

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting

Thursday 25 January 2024

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 25 January 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:13am.

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

2 Prayer

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Norma Lawrence, William Stephen Krcmar, Stephen Alliss and Charles Samuel Werner Elliott.

PRESENT

Councillors

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr DW Paterson
	Cr TFB Smith

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh
Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Director of Communities	Karyn Stillwell
Director of Works	André Pretorius
Manager of Human Resources, Safety & Wellness	Grace Cronin-Jones
Executive Assistant	Elizabeth Neal

3 Consideration of Leave of Absence

Nil

4 Declaration of Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest

4.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

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 Paterson declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 11.7 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 137 Galah Street, Longreach as he is the owner of the property.

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4.2 Declaration of Declarable Conflicts of Interest

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.

Cr Emslie declared a declareable conflict of interest in Item 13.2, Community Donations - Longreach Ilfracombe Tigers as he is reimbursed by the club for line marking for the event, and he advised the meeting that he would leave the meeting for discussion of this matter and not participate in the decision relating to this matter.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

(Res-2024-01-001)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 14 December 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

6 Reception and Consideration of the Mayoral Report

(Res-2024-01-002)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

7 Councillor Requests

Nil

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

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

(Res-2024-01-003)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Smith

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 Council Meeting Date Change Request - April 2024

Consideration to change the Council Ordinary Meeting date in April 2024 currently scheduled for Thursday 18 April 2024.

(Res-2024-01-004)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council changes the Ordinary Council Meeting date, scheduled for Thursday 18 April 2024, to Thursday 11 April 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

11.3 Production and Distribution of Welcome Packs to New Residents

Production and distribution of Welcome Packs to new residents for Councillor information.

(Res-2024-01-005)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the report.

CARRIED 7/0

11.4 Annual Operational Plan 2023-24 - Review for Period Ending 31 December 2023

Consideration of the 2023-24 Annual Operational Plan quarterly review for the period ending 31 December 2023.

(Res-2024-01-006)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Smith

That Council, pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Chief Executive Officer's evaluation of the implementation of the 2023-24 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 31 December 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

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11.5 Delegations Register - Review

Consideration of an update to the Council to CEO Delegation Register in accordance with section 257(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

(Res-2024-01-007)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council, pursuant to section 257(5) of the Local Government Act 2009, adopts the Delegations Register (Council to the Chief Executive Officer), as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.6 National Water Grid Investment Framework

Consideration of an option to fund a Longreach Water Security Project under the National Water Grid Investment Framework, in partnership with the State and Commonwealth governments.

(Res-2024-01-008)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

- 1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit a business case to the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water in support of the Longreach Water Security Project;*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to negotiate and execute a funding agreement with the Queensland Government and, if applicable, the Commonwealth Government under the National Water Grid Investment Framework;*
- 3. Commits the sum of \$1,000,000 to the Longreach Water Security Project, as a co-contribution towards a future funding agreement; and,*
- 4. Commits to a budget allocation of \$7,000,000 for the replacement of water mains over future budgets.*

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: *Councillor Paterson left the Meeting at 10:09 am.*

11.7 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 137 Galah Street, Longreach

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on December 11 2023, for a shed to be positioned on land located at 137 Galah Street, Longreach and described as Lot 609 on L3571.

(Res-2024-01-009)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves the siting variation of a shed with a 2 metre setback from the Magpie Lane road boundary and 1 metre setback from the side boundary at 137 Galah Street, Longreach, and formally described as Lot 609 on L3571, pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017.

CARRIED 6/0

Crs Rayner, Nunn, Bignell, Emslie, Hatch and Smith voted for the motion

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Attendance: *Councillor Paterson returned to the Meeting at 10:10am.*

11.8 Application for additional town water under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011

Consideration of a recommendation to apply for additional town water under the provisions of the *Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011*.

(Res-2024-01-010)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit a letter of application to the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water, seeking a 500 ML per annum increase to Council's existing annual water allocation pursuant to section 16(1)(d) of the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011.

CARRIED 7/0

11.9 Workplace Health and Safety Update - December 2023

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 31 December 2023, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2024-01-011)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety Update for December 2023, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.10 Information Report - Planning & Development Report

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of December 2023.

(Res-2024-01-012)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Paterson

That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.11 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Governance Directorate.

(Res-2024-01-013)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:44am.

The meeting resumed at 11:10am, with all attendees previously in attendance.

