, 2012
7. Our Cash Position as at September 30, 2012
8. Our Debt as at September 30, 2012
9. Aged Debtors Report as at September 30, 2012
10. Discretionary Donations Balance

Presentation – Mrs Evelyn Edwards, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Sue Haines, Area Manager and Mr Phil Barwick, Chairman, Central and North West Queensland Medicare Local

Mrs Edwards and Mr Barwick attended the meeting via teleconference and Mrs Haines attended the meeting in person. The Medicare Local Board was represented by Mr Barwick who spoke on issues concerning the approach to current risk mitigation faced by the board in conjunction with the Diamantina Health Service operational model. Council were advised best practice outcomes would ensure a continuation of the current service level, but that this requires a review of the current operational service methods. Current nursing staff fatigue was noted as a major concern to the board and one where changes will be required to alleviate this problem.

Council advised that it is intending to commence lobbying State and Federal governments in relation to the shortfall of \$360,000 currently covered by Council and will be actively pursuing all avenues to secure additional funding to cover this shortfall. It was generally agreed that Council would provide information to the Central and North West Queensland Medicare Local and Central Western Queensland Hospitals Board regarding these lobbying activities. Mrs Haines clarified that the boards' position was not to cut services, or cut corners on the current Diamantina Health Service. However, to ensure that the current operational model used as the base for the service is the most effective for all parties involved, and that the fatigue of nurses is addressed the review is a necessity. It was confirmed that the Rural Primary Health Service funding dispersal levels have not been confirmed at this stage, and historically information in relation to funding is not always readily available.

Attendance

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| 9.51am | Council adjourned the Meeting to attend the opening of the Dust Storms, Sand hills and Gibbers Art Project. |
| 10.42am | Council resumed the Meeting. |
| 10.42am | Cr Tully entered the Meeting. |

Presentation – Mr Russell Fitzmaurice, Project Manager Service Delivery Transmission and Project Services Far North and Ms Sophie Allen, Generation Renewable Energy Engineer, Ergon Energy

Mr Fitzmaurice and Ms Allen provided Council with an update on the status of the Geothermal Plant in Birdsville. Council were advised of Ergon Energy's processes regarding this project including initial investigations into new technologies and then seeking consultation from a consortium to verify cost-effectiveness and viability. The review of the data received from the consortium is currently being undertaken, and it is hoped a further update will be available by the end of November. Mr Fitzmaurice advised that in spite of the review projected to be completed in November, Ergon Energy will not commence any works until at least winter 2014. Clarification regarding total funding available for the Geothermal project was confirmed as being \$13 million overall. \$4.3 million of this funding is being provided by the State Government, with Ergon Energy providing the balance. Council requested an estimate of the expected life term on the plant, and were advised the plant life estimate is between 15 and 20 years, taking into account the rate at which technology advances. Council generally agreed to seek a further deputation and update with Ergon Energy in February, 2013.

6.3. Finance Manager (Continued)

2. Unaudited Annual Financial Statements for Year Ending June 30, 2012. (Presented by Mrs Heather Weir, Contract Accountant)

Presentation – Budget Review 1st Quarter

Council were presented with the 1st Quarter Budget review by Mr Trevor Stewart (Works Manager), Mr Stuart Bourne (Contract Engineer), Mr Steven Baldwin (Tourism and Community Manager), Miss Dominique Wells (Finance Officer) and Mrs Heather Weir (Contract Accountant)

Attendance

- 1.16pm Council adjourned the Meeting for lunch.
2.00pm Council resumed the Meeting.

Cr Rayment Queried the use of air conditioners at the Birdsville Terminal, and made an operational suggestion that they be turned on at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled flight arrivals.

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-04

Moved by Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the 1st Quarter Budget review as presented and amended.

Carried 5/0.

Deputation – Mr Dale Davie, Bedourie Resident

Attendance

- 3.04pm Mr Dale Davie entered the Meeting.

Mr Davie presented a proposal to Council to purchase a portion of land for the purposes of constructing a light industry rural services business (including Mechanical workshop, light industry, rural feed services, hardware, etcetera). Council directed its Chief Executive Officer to investigate its options and report back at its November 19, Ordinary Meeting.

Attendance

- 3.30pm Mr Dale Davie left the Meeting.

