

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 25 January 2023

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Wednesday 25 January 2023 at the Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach**

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am

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

2 Prayer

Pastor Ben Kent, Reach Christian Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Condolences

Council paid their respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Lynn Archibald Cameron & Vaughan Johnson.

PRESENT

Councillors

Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Deputy Mayor

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr TM Hatch

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr Brett Walsh

Acting Chief Financial Officer

Mrs Nicole Moulds

Director of Community and Cultural Services

Mrs Lisa Young

Director of Infrastructure Services

Mr Roger Naidoo

Human Resources

Ms Grace Jones

Executive Officer, Economic Development and

Public Affairs

Mr Simon Kuttner

Executive Officer , Governance and Special

Projects

Mrs Kimberley Dillon

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,

Mayor and Councillors

Ms Elizabeth Neal

Apologies

Cr T Smith

3 Consideration of Leave of Absence

3.1 Leave request

Cr Smith has requested a leave of absence from this meeting due to unexpected personal reasons

(Res-2023-01-001)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council grants Cr Smith a leave of absence from this meeting

CARRIED 5/0

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4 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

4.1 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.

Cr Tony Emslie - Longreach Rugby Union Club- Item 14.1 - Community Donations - Remuneration to be received for assisting with field preparations for Rugby Union Carnival.

Cr Tony Rayner GroWQ – Item 14.2 – Sponsorship – due to him being a director of GroWQ.

4.2 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.

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.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Council - Thursday 15 December 2022

(Res-2023-01-002)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2022, be confirmed.

CARRIED 5/0

6 Mayoral Report

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

7 Councillor Requests

Nil

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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Council resolved to amend standing orders to consider Item 17

17 Closed Matters

Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1) a, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer.

(Res-2023-01-003)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 242J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 9:19am to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

CARRIED 5/0

Council out of Closed session

(Res-2023-01-004)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

Council move out of Closed session at 9:27am

CARRIED 5/0

17.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

Consideration of the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

(Res-2023-01-005)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council:

- 1. Appoints Brett Walsh to the role of Chief Executive Officer effective 25/01/2023; and*
- 2. Authorises the Mayor to negotiate a contract of employment, including performance standards and conditions of employment, with the Chief Executive Officer.*

CARRIED 5/0

11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Standing Matters: Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

The following correspondence has been received up to Monday 16 January 2022:

1. Local Government Remuneration Commission – Annual Report 2021-2022
2. Hon Steven Miles MP – Approval of full postal ballot for February 2023 by-election
3. Queensland Government – Community Sustainability Action Grants
4. CEO DA Howard Blackall – Tambo Regional Council Tourism meeting
5. Australian Government - Disaster Ready Fund Fact Sheet
6. Department of Transport and Main Roads - Walking Local Governments Grants Factsheet
7. Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water - approved Drinking Water Quality Management Plan
8. Queensland Government - Seeking feedback to the Queensland disaster management arrangements review
9. Outback Queensland Tourism Association - 2022 Excellence Awards

(Res-2023-01-006)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

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**11.2 Standing Matters: Calendar of Events
Upcoming Events, Meetings and Conferences**

Date & Time	Event	Location	Participants
January 2023			
21 Sat 10.00-11.00am	Community Master Plan Feedback Forum	Longreach Library	Public event
24 Tue 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Rooms Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
25 Wed 9.00am-5.00pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors, Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
26 Thurs 9.00am-12.00pm	Community Master Plan Feedback Forum	Longreach Showgrounds	Public event
26 Thurs 8.00am-12.00pm	Longreach Australia Day 2023 Awards/ Citizenship Ceremony/ Community Breakfast / Family event	Arts and Craft Pavilion, Longreach Showgrounds	Public event
26 Thurs 3.00pm start	Ilfracombe Australia Day 2023 Awards/ Community BBQ dinner/ Cricket and Family event	Ilfracombe Recreational Centre, Ilfracombe	Public event
26 Thurs 8.00am start	Isisford & Yaraka Australia Day 2023 Awards/ Community Breakfast/ Free pool and activities	Multi Purpose Complex, Isisford	Public event
28 Sat 6.00pm	Yaraka Australia Day 2023 Community BBQ	Yaraka Hotel, Yaraka	Public event
February 2023			
4 Sat 10.00-11.00am	Community Master Plan Feedback Forum	Longreach Library	Public event
11 Sat 9.30-11.30am	Community Master Plan Feedback Forum	Longreach Skate Park	Public event
14 Tues 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
16 Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
23 Tue 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
March 2023			
14 Tues 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team
16 Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
30 Thurs 11.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Councillors Executive Leadership Team

(Res-2023-01-007)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Calendar of Events report, as presented

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11.3 Community Engagement Forums - 2023

Consideration of setting dates for the bi-annual Community Engagement Forums to be held in each community as per Council's Annual Operational Plan 2022-2023.

