

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting

Thursday 23 July 2020

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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1 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."

2 Prayer

Father Raj, Catholic Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Attendance: Father Raj left the meeting at 9.08am.

Present

Councillors

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr TJ Martin

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Mitchell Murphy
Director of Corporate Services	Ms Elizabeth West
Director of Community and Cultural Services	Ms Lisa Young
Director of Infrastructure Services	Mr Roger Naidoo
Executive Office, Economic Development and Public Affairs	Mr Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors	Mrs Deborah Whitehead
Executive Officer Governance and Special Projects	Mrs Kimberley Dillon

Apologies

Cr TFB Smith

3 Consideration of Leave of Absence

Nil

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

4.1 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.

4.2 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

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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.

Item 15.1 Cr Martin declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in Late Item 15.1 – Special Holiday 2020 due to being the Chief Executive Officer of the Qantas Founders Outback Museum and Council wanting to consider the 100 year Anniversary of Qantas as a likely date for a Special Holiday.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Council - Thursday 25 June 2020

(Res-2020-07-180)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 25 June 2020, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5.2 Budget Meeting - Thursday 9 July 2020

(Res-2020-07-181)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2020, be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 Mayoral Minute

The Mayor provided a verbal report on matters addressed by him since the last meeting. Thanks to Councillors Trevor Smith and Dale Bignell for hosting Senator Gerard Rennick on his recent Longreach visit. Senator Rennick has a committee role in Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport.

Thanks also to Deputy Mayor, Leonie Nunn for Chairing the AGM of the CWA.

The Rural Financial and Small Business Financial Councillors held a two day workshop that I attended in Townsville on the 14th and 15th July. Most Board members attended the full two days and a Board meeting was held on the 14th July.

RAPAD have a team of 16 Counsellors based across the Central West and North Queensland. The contract is up for tender this year and RAPAD will be applying for the contract.

Whilst in Townsville I met with Senator Susan McDonald and discussed FAGs and the Future Drought Fund and the opportunity to establish a Resilience and Innovation Hub at the Longreach Pastoral College.

The previous proposal on establishing a Bio Diesel facility at the Pastoral College was progressed through further analysis and it was determined that the expense involved given the small conversion did not justify any further work. A commercial waste company is now removing the waste cooking oil.

A number of video productions were completed as part of promoting the region to visitors. 4LG and ABC radio interviews were also completed during the month.

A large amount of time has been invested in planning the upcoming WQAC forum in Longreach which will attract nearly all of the 21 Western Councils and involve 90 delegates including Ministers from both State and Federal government as well as Local Members.

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7 Councillor Requests
Nil

8 Notices of Motion
Nil

9 Petitions
Nil

10 Deputations
Nil

Item 16.3 *This item was withdrawn from the Meeting at this time at the request of the Director of Infrastructure Services. This will be presented at the August Council Meeting.*

11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Standing Matters – Governance Financial Report
Consideration was given to the Governance Financial Report.

*(Res-2020-07-182)
Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Bignell
That Council receive the Governance Financial Report.*

CARRIED

11.2 Standing Matters - Calendar of Events
Calendar of Events, Upcoming Meetings and Conferences for Councillors

*(Res-2020-07-183)
Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch
That Council receive the Calendar of Events for information*

CARRIED

Date	Event	Location	Participants
July 2020			
21 Tues	Councillor Briefing	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
23 Thurs	Council Meeting	Isisford Town Hall Mary Street, Isisford 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
27 Mon	Western Queensland Alliance of Councils - Inaugural Assembly	Noon – 5.30pm Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer & Councillors
28 Tues		8.30am – 12.40pm	
30 Thurs	Audit and Risk Committee	Fairmount Rooms Longreach Civic Centre 2pm - 4pm	Mayor, Cr Martin, Cr Nunn, Chief Executive Officer and DCS

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31 Fri	Thomson River Master Plan Briefing	Fairmount Rooms Longreach Civic Centre 4pm - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
August 2020			
1 Sat	Thomson River Master Plan – Community Consultation –Session 1 Thomson River Master Plan – Community Consultation –Session 2	Eagle Street, Longreach 8.30am – 11.30am Longreach Civic Centre 12.30pm – 1.30pm	Mayor & Chief Executive Officer Councillors invited to attend both sessions
3 Mon 4 Tue 5 Wed	RAPAD Regional meeting in Barcaldine	Barcaldine	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer
10 Mon	Meeting with State Minister Anthony Lynham	Brisbane	Mayor & Chief Executive Officer
12 Wed	Visit to Longreach from His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland	Visits to Longreach Regional Council area.	Mayor, Councillors , invited to Briefing Session Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer, Directors and Simon Kuttner invited to morning tea
13 Thurs	Meeting with Queensland Reconstruction Authority CEO Brendan Moon	400 George Street Brisbane	Mayor & Chief Executive Officer
18 Tues	Councillor Briefing	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
20 Thurs	Council Meeting	Yaraka Town Hall Jarley Street, Yaraka 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
24 Mon	Elected Members Update Training	Fairmount Rooms Longreach Civic Centre 9am – 3pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
26 Wed	Land and Pest Management Advisory Group	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre 1pm - 4pm	Mayor, Cr Smith, Cr Nunn, Cr Bignell and DCS
September 2020			
15 Tues	Councillor Briefing	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
17 Thurs	Council Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors

11.3 Local Government Association of Queensland's Annual Conference 2020

Consideration of attendance, and motions to be submitted, at the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) 124th Annual Conference to be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre from 19-21 October 2020.

