

# **LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**



**Ordinary Meeting**

**12th February, 2009**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

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**held on Thursday 12th February, 2009 at the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Longreach**

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**Opening of Meeting**

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9.04 am.

**Present**

Mayor	Cr J E Palmer
Deputy Mayor	Cr G G Ford
Councillors	Cr N R Bowden
	Cr K Hoolihan
	Cr R B Murray
	Cr N A Nielsen

**Officers**

Mrs. M. McFadyen	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs W. Tabrett	Executive Assistant and Records Officer

**Prayer**

Prayer was led by Reverend Jeanette Gillam of the Uniting Church

**Leave of Absence**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Nielsen

That leave of absence be granted to Cr Bichsel.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-039)

**Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Moved Cr Ford  
Seconded Cr Nielsen

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2009 as presented be confirmed.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-040)

**Mayoral Minute**

The Mayor provided a verbal report of matters addressed by him since the last meeting.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

**Business Arising**

**New Corporate Plan**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That the draft Corporate Plan be adopted to be advertised for community feedback as per the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-041)

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**Revaluations of Rural Properties**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That council, based on legal advice, take no action to seek compensation from the Department of Natural Resources in relation to the revaluation of rural properties within the council area due to the high costs of doing so and the small likelihood of success, whilst remaining of the view that the Department of Natural Resources remain responsible for the errors made in the original valuations.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-042)

**Attendance**

Cr Murray left the Meeting at 9:38 and returned at 9:40 am

**Kinnon & Co / Qantas Founders Museum**

Moved Cr Bowden  
Seconded Cr Hoolihan

That permission be granted to Kinnon and Co to stage tours on the Cobb & Co coach from the Airport precinct on the area under the wing of the 747 outside of the fenced area, on the provision that:

- All manure to be cleaned up immediately
- No access for the coach at the airport 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes after scheduled regular public transport flights unless approved by the CEO
- Arrangement to be reviewed as required by Longreach Regional Council
- Kinnon and Co to establish required bollards and chains, and move rocks and pots, as directed by the Airport Supervisor with all costs to Kinnon and Co.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-043)

**New Matters**

**Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Ilfracombe and District Progress Association Inc**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That the Chief Executive Officer send by email the amended MOU to Councillors for their input and then forward the final draft to IDPA and arrange meeting to discuss the amendments.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-044)

**Correspondence**

**Ilfracombe & District Progress Association – Centenary Celebrations**

Moved Cr Nielsen  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That council support the Ilfracombe and District Progress Association in their wish to jointly arrange a celebration of the Mail Centenary with representatives from Isisford, and that this be done in conjunction with councils events officer, and that council consider a budget allocation in the 2009/10 year.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-045)

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**Anti- Amalgamation Signage – Input from Communities**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Nielsen

That Council liaise with the progress associations to find an appropriate way to record the history of amalgamation through signage that is mutually acceptable.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-046)

**Adjournment**

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:40 am and returned at 10:55 am.

**Suspend Standing Orders**

Moved Cr Nielsen  
Seconded Cr Hoolihan

That Council suspend standing orders to receive a deputation from Longreach Regional Residents Incorporated in relation to their members views regarding bore water and the Worley Parsons Report.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-047)

**Deputation**

Members of the Longreach Regional Residents Incorporated, Mr Ian Dempster and Mr David Shakespeare, addressed the meeting.

**Resume Standing Orders**

Moved Cr Ford  
Seconded Cr Murray

That Council resume standing orders

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-048)

**Quiet Place / Chapel – CWQ Branch of Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame**

Moved Cr Ford  
Seconded Cr Murray

That Council respond to the Central West Queensland Branch of the Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame advising that council support the concept/project of the Quiet Place/Chapel and that the CEO enter into discussions on possible in-kind assistance.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-049)

**Attendance**

Director Corporate Services, Mr Andrew McKenzie attended the meeting at 11.50 am

**Corporate Services Report**

**Longreach Town Clean Up 2009**

Moved Cr Ford  
Seconded Cr Murray

That Council direct the CEO to organise the Town Clean Up for the period 9-20 March 2009.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-050)

