

****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 Tuesday, September 11, 2012 commencing at 9.19am.**

1. ATTENDANCE

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

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Jody Barr tendered his apologies.

Presentation – Dr. Lisa Patterson-Kane, Central West Psychology

Doctor Lisa Patterson-Kane presented information on service delivery methods to Council to compliment the Employee Assistance Program and advised current numbers of personnel utilising the services available and new and innovative ways (E-Therapy) that Central West Psychology can deliver further initiatives and programs to assist employees and their families.

Deputation – Mrs Evelyn Edwards, Chief Executive Officer and Mrs Sue Haines, Area Manager of Central and North West Queensland Medicare Local

Mrs Edwards and Mrs Haines presented information to Council regarding current operating services and relevant cost structures of the Diamantina Health Service and the manner in which the Medicare Local will apportion funding. Council questioned possible conflict of interest with the move of North and West Queensland Primary Health Care Service to the Medicare Local, and issues surrounding what services would continue in the Shire if Council were to refuse to pay the shortfall. Mrs Edwards advised Council if it were to take this action, Queensland Health is under no obligation to 'pick-up' the Diamantina Health Service. Mrs Edwards and Mrs Haines were asked to provide additional information to Council at its next Ordinary Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2012.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting – August 20, 2012

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-01

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held August 20, 2012 be confirmed.

Carried 4/0.

Cr Tully Sought advice on the dingo scalp/wild dog bounty matter raised in the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting, August 20, 2012. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council of the current situation.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

5. MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-02

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cramer

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)

1. Revenue and Expenditure Report for period ending August 31, 2012
2. Balance Sheet Report as at August 31, 2012
3. Trust Fund Report for period ending August 31, 2012
4. Credit Card Expenditure Report for period ending August 31, 2012
5. Our Cash Position as at August 31, 2012
6. Our Debt as at August 31, 2012
7. Aged Debtors Report as at August 31, 2012

6.4 Works Manager Report (presented by Mr Trevor Stewart)

1. Department of Transport and Main Roads Financial Management Tool
2. Plant Performance
3. Workshop Manager Report
4. Overseer's Report
5. Recreational room for camp

Shire Road Run

Schedule of proposed tour for the Shire Road Run was provided to Councillors for their information. The confirmed dates for the tour are October 12 – 14, 2012 with the attending Councillors and staff departing Bedourie at 8am.

6.5 Engineers 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 Contracts
 - 3.1 9 Mile Flats
 - 3.2 Burrumurra Flat
 - 3.3 Durrie Horse Paddock
 - 3.4 Waddi Trees
 - 3.5 Sunshine Flats
 - 3.6 Yamba Flats
 - 3.7 Betoota Bypass
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
12. Birdsville Water Main Upgrade and Bedourie Cooling Pond
13. 4 Mile Yards Access Road
14. Future E.Coli Monitoring
15. Bedourie and Birdsville Water and Sewer Upgrades
16. Bitumen Repair Tender
22. Additional Premix for Patching

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-03

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That the variation pricing submitted by Gilby and Thomson Contractors, for additional premix for flood damage patch repairs, consisting of a price of \$960 per tonne for 250 tonnes be accepted.

Carried 4/0.

17. New Three Bedroom Houses Tender
21. New Houses Variations

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-04

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council delegate authority to its Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and approve contract variations in relation to the contract with Jenkins and Sons for the construction of three in-situ dwellings.

Carried 4/0.

18. Birdsville Ground Level Reservoir Roof Replacement
19. No. 3 to Nyama Realignment
20. Department of Transport and Main Roads Planning Projects

Council considered a Financial Strategy Discussion Paper presented by the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer was directed to prepare a model based on the presentation and report back to Council.

Attendance

Councillor Rayment retired from the meeting.

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

1. Visitor Statistics for Birdsville, Bedourie and Birdsville Caravan Park
2. Dingo Caves Access - Update
3. Bedourie Clinic Planning - Update
4. Update from Tourism and Community Manager
5. Destination Branding Project Update
6. Community Development Officer Report
7. Events Coordinator Report
8. Bedourie Town Services Team Report
9. Bedourie Airport Report
10. Birdsville Town Services Team Report
11. Birdsville Airport Report

12. Diamantina Shire Economic Development Plan and Economic Profile for approval

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-05

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the amended Diamantina Shire Economic Development Plan and Economic Profile subject to the following:

- a) improvement of the document in areas where Council has more relevant information;
- b) improvement of the data provided regarding cattle numbers and production value of the Shire in relation to the State of Queensland; and
- c) removal of the wording regarding harsh droughts and floods under the Seasonality headline.

Carried 3/0.

13. Approval of Overflow Camping Area - Birdsville

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-06

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council retrospectively accept the expression of interest by Mr Don Rowlands, subject to the conditions of the Camp Ground Permit issued, to operate the 55 Graham Street Overflow Camping facility during the 2012 Birdsville Race Week.

Carried 3/0.

14. Birdsville Caravan Park - Price Increases

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-07

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council endorse the proposed increase of fees by Minserv Pty Ltd at the council-owned Birdsville Caravan Park as per the pricelist received, effective July 1, 2012, in accordance with Section 60.1 Operating Procedures of the lease document.

Carried 3/0.

15. Camp Oven Festival

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-08

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council approve the attendance of two staff members (nominated staff to be confirmed) at the Millmerran Camp Oven Festival, October 6 to 7, 2012 for the purpose of investigating requirements of hosting a similar event in Bedourie.

