



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

Confirmed Minutes

Ordinary Meeting held at the
Bedourie Administration Office on
Monday, 17 February 2025
commencing at 9.00 am

Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council held at the Administration Centre, Bedourie on Monday, 17 February 2025 commencing at 9.00am

1 Opening of Meeting

Mayor Cr Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9.00.

2 Attendance

Councillors

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Cr Francis Murray

Cr Damien Watson

Cr Damian Clarke

Cr Rob Dare

Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director/Interim Director Infrastructure Services

Chief Operating Officer

Director People and Governance

Executive Assistant

Julianne Meier

Brent Reeman

Jason Beaton

Lorelle Hatch

Jillian Anderson (Teams)

Consultants

GBA Consulting Engineers

Stuart Bourne

3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Cr Kerry Morton.

Resolution No. CNL25/013

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Watson

That the apology from Cr Morton be accepted.

Carried 4/0

4 Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Francis Murray acknowledged the Wangkamadla 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

No condolences were received.

6 Declarations of Interests in Matters on the Agenda

No conflicts of interest were declared.

8 Confirmation of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 20 January 2025

Resolution CNL-25/11 for Item 12.3.3 Request for Support – Bedourie Amateur Races Club – Bedourie Camel Bash Event be updated to include clause 3:

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Resolution No. CNL-25/11

Moved Cr Watson and Seconded Cr Clarke

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Request for Support – Bedourie Amateur Races Club – Bedourie Camel Bash Event report;**
- 2. Approve financial (cash) support to the value of \$30,000 from the Community Grants Fund for the purpose of producing the Bedourie Camel Races; and**
- 3. Requests that the Bedourie Amateur Races Club repay the financial support of \$30,000.**

Carried 4/0

Resolution No. CNL25/014

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Clarke

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 20 January 2025 be confirmed with the update to Item 12.3.3 Request for Support – Bedourie Amateur Races Club – Bedourie Camel Bash Event.

Carried 4/0

7 Presentations and Deputations

There were no presentations or deputations for the meeting.

9 Mayoral Update

Resolution No. CNL25/015

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Dare

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Update.

Carried 4/0

10 Outstanding Business

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.

Resolution No. CNL25/016

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Murray

That Council receives and notes the Actions Register update.

Carried 4/0

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11 Notices of Motion

Nil.

12 Officers Reports

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Infrastructure Services January 2025 Update

Resolution No. CNL25/017

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services January 2025 Update report.

Carried 4/0

Cr Watson left the meeting at 10.48am and returned at 10.50am.

Stuart Bourne joined the meeting at 10.49am

12.1.2 Engineering January 2025 Update

Lorelle Hatch left the meeting at 11.40am and returned at 11.44am.

Resolution No. CNL25/018

Moved Cr Watson and Seconded Cr Dare

That Council receives and notes the Engineering January 2025 Update.

Carried 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 11.51am and reconvened at 12.05pm.

14 Closed Meeting – Confidential Matters

This discussion is considered confidential and will be discussed in a closed meeting of Council in accordance with Section 254J(1) Local Government Regulation 2012.

Resolution No. CNL25/019

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Dare

That pursuant to section 254 J(1) *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed at 12.05pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

14.1 TENDER TC202411 FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION WORKS – VARIOUS ROADS

This report is considered confidential and will be discussed in a closed meeting of Council in accordance with *Local Government Regulation 2012* sections 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 AWARDING OF TENDER TC2024012 PIPES AND CONCRETE WORKS

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This report 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.

14.3 LEGAL MATTER UPDATE

This report 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.

Resolution No. CNL25/020

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Murray

That the meeting be re-opened at 12.38pm to vote on items 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3.

Carried 4/0

14.1 Tender TC202411 Flood Damage Restoration Works – Various Roads

Resolution No. CNL25/021

Moved Cr Watson and Seconded Cr Dare

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Tender TC202411 Flood Damage Restoration Works – Various Roads report; and**
- 2. Does not award the contract to any of the tenderers.**

Carried 4/0

14.2 Awarding Of Tender TC2024012 Pipes and Concrete Works

Resolution No. CNL25/022

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Awarding of Tender for TC2024012 Pipes and Concrete Works report;**
- 2. Accepts the post tender clarification submission of \$1,226,474.41 (ex GST) from NQES Industries Pty Ltd for TC2024012 Pipes and Concrete Works; and**
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract.**

Carried 4/0

14.3 Legal Matter Update

Resolution No. CNL25/023

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Dare

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That Council receives and notes the Legal Matter Update.

