

# **LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**



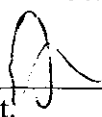
## **Ordinary Meeting**

**Thursday 21 February 2019**

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**Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.03am.

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

**Prayer**

Pastor David Brownlie, Longreach Baptist Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present**

Mayor	Cr EL Warren
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr TN Harris
	Cr TJ Martin (via teleconference)
	Cr AC Rayner
	Cr TF Smith

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Ian Bodill
Director of Corporate Services	Ms Elizabeth West
Director of Community and Cultural Services	Mr David Perry
Director of Infrastructure Services	Mr Roger Naidoo
Governance Executive Officer	Mrs Lorena Newton
Human Resources / Governance Trainee	Miss Joanne Bartley
Economic Development and Tourism Manager	Mr Russell Lowry
Media and Communications Officer	Mr Simon Kuttner

Attendance: Mr David Hobbs, Area Manager, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy entered the meeting at 9.03am.

**Close Meeting – Presentation on Statutory Valuation Process**

*(Res-2019-02-017)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith*

*That the meeting closed at 9.11am for a Confidential Presentation to Council by Mr David Hobbs, Area Manager from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, to provide a briefing on the statutory valuation process due to the State Land Valuations to occur in 2019.*

**CARRIED**

*(Res-2019-02-018)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Harris*

*That the meeting re-opened at 9.53am.*

**CARRIED**

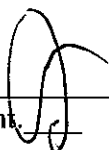
**Consideration of Leave of Absence**

*(Res-2019-02-019)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Martin*

*That an apology from Cr Warren be accepted and leave of absence granted for the period 4-17 March 2019 and that Cr Nunn be appointed Acting Mayor during this leave.*

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**Declaration of any Material Personal Interests / Conflicts of Interest by Councillors and Senior Council Officers**

**Declaration of Material Personal Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must:

- (a) Inform the meeting of the Councillor's material personal interest in the matter; and
- (b) Leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public), and stay out of the meeting room while the matter is being discussed and voted on.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a real or perceived conflict of interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must inform the meeting about the Council's personal interest in the matter and if the Councillor participates in the meeting in relation to the matter, how the Councillor intends to deal with the real or perceived conflict of interest.

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

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Council Meeting - Thursday 24 January 2019**

*(Res-2019-02-020)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Rayner*

*That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 24 January 2019, be confirmed.*

*CARRIED*

**Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee - Friday 8 February 2019**

*(Res-2019-02-021)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie*

*That the Minutes of the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee held on Friday 8 February 2019, be received.*

*CARRIED*

**Mayoral Minute**

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

In his capacity as the President of the Western Queensland Local Government Association (WQLGA), the Mayor attended the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) ROC Assembly Meeting on 6-7 February 2019. Prior to attending this meeting, WQLGA submitted its three (3) highest priorities for the region which were in sync with Longreach Regional Council. These priorities were:

1. Widespread Reform to fix Financial Sustainability Crisis;
2. Assist our Region/Councils to expand Economic Base;
3. Targeting Tourism Infrastructure Investment.

To follow on from this, the Mayor attended a teleconference yesterday (20 February 2019) for the LGAQ Water and Sewerage Group Taskforce. Members of this group are to consider the regional requirements for capital and maintenance for water/sewerage, etc from each council to be submitted together as a group for financial funding.

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Discussions were held by Council in regards to our own financial sustainability and the ten (10) year financial plan recently put in place that will assist in the future of this. Changes to this will need to be considered given the recent presentation on valuations.

This month the Mayor also attended a RAPAD Tourism White Paper meeting in Brisbane. This meeting was to set draft actions on where to from here and what needs to be done, etc, which will be forwarded to Councillors as soon as received.

Lastly, the Mayor advised that a Special Meeting has been called by the Remote Area Planning and Development (RAPAD) Board of Directors to discuss a review of RAPAD. This meeting will be held on Monday 25 February 2019.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

**Support for the Restoration of the Value of the Financial Assistance Grants**

Consideration of a request from the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) seeking Council's formal support for the restoration of the value of the Financial Assistance Grants to at least one (1) percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

*(Res-2019-02-022)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith*

*That Council endorses participating in the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) campaign by agreeing to support its request to the Federal Government that it increases Financial Assistance Grants from 0.55% to at least 1% of the Commonwealth Taxation Revenue.*

**CARRIED**

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.29am and resumed at 11.05am.

**Annual Operational Plan 2018-19 - Review for period ended 31 December 2018**

Consideration of a review of the Annual Operational Plan 2018-19. Pursuant to the provisions of section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Chief Executive Officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at a meeting at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.

*(Res-2019-02-023)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Harris*

*That pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts a satisfactory evaluation of the Annual Operational Plan 2018-19, for the period ended 31 December 2018.*

**CARRIED**

**Director Corporate Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director Corporate Services Report.

**Monthly Financial Statements**

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 January 2019:

- Income and Expenditure Statement
- Statement of Financial Position

*(Res-2019-02-024)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith*

*That the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 January 2019, as presented, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**2018/19 Financial Year - December Quarterly Budget Review Report**

Consideration of a budget review for the quarter ending 31 December 2018 pursuant to Section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, where Council may, by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year.