6.4 Works Manager Report (presented by Mr Trevor Stewart)

1. Side tipping trailers and dollies Tender 2012/18

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-05

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Diamantina Shire Council accept the tender price of \$106,000 from Kiama Pastoral for the Council plant units as described in Tender Document 2012/18 and listed in the table below. Further, that Sale proceeds be directed to Council's Plant Replacement Reserve.

| Unit Number | Description | VIN | Rego | Capacity |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 204 | Side Tipper | VH9T2500VZAC4007 | 281-QDS | 25 cubic metres |
| 205 | Side Tipper | 6H9T25000VZAC4008 | 282-QDS | 25 cubic metres |
| 228 | Dolly | 6H9T2400W2CK8004 | 856-QDZ | N/A |
| 241 | Dolly | 6H9T27000V2AC4002 | 493-QJP | N/A |

Carried 5/0.

2. Construction, Delivery and Installation of portable Camps Tender 2012/17

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-06

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council engage Ken Fox Homes, in accordance with Tender 2012/17 to Construct, Deliver and Install two new portable camps for \$251,592 including goods and services tax.

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-07

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Diamantina Shire Council reject all offers received to construct, deliver and install one new rotational camp.

Carried 5/0.

3. Department of Transport and Main Roads Financial Management Tool
 4. Plant Performance
 5. Workshop Foreman Report (Presented by Mr Gary Mills, Workshop Foreman)
 6. Overseer Report
 7. Queensland Reconstruction Authority Regional Liaison Officer visit September 27, 2012 – Bedourie
 8. Birdsville Race Track New Poly line
 9. Foremen’s Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2012
 10. Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Queensland Infrastructure Financial Management Workshop – Longreach
 11. Department Environment and Resource Management Meeting – August 30, 2012
 12. Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodrome Technical Inspection 2012
- 6.4 Works Manager Report (Part II) (presented by Mr Trevor Stewart)
13. Supply and Deliver Road Furnitures and Installation of Road Furnitures - Tenders 2012/18a and 2012/18b

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-08

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

That Diamantina Shire Council engage Road Side Products to Supply and Deliver Road Furnitures in accordance with the tender specifications of Tender 2012/18a for the amount of \$187,685 including goods and services tax.

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-09

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Rayment

That Diamantina Shire Council reject all tenders received for the Installation of Road Furnitures in accordance with the tender specifications of Tender 2012/18b.

Carried 5/0.

Deputation – Mr Eric Denham, Regional Director, Department of Transport and Main Roads

Council requested a deputation with Mr Eric Denham to discuss the ‘bleeding seal’ of the 9 Mile Flats job on Bedourie-Birdsville Road.

Mr Denham requested Council supply photographic evidence of the job failure. Mr Bourne indicated he would take these photos and provide them to Mr Denham by the following week. Consideration will be given to whether or not it will merely be a maintenance response or an entire re-seal. Main Roads indicated whilst it did not want to lose the asset, it will also be looking at minimal costings to implement a solution. Council were advised that investigations into mitigating these errors in future seals is currently being undertaken, and will be implemented in future work program designs.

Council is of the opinion that quality is better than quantity in that a shorter distance completed with a two-coat configuration is its preference. Mr Denham provided information on possible reasons for the 'bleeding seal' including the presence of excessive Kerosene content within the solution, spray rate too high, and stone punching into the pavement. Mr Bourne indicated it was his opinion that the reasoning for the current failure of the seal was stone punching the pavement.

6.5 Engineer Report (presented by Mr Stuart Bourne, George Bourne and Associates)

1. Visits to Shire/Conferences
2. Road Maintenance Performance Contract
3. Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contract
 - 3.1. 9 Mile Flats – Job No. 44/81A/22
 - 3.2. Burrumurra Flat – Job No. 223/93C/2
 - 3.3. Durrie Horse Paddock – Job No. 223/80A/8
 - 3.4. Waddi Trees – Job No. 44/81A/21
 - 3.5. Sunshine Flats – Road Safety Development Program Job No. 223/81A/4
 - 3.6. Yamba Flats – Road Safety Development Program Job No. 223/81A/5
 - 3.7. Betoota Bypass – Road Safety Development Program/Outback Regional Road Group Job
4. Flood Damage Estimates
5. Bedourie Residential Subdivision
6. Roads to Recovery
7. Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme
8. Betoota Realignment
9. Black Spot Funding
10. Birdsville and Bedourie Aerodromes
11. Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodrome Terminal Upgrade

Late Correspondence

Letter received from Mr Adrian Miller requesting advice from Council regarding the possibility to purchase land to construct a permanent hanger at the Birdsville Aerodrome, or lease land for the same purposes.