(Res-2023-01-008)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council agrees to hold the 2023 Community Engagement Forums on the dates and times indicated below and advise the local community accordingly:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Monday, 13 March 2023</i>	<i>Longreach</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday, 14 March 2023</i>	<i>Ilfracombe</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, 15 March 2023</i>	<i>Yaraka</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, 15 March 2023</i>	<i>Isisford</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>
<i>Monday, 11 September 2023</i>	<i>Longreach</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday, 12 September 2023</i>	<i>Ilfracombe</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, 13 September 2023</i>	<i>Yaraka</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, 13 September 2023</i>	<i>Isisford</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>

CARRIED 5/0

11.4 2024 Local Government Election - Postal Voting

Consideration of an application to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning seeking to have Postal Voting for the 2024 Local Government Election.

(Res-2023-01-009)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council submits an application to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning for the 2024 Local Government Election for Longreach Regional Council to be conducted by postal ballot, due to there being a large Council area with a low population density.

CARRIED 5/0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:09am

The meeting resumed at 10:44am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

11.5 National General Assembly of Local Government - Call for Motions

Consideration of submitting an item to the Australian Local Government Association for consideration at the National General Assembly (NGA) scheduled for June 2023.

(Res-2023-01-010)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council:

- 1. Considers any Notices of Motion for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2023 at the February Council meeting; and*
- 2. Approves for the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, and Councillor/s to attend the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly scheduled for June 2023.*

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11.6 Pest Animal Bounty Policy 05-03 - Biennial Review

Consideration of the adoption of the Pest Animal Bounty Policy 05-03 which is due for its biennial review.

(Res-2023-01-011)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts the amended Pest Animal Bounty Policy 05-03, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

11.7 Pest Animal Control Policy 05-04 - Biennial Review

Consideration of the adoption of the revised Pest Animal Control Policy 05-04 which is due for its biennial review.

(Res-2023-01-012)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the amended Pest Animal Control Policy 05-04, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

11.8 Livestock Tailing Policy 05-05 - Biennial Review

Consideration of the adoption of the revised Livestock Tailing Policy 05-05 which is due for its biennial review.

(Res-2023-01-013)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council adopts the amended Livestock Tailing Policy 05-05, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

11.9 02-10 Councillor Remuneration Policy

Consideration to repeal the Councillor Remuneration Policy No.2.10.

(Res-2023-01-014)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council repeals the Councillor Remuneration Policy No.2.10, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

11.10 Workplace Health & Safety Update Report - December 2022

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 31 December 2022, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2023-01-015)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Workplace Health & Safety Update Report for the period ending 31 December 2022.

CARRIED 5/0

11.11 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred during the month of December 2022 for the Governance Department.

(Res-2023-01-016)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

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12 Reception and Consideration of Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Financial Officer's Report

12.1 Financial Services Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2022

(Res-2023-01-017)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2022, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2 Request for budget for Council by-election

Request for budget for Council by-election

(Res-2023-01-018)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves an additional budget of \$40,000 to pay for expenses incurred in the conduct of the by-election to be held on 11 February 2023.

CARRIED 5/0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:48pm

The meeting resumed at 1:30pm with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance

13 Reception and Consideration of Director Corporate Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Corporate Services Report

13.1 Repeal of Previous Council Resolution (2022-07-203) Resumption of Land - Cramsie Rail Siding

Consideration to repeal resolution number *Res-2022-07-203* relating to the Ministerial notification regarding the Compulsory Acquisition and Resumption of Land required for rail purposes adjacent to the Longreach Saleyards.

(Res-2023-01-019)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges that Council officers followed the direction as set forth in Council Resolution Res-2022-07-203; and*
- 2. Agrees to repeal Council Resolution Res-2022-07-203.*

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13.2 Longreach Saleyards Rail Siding - Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the service of Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests and to proceed with the compulsory acquisition and authorise the chief executive officer of Council to prepare and forward the required application and supporting documentation to the Department of Resources.