12 Reception and Consideration of the Chief Financial Officer's Report

12.1 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2023:

(Res-2024-01-014)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Smith

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2023, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2 Audit and Risk Committee Report

A report on the matters reviewed at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 December 2023.

(Res-2024-01-015)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 December 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

12.3 Quarterly Budget Review

Budget review and proposed adjustments to the budget for the 2024 financial year (FY24).

(Res-2024-01-016)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council approves the variations to the FY24 budget, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

12.4 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of December 2023 for the Finance Directorate.

(Res-2024-01-017)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Paterson

That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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13 Reception and Consideration of the Director of Communities Report

13.1 Community Donations - Longreach Junior Rugby League

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

(Res-2024-01-018)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Longreach Junior Rugby League</i>	<i>Matt Scott Outback Carnival</i>	<i>6 April 2024</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
		TOTAL	\$5,000.00

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: *Councillor Emslie left the Meeting at 11:55 am*

13.2 Community Donations - Longreach Ilfracombe Tigers

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

(Res-2024-01-019)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Longreach Ilfracombe Tigers</i>	<i>Longreach Rugby League 9s Carnival</i>	<i>16-17 February 2024</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
		TOTAL	\$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

Crs Rayner, Nunn, Bignell, Hatch, Paterson and Smith voted for the motion

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Attendance: Councillor Emslie returned to the Meeting at 11:56am

13.3 Sponsorship - GroWQ Association

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

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson

*That Council approves the allocation of funds from the **2023/2024 Sponsorship budget** as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:*

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Recommended
GroWQ	Ag Ball	20 April 2024	Financial \$5,175.50
		TOTAL	\$5,175.50

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13.4 Sponsorship - Longreach Show Society

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

(Res-2024-01-020)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Bignell

*That Council approves the allocation of funds from the **2023/2024 Sponsorship budget** as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:*

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Longreach Show Society	2024 Longreach Annual Show	24 May 2024	Financial \$7,312.00 In-Kind \$266.00
		TOTAL	\$7,578.00

CARRIED 7/0

13.5 Queensland Connects - Disaster Resilience Programme

A report on the Queensland Connects project for Council information.

(Res-2024-01-021)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Queensland Connects –Disaster Resilience Report, for information.

CARRIED 7/0

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13.6 Childcare - Sleep and Rest Policy

Consideration of adoption of the updated Childcare - *Sleep and Rest Policy*.

(Res-2024-01-022)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council adopts the new Childcare - Sleep and Rest Policy, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

13.7 Information Report - Communities

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of December for the Communities Directorate.

(Res-2024-01-023)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Communities information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:41pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:58pm, with all attendees previously in attendance.

14 Reception and Consideration of the Director of Works Report

14.1 Longreach Community Flood Action Plan Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to adopt the Longreach Community Flood Action Plan Report.

(Res-2024-01-024)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Paterson

That Council adopts the Longreach Community Flood Action Plan Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: *Councillor Hatch left the Meeting at 02:18 pm.*

Attendance: *Councillor Hatch returned to the Meeting at 02:24 pm.*

14.2 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of November/December 2023 for the Works Directorate.

(Res-2024-01-025)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Works information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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15 Late Items

Nil

16 Closed Matters

(Res-2024-01-026)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That pursuant to section 254J(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated:

Item 16.1, Disposal of two (2) former railway buildings - Purchase and Removal; and Item 16.2 Tender - Sale of Lot 201 on SP 340125; which are considered confidential as each contains information relating to 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 7/0

(Res-2024-01-027)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council moves out of closed session.

CARRIED 7/0

16.1 Disposal of two former railway buildings

Consideration of tender responses for the disposal of two former railway buildings via purchase and removal.

(Res-2024-01-028)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch

That Council, in accordance with Section 228(10) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender of Atlas House Removers to purchase the two vacant former railway buildings in Ilfracombe for the sum of \$4,312 ex GST, on the basis that it is the most advantageous tender having regard to the sound contracting principles.

CARRIED 7/0

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16.2 Tender LRC442023 - Sale of Lot 201 on SP 340125

Consideration of tender responses for sale of Lot 201 on SP 340125.

(Res-2024-01-029)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 228(9) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, does not accept any tender for sale of Lot 201 on SP 340125; and,*
- 2. Pursuant to Section 236(1)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to negotiate the sale of Lot 201 on SP 340125, having regard to the sound contracting principles.*

CARRIED 7/0

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:05pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer