

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Special Meeting

Monday 28 February 2022

CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting
held on Monday 28 February 2022 at the Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach**

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11.00am.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we acknowledge elders past, present and emerging."

PRESENT

Councillors

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner (*via visual audio link*)

Cr LJ Nunn (*via visual audio link*)

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie (*via visual audio link*)

Cr TM Hatch

Cr TFB Smith

Officers

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,
Mayor and Councillors

Ms Corinne Ballard

Public Gallery

Nil

Apologies

Cr TJ Martin

2 Participation in Meetings by Audio Link or Visual Audio Link

To give consideration for Councillors to attend the meeting via audio link or visual audio link.
(*Res-2022-02-054*)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch

That Council, in accordance with section 254K of the Local Government Regulation 2012, allows the following person/s to participate in the meeting by audio link or visual audio link:

- a) Mayor, Cr Anthony Rayner*
- b) Deputy Mayor, Cr Leonie Nunn; and*
- c) Cr Tony Emslie*

CARRIED

3 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors and Senior Council Officers

3.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business

Pursuant to section 150EG, 150EH, 150EI, 150EJ, 150EK, 150EL and 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the potential benefit or loss, and if applicable, provide the name of the related person and their relationship with them. They may not participate in a decision relating to the matter and must leave the meeting.

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

3.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business

Pursuant to section 150EN, 150EO, 150EP, 150EQ, 150ER, 150ES and 150ET of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the nature of the interest, if applicable, name of the related person, the relationship to them, and the nature of the interest, and/or the value and date of any gift received.

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The Councillor may voluntarily leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter or;

Other Councillors may vote on this matter and decide if;

- (a) the Councillor must leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter;
or
- (b) the Councillor may remain in the meeting and participate in a decision relating to the matter.

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

4 Resignation of Chief Executive Officer

Consideration of the resignation of the Chief Executive Officer who will cease duties on Friday 18 March 2022.

(Res-2022-02-055)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council accept the resignation of Mr Mitchell Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, and acknowledge his duties will cease on Friday 18 March 2022.

CARRIED

5 Closed Matters

(Res-2022-02-056)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated at 11.02am.

Appointment of an Acting Chief Executive Officer

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J (3)(a), of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.

CARRIED

Council out of Closed Session

(Res-2022-02-057)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch

That Council move out of Closed Session at 11.06am to vote on Item 5.1.

CARRIED

5.1 Appointment of an Acting Chief Executive Officer

Consideration of the appointment of an Acting Chief Executive Officer.

(Res-2022-02-058)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 195 of the Local Government Act 2009 Council:

- 1. Authorise the appointment of Mr Scott Mason as the Acting Chief Executive Officer until a permanent appointment is made; and*
- 2. Authorise the Mayor to negotiate a contract and terms of engagement with the appointee and their representatives.*

CARRIED

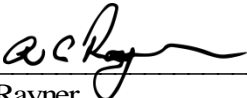
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6 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.10am.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are confirmed.



Cr AC Rayner
Mayor



Scott Mason
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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