<u>Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council</u> <u>held in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre, Bedourie</u> <u>on Monday, October 23, 2017 commencing at 9.00am.</u>

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2 ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Geoff Morton (Mayor), Cr Doug Cooms, Cr Bev Maunsell, Cr Don Rayment

Staff: Chief Executive Officer, Leon Love. Executive Assistant, Amanda Schnitzerling

Attendance:

9:00am Jessica Greenaway, Tourism and Event Manager entered the meeting

3 APOLOGIES

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-1 Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Maunsell 'That the apology from Councillor Cramer be accepted and leave of absence be granted.'

Carried 4/0.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) Ordinary Meeting - September 18, 2017

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-2

Moved by Cr Cooms and Seconded by Cr Maunsell 'That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on September 18, 2017 be confirmed.'

Carried 4/0.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to: A (ii) Ballina Aero Club – Birdsville Races Report

Councillor Rayment made the following declaration:

I declare I may have a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being an executive on the Birdsville Race Club Committee. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter

In relation to: A(vi) Birdsville Races 2017

Councillor Rayment made the following declaration:

I declare I may have a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being an executive on the Birdsville Race Club Committee. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter

6 INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 I (I) NEWSBRIEF REPORTS

Executive Summary

The Newsbrief contains information reports from the Executive, the Corporate and Community Department and the Infrastructure Department to keep Council informed of operations.

Recommendation

'That Council receive the Newsbrief Reports.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-14 Moved by Cr Maunsell and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

6.2 I (II) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Executive Summary

Monthly Financial reports including Income Statement, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cashflows, Statement of Changes in Equity are provided to Councillors for their information,

Recommendation

'That Council receive all Financial Reports.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-15 Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7 ACTION REPORTS

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-3

Moved Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms

'That in relation to agenda item A(i) Council v Rosecove – 23 Bilby St Birdsville pursuant to section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed to the public so that the councillors or members can discuss legal proceedings involving Council.

Carried 4/0.

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Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-4

Carried 4/0.

7.1 A (I) COUNCIL V ROSECOVE - 23 BILBY ST BIRDSVILLE

Executive Summary

Advice has been received from King and Co regarding the building construction dispute – 23 Bilby St Birdsville. QBCC issued its decision in relation to the complaint lodged by Council against Rosecove Pty Ltd.

Recommendation

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to complete all the actions recommended by King & Co in their letter dated 10 October 2017.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-5 Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7.2 **A (II) BALLINA AERO CLUB – BIRDSVILLE RACES REPORT** <u>Executive Summary</u>

The report provides feedback from the Ballina Aero Club on the management of the Birdsville Airport during the Birdsville Races and recommends that the report and the recommendation contain herein are noted.

Recommendation

'That Council note the Birdsville 2017 Airport Management report and recommendations made by the Ballina Aero Club'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-6

Moved by Cr Maunsell and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That the report be received and the recommendation be considered following further investigation by staff.'

Carried 4/0.

7.3 A (III) 2018-19 SES NON-RECURRENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Executive Summary

The report recommends Council submits an application for funding under the 2018-19 SES Non-Recurrent Subsidy Program for the purchase of a low kilometer secondhand vehicle and requests that the minimum co-contribution from Council is waive.

Recommendation

'That Council approve the submission of an application to the 2018-19 SES Non-Recurrent Subsidy Program for the replacement of the Bedourie SES vehicle'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-7 Moved by Cr Maunsell and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7.4 A (IV) BBRF COMMUNITY - STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Executive Summary

The report recommends that Council accept an offer of funding for the Diamantina Shire Council Strategic Development Plan project and provide advice to administration on the key outcome sought from this project.

Recommendation

'That Council:

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to accept the offer of funding from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science under the Building Better Regions Fund for the Diamantina Shire Council Strategic Development Plan project; and
- 2. Provide advice to the Chief Executive Officer on key outcomes sought by Council in the delivery of this project.

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-8 Moved by Cr Cooms and Seconded by Cr Rayment 'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

- 1. accept the offer of funding from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science under the Building Better Regions Fund for the Diamantina Shire Council Strategic Development Plan project; and
- 2. prepare the project scope based on the key outcomes discussed;
- 3. present the project scope to the November Council meeting.'

Carried 4/0.

7.5 A (v) OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION AWARDS <u>Executive Summary</u>

The 2017 Outback Queensland Tourism Symposium & Awards will be held from the 2nd -4th of November in Cloncurry, hosted by the Cloncurry Shire Council. The awards recognizes the significant achievements of OQTA members and their businesses. The report recommends that Council consider the benefits of representation from Council and administration at the event and provide advice in regards to Council's representation at the event.

Recommendation

'That Council consider the benefits of representation from Council and Administration at the event and provide advice in regards to representation at the event.

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-9

Moved by Cr Cooms and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That Council authorise the Tourism and Event Manager and any available Councillors to attend the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Awards event.'

Carried 4/0.

7.6 A (VI) BIRDSVILLE RACES 2017

Executive Summary

The report provides information for Council from the 2017 Birdsville Races.

Recommendation

'That Council note the report.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-10 Moved by Cr Maunsell and Seconded by Cr Rayment 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7.7 A (XV) WARREGO WAY TOURIST SIGN PROJECT

Executive Summary

The report seeks Council approval on signage to be installed as part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads Warrego Way Tourist Sign Project.