Carried 3/0.

16. Letter of Support - Big Red Race

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-09

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council provide a letter of support 'in-principle' to Mr Greg Donovan of the Born to Run Foundation, for the Big Red Run event to be held near Birdsville during July, 2013.

Carried 3/0.

17. Sponsorship Request - Ladies Day

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-10

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council provide support to the Ladies Day event to be held at Durham Downs Station on November 10, 2012 in the form of \$300, from its Donations budget.

Carried 3/0.

6.7 Corporate Service Manager Report

Nil.

6.8 Environmental Health Officer

Nil.

6.9 Councillors

Nil.

6.10 Emergency Services

Nil.

6.11 Chief Executive Officer

1. Chief Executive Officer Performance Review

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-11

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to engage the services of Mead Consulting Services Pty Ltd for the purpose of facilitating the Chief Executive Officer's annual performance review.

Carried 3/0.

2. Development Board for Diamantina Shire
3. CONFIDENTIAL – Possible Official Misconduct
4. Local Health Action Group Meetings
5. Record of Directions from the Mayor to the Chief Executive Officer
6. Cash Flow problems
7. Register of Interests
8. Financial Assistance Grant Review – Draft Terms of Reference
9. Staff Matters
10. Corporate Plan Amendment

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-12

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council amend its Corporate Plan (2009-2014) by substituting the outcomes and strategies appearing below. Further, that Council makes this decision in accordance with section 120(4) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 to create a more meaningful strategic document that is consistent with its responsibilities.

Proposed	
Proposed Corporate Plan Category	Proposed Output
Cost of Living	Produce cost comparisons so that residents and potential residents of Diamantina Shire can accurately compare the cost of living to that of larger centres and outback towns (i.e. Brisbane and Toowoomba) in Queensland
Better Roads	Progress improvements (mainly sealing) of the Bedourie-Windorah Road which is Council's priority LRRS
	Progress improvements of the DTMR preferred link Bedourie - Windorah via Birdsville
	Improve road networks to mitigate against the impacts of flooding

Health	Operate a health service that meets the needs of the Diamantina community and that is as sustainable as it can be, given the reliance on external funding
Housing	Effectively maintain the housing stock owned and controlled by Council so that residents enjoy a comfortable standard of living
	Expand the housing levels in Birdsville and Bedourie to cater for a broad demographic
	Ensure a reasonable quantity of homes in Birdsville and Bedourie is available for purchase
Communications	Lobby Government and other relevant organisations in partnership with Barcoo Shire Council for the introduction of the latest telecommunication technology for Outback Queensland
Education	Provide all reasonable support to the schools of Birdsville and Bedourie
Opportunities for Local Youth	Maintain an effective Youth Council that serves it's communities through volunteer effort and that undertakes community projects
	Encourage a Youth Councillor to attend council meetings
Community Spirit	Publish a monthly Newsletter that is distributed free to all residents and also sent to organisations and members of government
	Support community events
	Training Calendar
Sports Facilities	Develop a Sport and Recreation Plan
	Support community organisations to develop, enhance and maintain sporting infrastructure
	Encourage volunteer effort to maintain golf courses
Tourism Development	Tourism and Development Plan/Strategy
Aged Care	Monitor the low care aged accommodation units in Shire, if need be, build one

Carried 3/0.

11. Request from Mrs Rose Smith for the creation of residential land

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-13

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer

That Diamantina Shire Council advise Mrs Rose Smith that it is unable to accede to her request.

Further, that Mrs Smith be advised it is Council's intention to proceed with the large scale residential subdivision to the north of Bedourie on the western side of the Bedourie-Boulia Road.

Carried 3/0.

12. Rescission of Decision to engage Internal Audit Services

Minute No. 2012.09.11-OM-14

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Tully

That Diamantina Shire Council rescind the following resolution from its Ordinary Meeting held Friday, December 16, 2011:

2. Internal Audit Services

Minute No.2011.12.16-OM-05

Moved by Cr Gaffney and Seconded by Cr Crombie

That Diamantina Shire Council award the tender for delivery of internal audit services for the financial years 2001/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 to Pacifica Chartered Accountants.

Carried 3/0.

7. Other Minutes

7.1 Bedourie Playgroup Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2012

Nil.

7.2 Workplace Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2012

Minute Number 2012.09.11-OM-15

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Tully

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Council Workplace Health and Safety Committee Meeting held July 13, 2012 be endorsed, subject to no action being taken in relation to the proposed cabs for the zero-turn lawn mowers and that Council authorises the purchase of one hand held walkie talkie for each Town Services Team.

Carried 3/0.

7.3 Youth Council Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2012

Minute Number 2012.09.11-OM-16

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Tully

That the Minutes of the Diamantina Shire Youth Council Meeting held August 13, 2012 be endorsed.

Carried 3/0.

Late Correspondence

Letter received from Bedourie Sporting Shooters Association requesting a donation of Council land to establish a rifle range and club facilities.

Minute Number 2012.09.11-OM-17

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Tully

That the Diamantina Shire Council direct its Chief Executive Officer to investigate the legalities of establishing a rifle range on the Bedourie Town Common.

Carried 3/0.

8. Councillors ideas and Recommendations

Cr Morton Discussed concerns regarding appropriate line marking for the widened pavement to be utilised as a walking trail to Eyre Creek from the Bedourie Township along the Bedourie-Birdsville Road.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 5.23pm.

Minutes confirmed this fifteenth day of October, 2012.

Cr Geoff Morton
MAYOR