AMENDED

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting
Held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre
17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 on 16 February 2026 at 9:00am

Order of Business

1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Murray declared the Meeting open at 9.00am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor/Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Damien Watson	Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson
Cr Damian Clarke	Councillor
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor (Attended via Microsoft Teams)
Cr Kerry Morton	Councillor (Attended via Microsoft Teams)

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Mr Stuart Bourne	Partner, GBA Consulting Engineers
Mr Brent Reeman	Acting Director Infrastructure
Ms Lorraine Mathieson	Executive Assistant
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Nil

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Murray acknowledged the Wangkamahdla People, Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present. He extended that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present at the meeting.

5 CONDOLENCES

Nil

6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mayor Murray declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the matter 12.2.8 – Write-off of Unrecoverable Debts – Sundry Debtors, given that his cousin was a sundry debtor. Mayor Murray dealt with the conflict by leaving the meeting and taking no part in the decision-making process.

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION CNL/26/015

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 January 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

9 MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Mayoral Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/016

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives the Mayor's Report.

CARRIED 5/0

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Repeal Council Resolution - Birdsville Courthouse Specialised Contractor Approval

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is requested to repeal a previous resolution relating to the engagement of a specialised contractor for the Birdsville Courthouse Restoration Project.

Further consideration of the project scope, procurement options, and compliance requirements has identified that an open and competitive tender process is the most appropriate approach to deliver the works. Repealing the earlier resolution will enable Council to proceed with a procurement method that provides greater transparency, probity, and assurance that suitably qualified and licensed contractors can be assessed against clearly defined criteria for this heritage restoration project.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/017

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council:

1. Repeal Resolution CNL-25/043 which resolved:

    (a) That Council Receives and notes the Birdsville Courthouse Specialised Contractor Approval report; and

    (b) Resolves under Local Government Regulations 2012, section 235 (b) to:

        (a) Engage NCT Stonecraft Pty Ltd to complete works on Birdsville Courthouse by accepting quote and repair plan. Approval from Council is contingent on Queensland Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, Heritage unit approval.

2. Resolves to go to open tender for the Birdsville Courthouse Restoration Project.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.2 Engineering Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/018

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.3 Facilities and Town Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/019

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Facilities and Town Services Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.4 Fleet Maintenance and Workshop Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/020

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Fleet Maintenance and Workshop Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.5 Works update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Works update report.

CARRIED5/0

12.1.6 Infrastructure Services Operational Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/022

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Operational Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned for lunch at11.56am
The meeting resumed at 12.33pm

12.1.7 RFT2025-009 Bedourie Subdivision Roadworks

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To outline the procurement, assessment and award of the RFT2025-009 Bedourie Subdivision Road Construction and Associated Works.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/023

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract RFT2025-009 Bedourie Subdivision RFT2025-009 Bedourie Subdivision Road Construction and Associated Works tender to NQ Estimating & Civil Services for the total value of $1,549,698.00 excl GST; and

    (i) Delegates authority under s 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation this contract/ arrangement.

CARRIED5/0

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate

12.2.1 2025/2026 Rates Collection Report to 5 February 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/024

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the 2025/2026 Rates Collection Report to 5 February 2026 report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.2 Governance Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/025

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Governance Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.3 Finance Report - January 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/026

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report - January 2026 report.

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Damian Clarke left the meeting at 1.51pm
Cr Damian Clarke returned to the meeting at 1.53pm

12.2.4 Corporate Services Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/027

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

Tim O’Leary, Reel Planning, joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 2.00pm

12.2.5 Endorsement of Housing Study

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council’s endorsement of the Housing Study and Planning Scheme Review document, and approval to use it as the basis for preparing the planning scheme amendment and to engage with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/028

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receive the report, and:

1. Endorse the Housing Study and Planning Scheme Review document (Attachment 1)
2. Approve the use of the Housing Study and Planning Scheme Review document as the basis for preparing the planning scheme amendment.
3. Approve the use of the Housing Study and Planning Scheme Review document to engage with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning regarding the planning scheme amendment.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.6 Q2 - Quarterly Report Operational Plan 2025/2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council must present a written assessment of its progress towards implementing the annual operational plan. This report provides an update on the progress in delivering Council's 2025–26 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/029

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Q2 - Quarterly Report Operational Plan 2025/2026.

CARRIED 5/0

At 2:20 pm, Mayor Francis Murray declared a Declarable Interest in this matter and left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Damien Watson assumed the Chair.

12.2.8 Write-off of Unrecoverable Debts - Sundry Debtors

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the write-off of uncollectable debts in accordance with Council's Debt Recovery Policy and delegated authority under the Local Government Act 2009.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/030

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council approve the write-off of the debts listed below in the total amount of $44,924.06 in accordance with Council's Debt Recovery Policy.

Debtor No.	Amount ($)
30462	$0.03
30073	$75.66
30412	$214.80
30470	$645.00
30455	$539.00
30397	$645.00
30078	$952.00
30279	$1,763.57
30450	$18,029.00
30237	$22,060.00
	$44,924.06

CARRIED 4/0

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 2.35pm.
At 2:45 pm, Mayor Francis Murray returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

The meeting resumed at 2.45pm.

12.2.7 Human Resources and Safety Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/031

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources and Safety Report.

CARRIED 5/0

Alona Gilhang, Human Resources Manager joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 2.45pm.

Alona Gilhang, Human Resources Manager left the meeting at 3.15pm.

Julianne Meier, CEO, left the meeting at 3.21pm.

Julianne Meier, CEO, returned to the meeting at 3.24pm.

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

12.3.1 Community Grant Requests - Pathline Productions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for a Community Grant request received during the month.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/032

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and approves request for support from Pathline Productions.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.2 Repeal Council Resolution - Family Day Care

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is requested to repeal a previous resolution to ensure Council decision-making remains efficient, effective, transparent, and accountable, consistent with the principles of good governance under the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Since the original resolution was adopted, circumstances have changed such that the resolution is no longer appropriate or able to be implemented as intended. Repealing the resolution will promote sound governance, reduce the risk of ambiguity or unintended consequences, and support Council's obligation to act in the public interest while making best use of available resources.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/033

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council repeal Resolution CNL/25/222 which resolved – That Council resolves to engage FGP Morton to facilitate Family Day Care in Bedourie and Birdsville.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.3 Birdsville Courthouse Official Opening - Preserving History

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the proposal to engage professional film makers to preserve Diamantina history, during the Birdsville Courthouse Museum Official Opening events.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/034

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council approve the engagement of professional film makers to record a Shire milestone.

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Damian Clarke left the meeting 3.58pm.

12.3.4 Tourism Strategy 2025-2028 Progress Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/035

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Tourism Strategy 2025-2028 Progress Report.

CARRIED 4/0

Cr Damian Clarke returned to the meeting 4.00pm.

12.3.5 Communities Directorate Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/036

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 CEO Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/037

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION CNL/26/038

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Damien Watson

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012:

14.1 Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Park Leases

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - g of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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

RESOLUTION CNL/26/039

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

Resume in Open Session.

CARRIED 5/0

14.1 Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Park Leases

RESOLUTION CNL/26/040

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Park Leases report.

CARRIED 5/0

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business matters were raised.

16 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00am on 16 March 2026.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 4.27pm.