Carried 4/0

Stuart Bourne left the meeting at 12.55pm

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.57pm and reconvened at 1.31pm.

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate

12.2.1 Quarter Two Review – Annual Operational Plan 2024-2025

Resolution No. CNL25/024

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Dare

That Council receives and notes the Quarter Two Review – Annual Operational Plan 2024-2025 report as presented.

Carried 4/0

12.2.2 Finance January 2025 Update

Resolution No. CNL25/025

Moved Cr Clarke and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council receives and notes the Finance January 2025 Update.

Carried 4/0

12.2.3 Budget Review

Cr Clarke left the meeting at 2.42pm and returned at 2.43pm.

Resolution No. CNL25/026

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Budget Review Update report; and**
- 2. Adopts the amended budget, comprised of the following statements, for 2024-2025 as presented and in accordance with Section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

Further, this budget amendment does not include any changes to the following policies, which were adopted at Council's Special Budget Meeting 31 July 2024.

- The Revenue Statement – Resolution No. 2024.07.31-SM-04**
- The Revenue Policy – Resolution No. 2024.07.31-SM-03**

Carried 4/0

12.3 Communities Directorate

Jason Beaton left the meeting at 3.24pm and returned at 3.26pm.

Patrice Brandenburg joined the meeting at 2.48pm.

12.3.1 Community and Economic Development January 2025 Update

Resolution No. CNL25/027

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Community and Economic Development January 2025 Update.

Carried 4/0

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12.3.2 Event Vendor Fee Review

Resolution No. CNL25/028

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Event Vendor Fee Review report.**
- 2. Adopts the proposed changes to the event vendor fee structure below:**

Event	Duration	Fee description	Amount
July – Bash, Camels etc	3 to 5 days of trade	Non–Food Holder Licence	\$250.00 (GST Free)
July – Bash, Camels etc	3 to 5 days of trade	Food Holder Licence	\$400.00 (GST Free)
September – Races	5 to 7 days of trade	Non–Food Holder Licence	\$300.00 (GST Free)
September – Races	5 to 7 days of trade	Food Holder Licence	\$450.00 (GST Free)

- 3. Authorises the CEO to update the 2024-2025 Fees and Charges to reflect the new charges.**

Carried 4/0

12.3.3 Birdsville Courthouse Experience Entry Fees

Councillors requested an amendment to the resolution to include ‘Local Shire residents are free’.

Resolution No. CNL25/029

Moved Cr Watson and Seconded Cr Clarke

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Birdsville Courthouse Experience Entry Fees report.**
- 2. Adopts the proposed new entry fees for the Birdsville Courthouse Experience below:**
 - a) Adults \$10;**
 - b) Concession \$5;**
 - c) Children 14 and under free; and**
 - d) Local Shire residents are free.**
- 3. Authorises the CEO to update the 2024-2025 Fees and Charges to reflect the new charges.**

Carried 4/0

Patrice Brandenburg left the meeting at 3.40pm.

13. Executive Office

13.1 CEO January 2025 Update

Resolution No. CNL25/030

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council receives and notes the CEO January 2025 Update.

Carried 4/0

Cr Watson left the meeting at 4.07pm and returned at 4.09pm

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13.2 People and Governance January 2025 Update

Resolution No. CNL25/031

Moved Cr Dare and Seconded Cr Clarke

That Council receives and notes the People and Governance January 2025 Update.

Carried 4/0

13.3 Council October Meeting Date for 2025

Resolution No. CNL25/032

Moved Cr Murray and Seconded Cr Watson

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Council October Meeting Date for 2025 report;**
- 2. Change the date of the October 2025 Ordinary Council meeting from Monday 20 October 2025 to Monday 13 October 2025; and**
- 3. The current Council Meeting schedule be amended and published to reflect this change.**

Carried 4/0

14 Closed Meeting – Confidential Matters

These items were discussed after Item 12.1.2 Engineering January 2025 Update.

15 FUTURE BUSINESS

Mayor Murray: Showers at Birdsville Caravan Park are included in the lease has been confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.28pm.

Cr Francis Murray (Mayor)

Chairman