Council requested a report on available options to establish leasable hanger sites for the November 19, meeting.

12. Birdsville Water Main Upgrade and Bedourie Cooling Pond
13. 4 Mile Yards Access Road
14. Future E.Coli Monitoring and Drinking Water Quality Management Plan
15. Bedourie and Birdsville Water and Sewer Upgrades
16. Bitumen Repair Tender
17. New Three Bedroom Houses Tender
18. No. 3 to Nyama Realignment
19. Department Transport and Main Roads Planning Projects

6.6 Tourism and Community Manager Report (presented by Mr Steven Baldwin)

1. Visitor Statistics Birdsville, Bedourie and Birdsville Caravan Park
2. Dingo Caves Access Update
3. Bedourie Clinic Planning Update
4. Cabinets for Wirrarri and Bedourie Visitor Centres Update
5. Update from Tourism and Community Manager
6. New Four Wheel Drive Track Update
7. Community Development Officer Report (Including Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair Report)
8. Events Coordinator Report including report on 2012 Ute and Travellers Muster
9. Bedourie Town Services Team Report

10. Bedourie Airport Report
11. Birdsville Town Services Team Report
12. Birdsville Airport Report
13. Statue for Community Park, Bedourie

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-10

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council approve the purchase of a World War One Soldier statue to be erected at the Bedourie Community Park at the Cenotaph site and for the structure to be completed in time for the 2013 ANZAC Day celebrations.

Carried 5/0.

14. Destination Branding

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-11

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the brand concept from Karen Brook Studios, with the provision that Council is consulted during the drafting stage of the Branding Style Guide with Council providing final approval for its implementation.

Carried 5/0.

6.7 Corporate Services Manager Report

1. Council Meeting Dates for 2013

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-12

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council advertise the following dates and times for Council's Ordinary Meetings for 2013 in accordance with Section 74(1) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010.

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| January (nil) | February 18 – 8am | March 18 – 8am | April 15 – 9am |
| May 20 – 9am | June 17 – 9am | July 15 – 9am | August 19 – 9am |
| September 16 – 9am | October 21 - 8am | November 18 – 8am | December 13 – 8am TBC |

Carried 5/0.

2. Office Shutdown for 2012

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-13

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council office administration close down on Friday, December 14, 2012 and reopen for business on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

Carried 5/0.

3. Workplace Health and Safety Advisor Report
4. Jenkins and Sons Housing Report
5. Letter to Valuer General – Consultation regarding Annual Valuation Effective June 30, 2012

6.8 Environmental Health Officer

Nil.

6.9 Councillors

Nil.

6.10 Emergency Services

Nil.

6.11 Chief Executive Officer

1. Central West Regional Transport and Freight Plan – Progress Meeting
2. Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) Telephone Conference – September 7, 2012
3. Main Roads Flood Damage Meeting
4. 2012 Annual Audit
5. Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA) Annual Conference
6. Queensland Reconstruction Authority Meeting – September 27, 2012
7. Bedourie Gun Club
8. State Budget Opportunities
9. Rebroadcasting of Digital Television – Bedourie and Birdsville
10. Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) Telephone Conference held October 5, 2012
11. Outback Regional Water Group (ORWG) Telephone Conference Meeting held October 5, 2012
12. Register of Interests
13. Record of Directions from the Mayor to the Chief Executive Officer
14. Staff Matters

6.11 Chief Executive Officer Part II

15. Policies and Procedures
16. Fibre Optic Telecommunications
17. Australian Institute of Company Directors Course

Minute No. 2012.10.15-OM-14

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council supports its Chief Executive Officer by meeting accommodation costs and contributing \$2,025 towards the course fee of \$6,025 for him to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course in Brisbane from January 7 to 11, 2013.

Carried 5/0.

7. Councillors Ideas and Recommendations

Cr Rayment Requested a compilation of the histories for the Old Birdsville Racetrack, Birdsville Track and Mangerran stock yards, and that Council review once completed and consider a way to display the histories at the appropriate sites.

Cr Tully Raised the issue of access into Betoota. He noted that a verbal condition of the land owner granting access to Council was based on the assurance Council would endeavour to maintain both accesses. Council requested this matter be investigated further to determine the best economical approach to maintaining the accesses.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.06pm.

Minutes confirmed this Nineteenth day of November, 2012.

Cr Geoff Morton
MAYOR