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That:

1. *The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) 124th Annual Conference to be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre from 19-21 October 2020 which is deemed Council business pursuant to policy guidelines; and*
2. *Motions for submission to the LGAQ Annual Conference are considered in subsequent reports to Council.*

THIS ITEM LAPSED FOR WANT OF A MOVER

(Res-2020-07-184)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That:

- 1 *The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Bignell, Cr Hatch and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) 124th Annual Conference to be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre from 19-21 October 2020 which is deemed Council business pursuant to policy guidelines; and*
2. *Motions for submission to the LGAQ Annual Conference are considered in subsequent reports to Council.*

CARRIED

Note: *Reason for change to Recommendation:*

Council noted the benefit that the two new Councillors would receive by attending this Convention and wished to give them this opportunity as part of their Professional Development.

Council next considered Late Item 15.1 at 9.32am.

Council returned from considering Late Item 15.1 at 9.42am.

11.4 Community Consultation Forums - September 2020

Consideration of setting dates for the bi-annual Community Consultation Forums to be held in each community as per Council's Annual Operational Plan 2020-2021.

(Res-2020-07-185)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Hatch

That Council agrees to hold Community Consultation Meetings on the dates and times indicated below and advise the local Progress Associations accordingly:

Date	Location	Time
<i>Tuesday, 8 September 2020</i>	<i>Ilfracombe</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, 9 September 2020</i>	<i>Yaraka</i>	<i>11:30am</i>
<i>Wednesday, 9 September 2020</i>	<i>Isisford</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>
<i>Thursday, 10 September 2020</i>	<i>Longreach</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>

CARRIED

11.5 Special Holiday 2021

Consideration of a letter received from the Office of Industrial Relations seeking Council to nominate a date for any show or special holidays for 2021. Holidays are normally appointed to coincide with an agricultural, horticultural or industrial event, however, should Council wish to appoint another day to coincide with other activities, this would be appointed as a special holiday.

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(Res-2020-07-186)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council invites submissions from the community indicating their preferred nomination dates for the 2021 special holiday.

CARRIED

11.6 Petition Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre (OBIC) Reopening

Consideration of a petition received at the June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting requesting the opening of the Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre (OBIC) in Isisford.

(Res-2020-07-187)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie

That Council notes that the petition is no longer current and no further response is required at this time.

CARRIED

11.7 Review of Advertising Spending Policy

Consideration of the adoption of the Advertising Spending Policy No 2.18 which is due for its biannual review.

(Res-2020-07-188)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council adopts the Advertising Spending Policy No 2.18, as presented.

CARRIED

11.8 Review of Entertainment and Hospitality Policy

Consideration of the adoption of the Entertainment and Hospitality Policy No 2.19 which is due for its biannual review.

(Res-2020-07-189)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the Entertainment and Hospitality Policy No 2.19, as presented.

CARRIED

11.9 Review of Public Interest Disclosure Policy

Consideration of the adoption of the Public Interest Disclosure Policy No 2.9 which was reviewed due to changes to the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010.

(Res-2020-07-190)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council adopts the Public Interest Disclosure Policy No 2.9, as presented.

CARRIED

12 Reception and Consideration of Director Corporate Services Report

Attendance: Mitchell Murphy left the meeting at 10.07am.

Attendance: Mitchell Murphy returned to the meeting at 10.08am.

12.1 Standing Matters - Corporate Services Financial Report

Consideration was given to the Director Corporate Services Report

(Res-2020-07-191)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin

That Council receive this Corporate Services Financial report for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2020:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type
- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Programme
- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Function and Activity
- Statement of Financial Position
- Cash Flow Statement

(Res-2020-07-192)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That the monthly financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2020, as presented, be adopted.

CARRIED

12.3 Standing Matters - Quarterly Financial Graphs - Income & Expenditure and Investment Report

(Res-2020-07-193)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin

That Council receive the Quarterly Financial Report for quarter ended 30 June 2020 for information.

CARRIED

Mayor Rayner thanked staff for the improvement in the Financial Reporting.

Adjournment: Council adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and reconvened at 11.00am

12.4 Electronic Meeting Agenda

Consideration of the purchase of hardware and software to implement an electronic meeting agenda solution for Council.

