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Confirmed Minutes

Ordinary Meeting held in the
Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre

Birdsville

commencing at 9:00 am

on

Monday 18 November 2024

**Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held at
the Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre Birdsville
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1 Opening of Meeting

Mayor Cr Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9.00am and welcomed the new Chair Christine Rolfe and Deputy Chair Nicole Lott of the Audit Committee to the meeting.

2 Attendance

Councillors

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Cr Francis Murray
Cr Damien Watson
Cr Damian Clarke
Cr Rob Dare
Cr Kerry Morton

Officers

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Operating Officer
Interim Director Corporate Services
Executive Manager
Executive Assistant
Finance Manager
Consulting Engineer, GBA Engineering
Findex

Julianne Meier
Jason Beaton
Lorelle Hatch
Brent Reeman
Jillian Anderson
Murray Cooper
Stuart Bourne
Heather Weir (via Teams)

Observers

Audit Committee Chair
Audit Committee Deputy Chair

Chris Rolfe
Nicole Lott

3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

There were no apologies or leave of absence requests.

4 Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Cr Francis Murray acknowledged the Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and paid respect to their Elders, past and present. He extended that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.

5 Condolences

There were no condolences advised.

6 Declarations of Interests in Matters on the Agenda

Cr Morton advised a declared conflict of interest for the Confidential Report – 14.1 Local Grids and Gates.

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7 Presentations and Deputations

Nil

8 Confirmation of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 28 and 29 October 2024

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-01

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Morton

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 28 and 29 October 2024 be confirmed as correct.

Carried 5/0

8.2 Minutes of Plant Standing Committee Meeting held 15 November 2024

There is an amendment to the resolution to change confirming of the minutes to accepting the unconfirmed minutes.

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-02

Moved Cr Watson and Seconded Cr Dare

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Plant Standing Committee Meeting held 15 November 2024 be accepted.

Carried 5/0

9 Mayor's Business

The Mayor advised that he didn't attend the QPD Doctrine and Stakeholder Guidelines Engagement Workshop held 30 October 2024 and the LGAQ Roundtable 'Closing the Loop' held 6 November 2024. In the Mayor's absence Lorelle Hatch, Interim Director Corporate Services attended the LGAQ Roundtable 'Closing the Loop'.

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-03

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Clarke

That Council accept the Mayor's report noting the changes as advised by the Mayor.

Carried 5/0

10 Outstanding Business

There were no outstanding business matters.

10.1 Resolution Register

Resolution Register was reviewed, noting that resolutions had been reviewed and commentary updated for currency and to reflect the status of implementation for each resolution.

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11 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

12 Officer's Reports

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Infrastructure Services Monthly Report

Town Common Fencing

Bedourie

Section of Boundary fences # 16 back to # 12 have no fence at all. Scope of works was to look at the condition of the internal and external fences. Council to provide materials to neighbouring landowner with their workers installing the fencing.

Birdsville

Section of Boundary fence # 2 crossing the river is completely missing and needs fencing.

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-04

Moved Cr Morton and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services Monthly Update Report.

Carried 5/0

12.1.2 Engineer's Report – GBA Consulting Engineers

Resolution Name 2024.11.18-OM-05

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Murray

That Council receives the Engineering Report.

Carried 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 11.05am and resumed at 11.29am.

14 Closed Meeting – Confidential Matters

Cr Morton declared a conflict of interest for item 14.1 Local Road Policy – Grids and Gates and left the meeting at 11.29am.

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-06

Moved Cr Clarke

That pursuant to section 254 J(1) *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed at 11.29am to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

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14.1 Local Road Policy – Grids and Gates

This item is considered confidential and will be discussed in a closed meeting of Council in accordance with *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 254J(3):

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

14.2 Split Settlement Request – Clover Street, Bedourie

This item is considered confidential and will be discussed in a closed meeting of Council in accordance with *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 254J(3):

(e) of as it contains information relating to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government; and

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

14.3 CEO Update – Legal Matter, Contractor Matter and Cultural Heritage

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(e) of as it contains information relating to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government; and

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Carried 5/0

Meeting moved into a closed session at 11.29am.

Stuart Bourne left the meeting at 11.53am.

Cr Morton rejoined the meeting at 11.53am.

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-07

Moved Cr Watson

That the meeting be re-opened at 1pm.

Carried 5/0

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14.1 Local Road Policy – Grids and Gates

Cr Morton declared a conflict of interest for this report and did not vote on the resolution.

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-08

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Clarke

That Council accepts the Local Road Policy – Grids and Gates.

Carried 4/0

The following amendment to the resolution for item 14.1 Local Road Policy – Grids and Gates was tabled at the Council Ordinary meeting held on 18 December 2024.

As Cr Morton declared a conflict of interest in the original discussion, he did not participate in the voting on the amendment.

Resolution No. 2024.12.18-OM-01

Moved Cr Murray and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council:

- 1. Accepts the contents of the report; and**
- 2. Notes the correspondence to land holders.**

Carried 4/0

14.2 Split Settlement Request – Clover Street, Bedourie

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-09

Moved Cr Morton and Seconded Cr Dare

That Council:

- a. Affirms the terms of the current contract for the sale of 11, 27, 45 and 65 Clover Street, Bedourie; and**
- b. Does not agree to any of the purchasers' requested amendments to the terms of the contract.**

Carried 5/0

14.3 CEO Update – Legal Matter, Contractor Matter and Cultural Heritage

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-10

Moved Cr Morton and Seconded Cr Dare

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update – Legal Matter, Contractor Matter and Cultural Heritage report.

Carried 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 1.04pm and reconvened at 1.43pm.

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12.2.1 Corporate Services Monthly Update

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-11

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council:

- a. **Receives and notes the October 2024 Finance Report as presented; and**
- b. **Receives and notes the Corporate Services Monthly Update report.**

Carried 5/0

12.3 Chief Operating Officer

12.3.1 Chief Operating Officer Report

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-12

Moved Cr Morton and Seconded Cr Dare

That Council receives and notes the Chief Operating Officer Update Report.

Carried 5/0

12.3.2 Community and Economic Development Update Report

Cr Clarke left the meeting at 3.33pm and returned at 3.34pm.

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-13

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Morton

That Council receives and notes the Community and Economic Development Update Report.

Carried 5/0

12.3.3 Tourism Projects Update

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-14

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council endorses the prioritisation of the projects listed below, progressing with those that fit within the budget of \$250,000, with flexibility to allocate remaining funds towards exploratory studies for the Inland 4WD Route, Planning and Design for Lake Machattie, Lake Koolivoo, and/or Lake Mipia points of interest or other emerging priorities.

Carried 5/0

13 CEO Report

Resolution No. 2024.11.18-OM-15

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Morton

That Council receives and notes the CEO Report.

Carried 5/0

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14 General Business

Following on from the policies that were tabled at the Plant Standing Committee clarification has been requested regard whether firearms can be held in a full private use vehicle outside of work times.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.16pm.

Cr Francis Murray (Mayor)

Chairman