*(Res-2019-02-025)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Harris*

*That pursuant to section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts the proposed budget as at 31 December 2018 as presented and amended.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: The Mayor, Cr Ed Warren, left the meeting at 11.44am and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Leonie Nunn assumed the Chair.

**Application for Grazing Permit on Stock Route - Silsoe Rd, Longreach**

Consideration for Grazing Permit applications along Silsoe Rd Stock Route (002Long, Segment 6) between Dingo Creek and Rodeo Paddock, Longreach.

*(Res-2019-02-026)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith*

*That Council:*

- 1. Declines current applications received for grazing, within the Dingo Creek area on the Silsoe Road, Longreach, due to the risk of spreading of declared weeds that are present in the vicinity of the Dingo Creek area; and*
- 2. Advises Messrs Richard and Marisse Kinmon of the decision to keep the area closed off to any form of grazing.*

*CARRIED*

**Agistment Applications for Council Reserve**

Consideration of applications received for agistment on Council controlled Reserves at Maneroo, Morella and Tarcombe.

*(Res-2019-02-027)*

*Moved Cr Harris seconded Cr Rayner*

*That Council retrospectively endorses the approval of the issue of temporary grazing permits for 28 days as follows:*

- 1. Greenlaw Station to be granted a permit for agistment on Tarcombe Reserve;*
- 2. Nogo Station to be granted a permit for agistment of horses only on Maneroo Reserve;*
- 3. Breedon Station to be granted a permit for agistment on Morella Reserve;*
- 4. Nogo Station Application for agistment of 1000 Merino wethers on Maneroo Reserve to be denied due to the recent rains and potential flooding within the Reserve.*

*CARRIED*

**Application for Grazing Permit on Stock Route - Darr River**

Consideration of a Grazing Permit application received for an area of reserve from Darr River to Macsland, Longreach.

*(Res-2019-02-028)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council retrospectively endorses the approval of the issue of a temporary grazing permit to Talleyrand Station for 28 days on the Darr River Stock Route (211Long, Segment 4) between Macsland turnoff and the Darr River, Longreach.*

*CARRIED*

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**Review of Asset and Services Management Policy**

Consideration of the Asset and Services Management Policy No 1.3 after its bi-annual review.

*(Res-2019-02-029)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council adopts the Asset and Services Management Policy No 1.3, as presented.*

**CARRIED**

Attendance: The Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 11.49am.

**Director Community and Cultural Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report.

**Mayoral Donation - February 2019**

Consideration of application received in accordance with the Mayoral Donation Policy No. 11.02.

*(Res-2019-02-030)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Harris*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Mayoral Donation Program as contained in the following table. This was completed in accordance with the Mayoral Donations Policy No. 11.02:*

<b>Organisation/ Individual</b>	<b>Event/Project Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Recommended</b>
<i>Patrick Chay</i>	<i>Under 19 State Cricket Championship</i>	<i>9-12 March 2019</i>	<i>Mayoral Donation</i>	<i>\$300</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$300</b>

**CARRIED**

**Community Donation - February 2019**

Consideration of applications received in accordance with the Community Grants Program Policy No. 11.06.

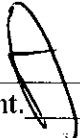
*(Res-2019-02-031)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Rayner*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Grants Program as contained in the following table. This was completed in accordance with the Community Grants Program Policy No. 11.06:*

<b>Organisation/ Name</b>	<b>Event/Project Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
<i>Central Western Equestrian Group Inc.</i>	<i>Equestrian Clinics</i>	<i>30 - 31 March 2019</i>	<i>\$2,437.20</i>	<i>\$2,437.20</i>
<i>Longreach Junior Rugby League</i>	<i>Purchase of new Barbecue</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,000.00 (BBQ to be purchased locally and made available to other users of the Showgrounds facility)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,437.20</b>

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**Sponsorship- Central West Rugby League**

Council has received correspondence from Central West Rugby League, seeking sponsorship for the 2019 Central West Rugby League competition.

*(Res-2019-02-032)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council does not approve the request for sponsorship from Central West Rugby League to subsidise uniform and travel expenses, due to not meeting the requirements of the Sponsorship Policy 11.7.*

**CARRIED**

**Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 141 Wren Street, Longreach**

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on 23 January 2019 to erect a shed kit home with verandah on land located at 141 Wren Street, Longreach and described as Lot 101 on L3579.

*(Res-2019-02-033)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Harris*

*That pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017, the proposed shed kit home with verandah at 141 Wren Street, Longreach and described as Lot 101 on L3579 be approved with a 3m setback from the Finch Lane road boundary, as per the attached site plan and the Building Certifiers recommendation.*

**CARRIED**

**Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 107 Wren Street, Longreach**

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on 4 February 2019 to erect a shed on land located at 107 Wren Street, Longreach and described as Lot 64 on L3579.