<u>Recommendation</u>

'That Council approve the daft Warrego Way Tourist signs as proposed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-11

Moved by Cr Maunsell and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide the following feedback to the Department of Transport and Main Roads on the Warrego Way Tourist signs:

- Diamantina River sign: Remove text "Turn left"
- Big Red Sand Dune and Munga-Thirri National Park signs: combine these signs into one sign Big Red Sand Dune, Simpson Desert National Park and Munga-Thirri National Park: follow Big Red Road.
- Welcome to Birdsville sign: replace the photo with an appropriate photo of the town;
- Betoota Sandhill Serpent suggest that a sign be designed for the Betoota Sandhill Serpent.

Carried 4/0.

<u>Attendance</u>

10:53amJessica Greenaway, Tourism and Event Manager left the meeting11:01amStuart Bourne, Engineer, entered the meeting

7.8 A (VII) BEDOURIE AIRPORT REJUVENATION TENDER

Executive Summary

The tender for Bedourie Airport Crack Sealing & Surface Rejuvenation was advertised on LG Tender Box. The tender was closed at 2pm Friday 15th September 2017. The tenders were assessed and a report is provided for Council's action.

Recommendation

'That Council accept the tender of Downer EDI Work Pty Ltd for the Bedourie Airport Crack Sealing & Surface Rejuvenation project at a cost of \$176,825 with the total budget for the project to be increased to \$228,956.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-12

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That Council:

- authorise the Chief Executive Officer to apply for funding under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Funding program to upgrade the Bedourie Airport strip;
- accept the tender from Rock N Road Bitumen Pty Ltd for the Bedourie Airport Crack Sealing & Surface Rejuvenation project at a cost of \$176,000, on condition that the application for funding under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Funding program is successful;
- increase the total budget for the project to \$228,956.'

Carried 4/0.

7.9 A (VIII) BEDOURIE AIRPORT LINEMARKING TENDER

Executive Summary

The tender for Line Marking for the Bedourie Airport was advertised on LG Tender Box. The tender was closed at 2pm Friday 15th September 2017.

Recommendation

'That Council accept the tender for the Line Marking for the Bedourie Airport to Airport Linemarking & Maintenance at a cost of \$32,131.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-13

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That Council accept the tender of Airport Linemarking & Maintenance for the line marking of the Bedourie Airport at a cost of \$32,131, on the condition that the application for funding under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Funding program is successful.'

Carried 4/0.

Attendance:

11:35am Stuart Bourne, Engineer, left the meeting

7.10**A (IX) 2017-18 OPERATIONAL PLAN 1ST QUARTER REVIEW** Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a quarterly report to Council on the progress of implementing the annual Operational Plan.

Recommendation

'That Council receive the 1st Quarter report on the implementation of the 2017-18 Operational Plan.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-16 Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7.11A (X) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION AND DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL – ANNUAL REMUNERATION REVIEW

Executive Summary

The Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal (the Tribunal) is commencing its annual remuneration review program to determine the remuneration to be paid to mayors, deputy mayors and councillors from 1 July 2018, in accordance with the requirements of section 244 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The Tribunal is inviting submissions in relation to remuneration for councillors of local governments to inform the Tribunal's deliberations.

Recommendation

'That Council consider whether they will make a submission to the tribunal in relation to remuneration for councillors and categories of local governments.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-17 Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That Council receive the report and no action be taken.'

Carried 4/0.

7.12A (XI) POLICY TO BE ADOPTED – COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CEO Executive Summary

This policy has been reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule and minor administrative updates have been made.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Complaints about the CEO Policy as presented.' Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-18 Moved by Cr Cooms and Seconded by Cr Maunsell 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7.13A (XII) POLICY TO BE ADOPTED – ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Executive Summary

This policy has been reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule and some updates are proposed.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Policy as presented.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-19 Moved by Cr Cooms and Seconded by Cr Rayment 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7.14 A (XIII) POLICY TO BE ADOPTED - FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL POLICY

Executive Summary

This policy has been reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule and some updates are proposed.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy as presented.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-20 Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cooms 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

7.15 A (XIV) DELEGATIONS REGISTER REVIEW

Executive Summary

LGAQ has notified Council that updates have be made to the LGAQ's recommended Delegations Registers: Council to CEO. These updates have been reviewed and applied to Council's registers as required and the amended registers are presented for Council to review.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the amended Delegations Registers 'Council to Chief Executive Officer' as presented.'

Minute No. 2017.10.23-OM-21 Moved by Cr Cooms and Seconded by Cr Maunsell 'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 4/0.

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8 MEMBERS BUSINESS

8.1 CR COOMS

Nil

8.2 CR CRAMER

Nil

8.3 CR MAUNSELL

Cr Maunsell asked what was happening with the ABC and SBS television channels as they have dropped out.

The CEO advised that Council's TV Rebroadcasting supplier has advised that ABC and SBS are changing their transmission method which means our current transmitters will no longer work. No notice was provided to Council of this change. To continue transmitting Council will need to purchase four new transmitters (two in each town) at about \$15,000 each. Council's rebroadcasting supplier is currently importing transmitters to test and then will provide a quote. SBS may give a financial subsidy towards the costs but ABC will not.

8.4 CR MORTON

Nil

8.5 CR RAYMENT

Cr Rayment asked for an update on the motion submitted to the LGAQ conference seeking changes to government regulations relating to the treatment of deceased persons at the scene of accidents in remote areas to ensure the bodies are treated with dignity and respect.

CEO advised that the motion was not raised at the conference and he will follow up with letters to the minister.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 12:27pm.

Minutes confirmed this 20th day of November, 2017.

Cr Geoff Morton MAYOR