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**Town Property Inspection Programme**

Moved Cr Ford  
Seconded Cr Murray

That pursuant to section 1098 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolve to commence a further "Approved Inspection Program" in Longreach, from 1st March to 30th June 2009 during which authorised officers will enter properties to check compliance with the following local laws: -

(Keeping and Control of Animals) Local Law No. 6;  
(Control of Pest) Local Law No. 13;  
(Control of Nuisances) Local Law No. 18;  
(Commercial Use of Roads) Local Law No. 20; and  
(Swimming Pools) Local Law No. 25

CARRIED (Res-2000-02-051)

**Adjournment**

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:48 pm and returned at 1: 35 pm.

**Attendance**

Director Finance Services, Mrs Yvonne Clark attended the meeting at 1:35 pm  
Cr Hoolihan attended the meeting at 1:37pm  
Director Infrastructure Services, Mr John Roworth, attended the meeting at 1:45pm  
Director Corporate Services, Mr Andrew McKenzie, attended the meeting at 1:45pm  
Director Community Services, Ms Suzanne Hill-Hislop, attended the meeting at 1:47pm

**Conflict of Interest**

Cr Glennis Ford declared a conflict of interest in the discussion regarding Central State Fuels and left the meeting at 1:47pm

**Director Finance Services Report**

**Isisford Fuel Station**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That Council seek a legal opinion on the validity of the lease between Central State Fuels and the former Isisford Shire Council and Council's possibility of renegotiation of the lease.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-052)

**Attendance**

Cr Ford returned to the Meeting at 2:05 pm

**Bad Debts Write Off**

Moved Cr Bowden  
Seconded Cr Hoolihan

1. That the amounts owing as listed totalling \$17,428.26 be written off to Bad Debts Expense in the current financial year.
2. That the debts from McDonald, Morrison, O'Brien, Avery, Dawson be re-opened.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-053)

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**Tender - Medium Tipper**

Moved Cr Nielsen

Seconded Cr Bowden

That Council Accept the quote from Lawrence's Isuzu for the supply of one only Isuzu FTR 900 Medium rigid tipper for \$153,041.00 ex GST and \$168,345.10 Inc GST and  
Sell plant 6133 to East Coast Commercials Brisbane for \$33,800.00 ex GST and \$37,180.00 Inc GST.

Changeover: \$119,241.00 ex GST  
\$131,165.10 Inc GST

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-054)

**Budget Review**

Moved Cr Bowden

Seconded Cr Hoolihan

That Council adopt the amended figures in the Budget Review.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-055)

**Attendance**

Director Community Services and Infrastructure Services left the Meeting at 2:53 pm

Director Community Services, Mrs Suzanne Hill-Hislop, attended the Meeting at 2:58 pm

Director Finance Services, Mrs Yvonne Clark left the meeting at 2:58 pm

Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Michelle McFadyen, left the Meeting at 3:01 pm and returned at 3:03pm

**Community Services Report**

**New Matters**

**Hostel Fees 2009**

Moved Cr Ford

Seconded Cr Murray

That Council amend the Longreach Students Hostel fees for 7 Day Boarding to

- a) \$2,415 per resident per term only for whole of term, if paid up front.
- b) If parents chose to pay fortnightly term payments must be two weeks in advance otherwise a penalty of \$25 per week will apply.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-056)

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Q150 – Icons of Queensland Trek

Moved Cr Bowden  
Seconded Cr Nielsen

- a. That Council provide assistance to the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Inc (RGSQ) 'Icons of Queensland' trek in the donation of costs of \$1755 for camping fees for 26th, 27th and 28th September 2009 at the Longreach Showgrounds.
- b. That Council be recognised for this assistance by the RGSQ 'Icons of Queensland' trek by being included in their publicity campaign.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-057)

**Attendance**

Director Community Services, Mrs Suzanne Hill-Hislop, left the Meeting at 3:30 pm  
Director Infrastructure Services, Mr John Roworth, attended the Meeting at 3:30 pm

**Adjournment**

Council adjourned at 3:30 pm for afternoon tea and returned at 3:38 pm

**Infrastructure Services Reports**

**Conflict of Interest**

The Mayor, Cr Palmer, declared a conflict of interest in the item to discuss signage on the Highway, and left the Meeting at 3:40 pm, Cr Ford assumed the Chair.