*(Res-2019-02-034)*

*Moved Cr Harris seconded Cr Nunn*

*That pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017, the proposed shed at 107 Wren Street, Longreach and described as Lot 64 on L3579 be approved with a 0m setback from the Finch Lane road boundary and 1m from the neighbouring North West boundary, as per the attached site plan and the Building Certifiers recommendation.*

**CARRIED**

**Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 77 Flinders Street, Ilfracombe**

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on 6 February 2019 to erect a shed on land located at 77 Flinders Street, Longreach and described as Lot 15 on SP159876.

*(Res-2019-02-035)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Smith*

*That pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017, the proposed shed at 77 Flinders Street, Ilfracombe and described as Lot 15 on SP159876 be approved with a 4.5m set back from the road boundary on Racecourse Road as per the Building Certifiers assessment and the alternative proposed site plan.*

**CARRIED**

**Director Infrastructure Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director of Infrastructure Services Report.

**Late Items**

**Request for Council to Provide Bottled Water to Isisford State School**

Council to consider the request by Isisford State School, to provide bottled water to the school.

***Recommendation:***

*That Council:*

1. *does not agree to provide bottled water to Isisford State School at this stage; and*
2. *agrees to reconsider this request at its March meeting, should the Boil Water Notice not be lifted by then; and*
3. *Isisford State School is made aware of this decision in writing.*

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*(Res-2019-02-036)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council:*

1. *Agrees to provide bottled water to Isisford State School to be purchased locally; and*
2. *Agrees to reconsider this request at its March meeting, should the Boil Water Notice not be lifted by then; and*
3. *Isisford State School is made aware of this decision in writing.*

**CARRIED**

**RADF Committee Member Nominations**

Appointment of Regional Arts Development Fund after and expression of interest process.

*(Res-2019-02-037)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith*

*In accordance with section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council for the Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Committee:*

1. *reappoints Cr Leonie Nunn, Deputy Mayor and Cr Trevor Smith for the balance of the Council term being 31 March 2020;*
2. *appoints the following persons as members for a two (2) year term until 28 February 2021:*
  - a. *Shelia Back - Ilfracombe*
  - b. *Pauline Brunckhorst - Yaraka*
  - c. *Helen Meppem - Isisford*
  - d. *Anna Cochrane - Isisford*
  - e. *Susan Glasson - Yaraka*
3. *Retains one (1) open position to be filled at a later date by an interested party due to lack of nominations.*

**CARRIED**

**Closed Matters**

*(Res-2019-02-038)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Rayner*

*That pursuant to section 275(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 12.16pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.*

**Consideration to Reduce Service Charges for Land Described as Lot 1 on Registered Plan SP159868**

*This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)d, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: rating concessions.*

**Library**

*This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)e, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: contracts proposed to be made by it.*

**CARRIED**

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.47pm with Cr Martin departing the meeting. The meeting resumed at 1.39pm.

Attendance: The Mayor, Cr Ed Warren, left the meeting at 1.44pm and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Leonie Nunn assumed the Chair. The Mayor returned at 1.46pm and resumed the Chair.

**Re-Open Meeting**

*(Res-2019-02-039)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Harris*

*That the meeting be re-opened at 1.56pm.*

**CARRIED**

**Consideration to Reduce Service Charges for Land Described as Lot 1 on Registered Plan SP159868**

An email has been received from the owner of land described as Lot 1 on registered plan SP 159868, known as Ilfracombe General Store, requesting a reduction in rates and charges whilst the business is non-operational.

*(Res-2019-02-040)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie*

*That:*

1. *In accordance with section 81 and 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the owners of land described as Lot 1 on registered plan SP 159868, known as Ilfracombe General Store be advised that Council will:
  - a) *Reduce the commercial water and sewerage service charges from 20 units to 0 unit; and*
  - b) *Remove the sewerage service charge for the commercial aspect of the rates assessment; and**
2. *Council applies these changes until the shop is rebuilt or until 1 July 2020, whichever occurs sooner; and*
3. *Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and approve reductions in rates and charges in situations where a commercial property is not currently in use, and that the Delegations Register be amended accordingly.*

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**Library**

Council to consider the acquisition of the building located at 104 Eagle Street Longreach (Freehold Lot 2 on registered plan 603757, County of Portland, Parish of Longreach).

*(Res-2019-02-041)*

*Moved Cr Harris seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the acquisition of 104 Eagle Street (Freehold Lot 2 on registered plan 603757, County of Portland, Parish of Longreach), as per the confidential report presented to Council, with conditions included in regards to settlement and occupation dates.*

**CARRIED**

Attendance: Mrs Sally Edwards, Isisford Branch Manager, entered the meeting at 2.00pm to discuss the Isisford Information Report and left the meeting at 2.18pm.

**Closure of Meeting**

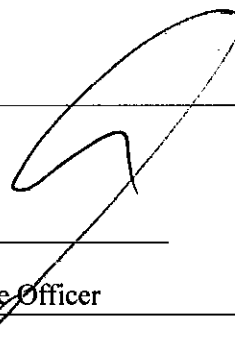
There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3.07pm.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are confirmed.



Cr Ed Warren  
Mayor



Ian Bodill  
Chief Executive Officer