(Res-2023-01-020)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the report as tabled regarding the proposal to acquire all existing native title rights and interests (if any) in the land described as part of lot 2 on survey plan 123565 being the area shown hatched in black on sheet 5 of 8 of survey plan 317486 (a copy of survey plan 317486 being attached to the Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests) and comprising an area of 6,907m² ("the Land") for purposes relating to transportation, and in particular, railways and related purposes;*
- 2. After due consideration of the objections (if any) to the acquisition of all existing native title rights and interests (if any) in the Land, is of the opinion that the Land is still required for purposes relating to transportation, and in particular, railways and related purposes;*
- 3. Notes that the proposed compulsory acquisition of native title rights and interests in respect of the Land will affect the human rights identified in the Analysis of Process Report to Council and that the proposed compulsory acquisition will limit the identified human rights;*
- 4. Considers that the proposed compulsory acquisition of native title rights and interests in respect of the Land in the manner provided under the Native Title Act (Cwlth) and the Acquisition of Land Act limits the identified affected human rights only to an extent that is reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in accordance with section 13 of the Human Rights Act, and accordingly, would be compatible with human rights, for the purposes of the Human Rights Act; and,*
- 5. Proceeds with the compulsory acquisition of all existing native title rights and interests (if any) in the land described as part of lot 2 on survey plan 123565 being the area shown hatched in black on sheet 5 of 8 of survey plan 317486 (a copy of survey plan 317486 being attached to the Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests) and comprising an area of 6,907m² for purposes relating to transportation, and in particular, railways and related purposes, and that the Chief Executive Officer prepare and the Mayor execute the necessary application for compulsory acquisition and forward the application and all required supporting documentation to the Department of Resources in accordance with the requirements of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 and relevant native title legislation.*

CARRIED 5/0

13.3 Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference

Consideration of the revised Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

(Res-2023-01-021)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council adopts the amended Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, as presented and amended.

CARRIED 5/0

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13.4 Review of Project Decision Policy

Consideration of the amended Project Decision Policy and associated framework.

(Res-2023-01-022)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council adopts the Project Decision Framework Policy No 1.16, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

13.5 Information Report - Corporate Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of December 2022 for the Corporate Services Department.

(Res-2023-01-023)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Corporate Services information report as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

14 Reception and Consideration of Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Attendance: Councillor Emslie left the Meeting at 01:43pm and was not present during the discussion of and voting on Item 14.1 due to a prescribed conflict of interest.

14.1 Community Donations - January 2023

Consideration of the Community Donations applications received in January in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

(Res-2023-01-024)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.07;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved	Conditions of approval/Payment
Longreach Amateur Swimming Club	Kim Anderson Memorial Meet	Financial \$2,507.78 In-kind \$11.50 (5 x Bins) Total \$2,519.28	Financial \$2,507.78 In-kind \$11.50 (5 x Bins) Total \$2,519.28	Nil
Longreach Ilfracombe Tigers	Longreach Rugby League 9s Carnival	Financial \$5,000.00 Total \$5,000.00	Financial \$5,000.00 Total \$5,000.00	Nil
		TOTAL \$7,519.28	TOTAL \$7,519.28	

CARRIED 4/0

Attendance: Councillor Emslie returned to the Meeting at 01:47pm.

Deputy Mayor Leonie Nunn assumed the Chair at 1:47pm.

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Attendance: Councillor Rayner left the Meeting at 01:47pm and was not present during the discussion of and voting on Item 14.2 due to a prescribed conflict of interest.

14.2 Sponsorship - January 2023

Consideration for Sponsorship application received for the month of January, in accordance with Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

(Res-2023-01-025)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Sponsorship Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved	Conditions of Approval/Payment
GroWQ	GroWQ Innovation Expo	13 July 2023	Financial \$5,000.00 In-Kind \$710.00 Total \$5,710.00	NIL
Rotary International District 9560 Ltd	Rotary District 9560 2023 Conference	28 – 30 April 2023	Financial \$4,297.36 In-Kind \$2,026.40 Total \$6,323.76	NIL
		TOTAL	\$12,033.76	

CARRIED 4/0

Note: Due to budgetary restraints the amount of financial support for GroWQ was reduced to \$5000 while the amount of in-kind support remained as \$710.

Attendance: Councillor Rayner returned to the Meeting at 02:12pm and resumed as Chair.

14.3 Construction of Executive Housing

Consideration of quotation and design for the construction of Executive Housing in Teal Street, Longreach.

(Res-2023-01-026)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Council:

- a) *Approves the design from Kent Construction as presented; and*
- b) *Accepts the revised written quote of \$879,221 from Kent Construction, in accordance with Section 232 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 as it is the most advantageous to Council, having regard to the sound contracting principles*

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14.4 Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of December for the Community & Cultural Services Department.

(Res-2023-01-027)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Community & Cultural Services information report, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

15 Reception and Consideration of Director Infrastructure Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report

15.1 Information Report - Infrastructure Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of December 2022 / January 2023 for the Infrastructure Department.

(Res-2023-01-028)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Infrastructure Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

16 Late Items

Nil

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:33pm

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Acting Chief Executive Officer