Sandwich Board Signage on Highway

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That letters be sent to the businesses with highway frontage advising them that Council must enforce Main Roads requirements and advising them of a) if they are eligible to have signage on the highway and 2) what the criteria is for signage on the highway.

CARRIED (Res 2009-02-058)

Budget allocation for signs

Moved Cr Bowden  
Seconded Cr Nielsen

That Council consider the provision of signage as approved by Main Roads in next year's budget.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-059)

**Attendance**

The Mayor, Cr Palmer, returned to the Meeting and resumed the Chair at 4:51 pm

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**Bore Water Report**

Moved Cr Nielsen  
Seconded Cr Bowden

The Public Meeting for the presentation of the Bore Water Report be held at 7:00 pm on Monday 2 March in the Civic Centre.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-060)

**Sewer Upgrade Tender**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Nielsen

That Baileys Civil is offered the Contract for the Sewer Upgrade and that the CEO is delegated authority to formalise the tender offer.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-061)

**New Matters**

**Apex Riverside Park Signage**

Moved Cr Bowden  
Seconded Cr Murray

That the name of the road from the Landsborough Highway to Apex Riverside Park be River Farms Road.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-062)

**Painted River Levels on Silsoe Road at Maneroo Creek and Darr River**

Moved Cr Ford  
Seconded Cr Murray

That Council consults with Ergon, Emergency Services and relevant landholders/pilots to ascertain what their requirements would be for flood level markings and that council make it a priority to have these markings implemented.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-063)

**Level of Proposed Industrial Estate on Spoonbill Street**

Moved Cr Hoolihan  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That the level of the proposed Industrial Estate on Spoonbill Street be the same level as the outback storage site which is approximately AHD 184.2.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-064)

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**Correspondence**

**Emerald Refrigerated Haulage – Access Routes**

Moved Cr Nielsen  
Seconded Cr Hoolihan

That council grant permission for Emerald Refrigerated Haulage to operate a Road Train Type 1 vehicle along Stork Road south from Landsborough Road to Raven Road then east along Raven Road to access the kangaroo storage box located at the end of Raven Road between the hours of 5:30 pm and 9:30 pm on Mondays only.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-065)

**Donald & Sandra Oates – Mail Contractors and Carriers – Access Routes**

Moved Cr Murray  
Seconded Cr Bowden

That Donald and Sandra Oates (Mail contractors and Carriers) be granted permission to access the following streets with a body truck with a 25 foot tray towing a 34 foot trailer for deliveries and pick-ups for customers:

- Off Landsborough Highway onto Thrush and Miner Road to deliver to Followmont Transport and Centwest Engineering, then on to Stilt Street to access Ballard Freightlines;
- Off Landsborough Highway onto Galah Street for rear entrance for Smith Bros and further along to Pelican Street for access to Landmark, then Eagle Street to access Longreach Tyre Centre and Longreach Engineering;
- Off Landsborough Highway onto Finch Lane to access Elders and their own depot.
- The route should retrace its steps back to the Landsborough Highway
- The route should retrace its steps back to the Landsborough Highway or alternatively travel south to Owl Street then on to Jundah or along Owl & Spoonbill Street (i.e. the Jundah bypass) back to the Landsborough Highway;
- The route should retrace its steps back to the Landsborough Highway.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-066)

**Foundation for Public Works**

Moved Cr Ford  
Seconded Cr Nielsen

That council join the Public Works Engineering Qld as a Corporate Subscriber at a cost of \$1000.

CARRIED (Res-2009-02-067)

**Closure of Meeting**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are not yet confirmed.

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Cr J E Palmer  
Mayor

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Mrs M.G. McFadyen  
Chief Executive Officer