



**Longreach  
Regional Council**  
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

# Longreach Regional Council



**Post-Election Meeting**  
**Thursday 28 March 2024**

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Special Meeting  
held on Thursday 28 March 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

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**Present**

**Councillors**

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner
	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr NA Gay
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr AR Watts

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh
Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Director of Works	Andre Pretorius
Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness	Grace Cronin-Jones
Tourism Co-ordinator	Tanya Johnson
Manager of Governance and Economy	Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors	Elizabeth Neal

**1 Pre-meeting matters**

**Declaration of Office**

Each person duly elected as a Councillor MUST make the Declaration of Office prior to acting as a Councillor.

This declaration was taken by the Chief Executive Officer prior to commencement of the meeting.

**Local Government Act, Sec. 169 – Obligations of Councillors**

**Local Government Regulation 2012, Sec. 254 - Declaration of Office**

**2 Opening of Meeting and**

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

**Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country**

Tony Weldon acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet. Chaplin Ben Kent, Reach Church, opened the meeting with a prayer

**3 Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

**4.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business**

*No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.*

**4.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

*No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.*

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**5 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

**5.1 Election of Deputy Mayor**

In accordance with Section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council must by resolution appoint a Deputy Mayor from its Councillors at the first meeting after the conclusion of the quadrennial Local Government elections.

(Res-2024-03-068)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Cr Leonie Nunn be appointed as Deputy Mayor.

CARRIED 7/0

**5.2 Standing Orders for Council Meetings Policy**

Consideration of revisions to the Standing Orders for Council Meetings Policy, following an update to the Queensland Government model meeting procedures.

(Res-2024-03-069)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts the Standing Orders of Council Meetings Policy No. 3.2, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

**5.3 Adoption of Meeting Days and Times**

In accordance with the Section 256 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Council must consider setting the location and dates for meetings.

(Res-2024-03-070)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council endorses the following meeting dates and venues for the Ordinary Meetings of Council in 2024:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>
Thursday 11 April 2024	Longreach Council Chambers	9.00am
Thursday 16 May 2024	Isisford Council Chambers	9.00am
Thursday 20 June 2024	Longreach Council Chambers	9.00am
Thursday 18 July 2024	Yaraka Town Hall	9.30am
Thursday 15 August 2024	Ilfracombe Council Chambers	9.00am
Thursday 19 September 2024	Longreach Council Chambers	9.00am
Thursday 17 October 2024	Longreach Council Chambers	9.00am
Thursday 21 November 2024	Isisford Council Chambers	9.00am
Thursday 12 December 2024	Longreach Council Chambers	9.00am

CARRIED 7/0

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**5.4 Appointment of Standing Committees**

Standing Committees may only have Councillors as members and are usually used when:

- A) a subset of Councillors is considered appropriate for the purpose of dealing with an ongoing area of Council business; and/or
- B) a standing committee of the full Council is considered appropriate to deal with particular issues on an ongoing basis.

*(Res-2024-03-071)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council appoints standing committees as and when required.*

*7/0CARRIED*

**5.5 Council Membership of Bodies**

Consideration of retaining membership of bodies that relate to Local Government and Regional Development.

*(Res-2024-03-072)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council retains membership of the following organisations:*

- *Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)*
- *Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD)*
- *Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC)*
- *Outback Queensland Tourism Authority (OQTA)*
- *Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG)*
- *Remote Area Planning & Development Water & Sewerage Alliance (RAPADWSA)*
- *Central West Regional Pest Management Group (CWRPMG)*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**5.6 Register of Interest - Councillors and Councillor's Related Persons**

Advice to Councillors regarding the need to maintain a Register of Interest under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

*(Res-2024-03-073)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council receives the report on the Register of Interest legislative requirements.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**5.7 Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chairperson of Local Disaster Management Group**

Consideration of the appointment of the Deputy Chair and Deputy Chair of the Longreach Regional Council Local Disaster Management Group.

*(Res-2024-03-074)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council appoints:*

1. *Cr Rayner as Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group*
2. *Cr Tony Emslie as Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**5.8 Appointment of RAPAD Director**

This Report is for Council to consider nominating a Director to the Remote Area Planning And Development Board.

*(Res-2024-03-075)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

*The Council appoints the Mayor, Councillor Rayner, as its representative on the Remote Area Planning and Development Board.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**5.9 Longreach Regional Council - Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee**

Consideration of the re-appointment of the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee.

*Council resolved to defer this matter to the next ordinary meeting of Council.*

**5.10 Longreach Regional Council - Plant Advisory Committee**

Consideration of the continuation of the Longreach Regional Council Plant Advisory Committee.

*(Res-2024-03-076)*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council:*

- 1) *continues with the Plant Advisory Committee as per the Policy; and*
- 2) *appoints the following Councillors as members of the Committee:*
  - (a) *Mayor Tony Rayner*
  - (b) *Cr Tony Emslie*
  - (c) *Cr Nikki Gay*
  - (d) *Cr Dale Bignell*

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**6 Financial Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Chief Financial Officer's Report

**6.1 Longreach Regional Council - Audit and Risk Committee**

Appointment of the Longreach Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee members.

*(Res-2024-03-078)*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council:*

- 1. In accordance with section 105 of the Local Government Act 2009, appoints a Longreach Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee;*
- 2. In accordance with section 210(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, appoints the following persons as members of the Longreach Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee:*
  - (a) Cr Leonie Nunn*
  - (b) Cr Dale Bignell*
  - (c) Carolyn Eagle as the Independent External Member*
- 3. In accordance with section 210(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, appoints Carolyn Eagle as the Chair of the Committee.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**7 Community and Cultural Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director of Communities Report

**7.1 Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Committee**

Consideration of the re-appointment of Committee members for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee.

*(Res-2024-03-079)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council, in accordance with section 264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, appoints the following Councillors as members of the Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee:*

- (a) Cr Andrew Watts*
- (b) Cr Tracy Hatch*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**9 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:32am.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed.

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Cr Tony Rayner  
Mayor

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Brett Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer