

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council
held in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre, Bedourie
on Monday, January 20, 2020 commencing at 9.07am.

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2 ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Geoff Morton (Mayor), Cr Steve Cramer (Deputy Mayor), Cr Doug Cooms (by zoom rooms), Cr Bev Maunsell, Cr Don Rayment

Staff: Chief Executive Officer, Leon Love.
Governance and Environment Manager, Amanda Schnitzerling

Attendance:

9:07am Cassie White, Deputy CEO entered the meeting
9:07am Jessica Greenaway, Community Sustainability Manager, entered the meeting
with Charles Liggett, the new Community Sustainability Manager

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) Ordinary Meeting – December 16 2019

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-1

Moved by Cr Maunsell and Seconded by Cr Rayment
'That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on
December 16, 2019 be confirmed.'

Carried 5/0.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 INFORMATION REPORTS


6.1 I (i) 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. 2020.01.20-OM-2
Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cramer
'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7 ACTION REPORTS

7.1 A (I) EYRE DEVELOPMENTAL ROAD BUSINESS CASE

Executive Summary

This report seeks feedback from Councillors on the draft Business Case for the Eyre Developmental Road upgrade prepared by KPMG.

Recommendation

'That Councillors provide feedback on the draft document.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-3

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cooms

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide feedback to KPMG on the Eyre Developmental Road Business Case as discussed.'

Carried 5/0.

7.2 A (II) VARIETY BASH QLD 2020

Executive Summary

Council has received a request from Variety Bash Qld to utilise the Birdsville Oval as a camp ground for approximately 300-350 people travelling in approximately 120 vehicles from the 4th to 6th September 2020 allowing them to attend the Birdsville Races. Variety Bash will be providing their own toilet and shower truck, and have also requested the delivery of Wheelie bins at no charge and Marquees which they are intending to hire from Council as per the approved Fees and Charges.

Recommendation

'That Council consider and approve the request from Variety Bash Qld.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-4

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Rayment

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to advise the Variety Bash QLD that:

- Potable Water will be provided to the amenities at no cost; and
- Garbage – 5 Wheelie Bins and/or a skip will be provided as an in-kind donation; and
- Disposal of waste water will be charged at cost; and
- Council Marquee's will not be available for use; and
- Location of the amenities truck must be approved by the CEO.'

Carried 5/0.

7.3 A (XII) BELGRAVIA HEALTH & LEISURE GROUP PTY LTD - BIRDSVILLE CARAVAN PARK AND LODGE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-5

Moved Cr Cooms, Seconded Cr Cramer

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to negotiate the new contract with Belgravia based on discussions.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

10:07am Jessica Greenaway, Community Sustainability Manager, left the meeting
Charles Liggett, Community Sustainability Manager

Attendance:

10:07am Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager, Stuart Bourne, Engineer, and Kurt Ball, Strategic Services Coordinator entered the meeting

7.4 A (III) OVAL IRRIGATION

Executive Summary

This report tables the proposed actions to improve the condition of the ovals in Bedourie and Birdsville from consultant ACS Engineers.

Recommendation

'That Council consider the report, its recommendations and other available options.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-6

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cramer

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to prepare an Oval Irrigation report for the February meeting based on the proposed Option 2.'

Carried 5/0.

7.5 A (IV) BEDOURIE SHOWGROUNDS/RACECOURSE TENDER

Executive Summary

Tenders have been assessed for Design and Construction of a new Amenities block at the Bedourie Showgrounds. The tender was closed at 2pm Monday 13th January 2020. Ausco provided a very competitive price and has previous experience in Diamantina Shire. The pricing is currently over budget.

Recommendation

'That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Ausco Modular Pty Ltd for the Bedourie Amenities Upgrade and negotiate cost savings.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-7

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cooms



'That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Ausco Modular Pty Ltd for the Bedourie Amenities Upgrade and allocate up to \$100,000 from the Drought Community Programme funding for the costs above current grants/subsidies.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

11:16am Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager, Stuart Bourne, Engineer, left the meeting

Attendance:

11:16am Council adjourned the Meeting for morning tea.

11:44am Council resumed the Meeting.

7.6 A (v) 2019/2020 OPERATIONAL PLAN QUARTERLY REVIEW 2ND QRT 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 2nd Quarter report on the implementation of the 2019-20 Operational Plan.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-8

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Rayment

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.7 A (vi) SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval, in accordance with the notice dated 11 April 2018 and issued under section 18(3) of the *Planning Act 2016* (Planning Act), to resolve to progress the proposed planning scheme and maps for state interest review and public consultation.

Recommendation

'That Council:

- 1. endorses the Draft Diamantina Shire Planning Scheme and Maps ("the proposed planning scheme");**
- 2. endorses the Natural Hazard Risk Assessment Report, acknowledges the risks and risk mitigation measures identified in the report and resolves to accept the residual risks arising from the natural hazard mapping and related provisions in the proposed planning scheme;**

3. endorses the Potential Places of Local Heritage Significance Report and the recommendations of the report reflected in the proposed planning scheme;
4. endorses the Community Engagement Action Plan for public consultation of the proposed planning scheme;
5. resolves to request the Chief Executive administering the Planning Act to undertake a State interest review of the proposed planning scheme, in accordance with Step 3 of Stage 2 of the prescribed process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under section 18(3) of the Planning Act;
6. resolves to undertake public consultation of the proposed planning scheme in accordance with Step 8 of Stage 2 of the prescribed process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under section 18(3) of the *Planning Act 2016* for a period of [40 business days].'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-9

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Rayment

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.8 A (VII) POLICY FOR ADOPTION - HOUSING

Executive Summary

The Housing Policy has been reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule and some changes are proposed.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Housing Policy as presented.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-10

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Maunsell

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.9 A (VIII) POLICY FOR ADOPTION - TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES POLICY

Executive Summary

The Travel and Related Expenses policy has been reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule and some amendments are proposed.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Travel and Related Expenses Policy as presented.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-11

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Cooms

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.10 A (ix) BIRDSVILLE COURTHOUSE ACQUISITION OF FREEHOLD LAND

Executive Summary

Lot 8 on RB1 is one parcel of land where the Birdsville Police Station, Courthouse and Trackers Hut are located. The Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) on behalf of the Queensland Police Service has applied to freehold the parcel and has offered to subdivide off the part of the lot with the Courthouse and Trackers Hut and transfer ownership to Council at no cost.

Recommendation

'That Council authorise the CEO, or their delegate, to:

- **surrender the current lease on Lot 8 RB1 on the basis that the email, sent by Andrea Walker as the duly authorised PSBA delegate, acts as the appropriate authority to allow Council's on-going use and occupation of the subject land on the same terms and conditions contained in the existing lease; and**
- **liaise with PSBA with regard to freeholding the parcel Lot 8 on RB1; and**
- **liaise with PSBA with regard to subdividing off the area identified in the attached sketch of the parcel, Lot 8 on RB1; and**
- **liaise with PSBA to arrange the transfer of ownership of the new subdivided lot, as per the attached sketch, to Council for nil consideration; and**
- **apply to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to add Council's new freehold parcel to the Heritage Register and remove the remaining QPS parcel from the Heritage Register.**
- **pay all costs associated with the property transaction, including but not limited to preparation of a survey plan, addressing any State Heritage issues, and any other associated costs.**

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-12

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Maunsell

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

1:05pm Council adjourned the Meeting for lunch.
2:30pm Council resumed the Meeting.

7.11 A (x) BEDOURIE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION HOUSES

'That Council being satisfied that the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation is eligible for a concession, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advise the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation that Council agrees in principle to the following:

- **the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation to pay their non-rates related debt and as much of the outstanding rates and charges as possible with their cash reserves; and then**
- **granting a concession to the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation which includes an agreement to accept a transfer of all land once unencumbered in full payment of the outstanding rates and charges; and**
- **engaging King & Co to provide advice as required in relation to this matter.'**

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-13

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cooms

'That Council being satisfied that the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation is eligible for a concession, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advise the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation that Council agrees in principle to the following:

- the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation to pay their non-rates related debt with their cash reserves; and then
- granting a concession to the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation which includes an agreement to accept a transfer of all land once unencumbered in full payment of the outstanding rates and charges; and
- engaging King & Co to provide advice as required in relation to this matter.'

Carried 5/0.

7.12 A (xi) BIRDSVILLE AVIATION FUEL LEASE TRANSFER

Executive Summary

Birdsville Aviation Fuel Pty Ltd is being sold and the lease between Council and the company over part of Lot 1 on SP303311 at the Birdsville Airport needs to be transferred to the new owners.

Recommendation

'That Council authorise the CEO, or their delegate, to sign the required forms to enable the transfer of the lease held by Birdsville Aviation Fuel Pty Ltd, over part of Lot 1 on SP303311, to the new owners.'

Minute No. 2020.01.20-OM-14

Moved Cr Cooms, Seconded Cr Cramer

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

8 MEMBERS BUSINESS

8.1 CR COOMS

Cr Cooms asked if there was an update on the Betoota Hotel. The CEO advised that Council has engaged a Plumbing Inspector but no there was no other update.

8.2 CR CRAMER

Nil

8.3 CR MAUNSELL

Nil

8.4 CR MORTON

Cr Morton advised that he may not be at the February meeting.

8.5 CR RAYMENT

Nil



There being no further business the Meeting closed at 2:50pm.

Minutes confirmed this 17th day of February, 2020.

Cr Geoff Morton
MAYOR