Recommendation:

That Council approves

- 1) *the purchase of the hardware and software to implement an electronic agenda solution for Council meetings; and*
- 2) *that the costs and savings from this initiative be considered in the September Budget Review.*

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(Res-2020-07-194)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council approves

- 1 the purchase of the hardware and software to implement an optional electronic agenda solution for Council meetings;*
- 2 that Councillors may continue to receive paper copies at their request.*
- 3 that the costs and savings from this initiative be considered in the September Budget Review.*

Note: Reason for change to Recommendation:

Changed to reflect that Councillors should have the option to receive paper copies if they choose.

CARRIED

12.5 Yaraka Locality

The Yaraka Sports and Progress Association (YSPA) is seeking Council support to alter the boundary of Isisford and to create a new locality of Yaraka.

(Res-2020-07-195)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Martin

That Council

- 1) supports the alteration of the Isisford boundary and creation of new locality of Yaraka as presented; and*
- 2) directs the Chief Executive Officer to write to the DNRME to confirm Council's support.*

CARRIED

13 Reception and Consideration of Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Lisa Young acknowledged and thanked staff for the hard work that had been done within this Directorate.

13.1 Standing Matters - Community and Cultural Services Financial Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

(Res-2020-07-196)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin

That Council receive the Community and Cultural Services Financial Report for information

CARRIED

Mayor Tony Rayner noted the good work of this team.

14 Reception and Consideration of Director Infrastructure Services Report

Attendance: Mitchell Murphy left the meeting at 11.35am.

Attendance: Mitchell Murphy returned to the meeting at 11.36am.

14.1 Standing Matters - Infrastructure Services Financial Report

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report

(Res-2020-07-197)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receive the Infrastructure Services Financial Report for information.

CARRIED

Council considered Item 15.1 after Item 11.3 at 9.32am.

15 Late Items

Item 15.1 Cr Martin declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in Late Item 15.1 – Special Holiday 2020 due to being the Chief Executive Officer of the Qantas Founders Outback Museum and Council wanting to consider the 100 year Anniversary of Qantas as a likely date for a Special Holiday and left the meeting at 9.33am.

15.1 Special Holiday 2020

Consideration of a new application to the Queensland Government for a Special Holiday in 2020.

Recommendation:

That Council applies to the Queensland Government's Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations to nominate 9 September 2020 as a 'Special Holiday' for the region.

THIS ITEM LAPSED FOR WANT OF A MOVER

(Res-2020-07-198)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council make a new application to the Queensland Office of Industrial Relations seeking to nominate 16 November 2020 as a 'Special Holiday' for the region.

CARRIED

Note: Reason for change to Recommendation:

Council wished to nominate the 100 year anniversary of Qantas as a Special Holiday given the airlines significance to the Longreach region.

Attendance: Cr Tony Martin left the meeting at 9.34am.

Attendance: Mitchell Murphy left the meeting at 9.39am.

Attendance: Cr Tony Martin entered the meeting at 9.39am.

Attendance: Mitchell Murphy entered the meeting at 9.39am.

Attendance: Elizabeth West left the meeting at 9.40am.

Attendance: Elizabeth West entered the meeting at 9.42am.

Council returned to consider Items 11.4 onwards at 9.42am.

16 Closed Matters

(Res-2020-07-199)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That pursuant to section 275(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 11.40am to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Write Off Bad Debt - Council Housing Rent

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1) h, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

16.2 Council Housing - Disposal via Tender

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1) h, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

CARRIED

16.3 Consideration of the Request for Tender (RFT) to engage suitable Plant and Operator Hire to assist in roadworks throughout the region for the DFRA March 2019 wet weather event

This item was withdrawn from the Meeting at the request of the Director of Infrastructure Services. This will be presented at the August Council Meeting.

Council out of Closed Session

(Res-2020-07-200)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin

That Council move out of Closed Session at 11.50am.

CARRIED

16.1 Write Off Bad Debt - Council Housing Rent

Consideration of write off of an outstanding debt owing to Council.

(Res-2020-07-201)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Council:

- 1. Pursuant to section 96 (c) of the Local Government At 2009, Council write off the bad debt listed below*

Debtor Number	Amount	Details
20348	\$2,066.20	Outstanding rents from 2015 for 32 St Catherine Street, Isisford.

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16.2 Council Housing - Disposal via Tender

Consideration of disposal of surplus Council housing via invite for written tenders for the contract under *section 227 of the Local Government Regulations 2012.*

(Res-2020-07-202)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie

That Council:

- 1. accepts the recommendations as per the Tender Evaluation Matrix for each tendered property.*
- 2. delegates the Chief Executive Officer to list any unsold properties publicly through local real estate agents.*

CARRIED

16.3 Consideration of the Request for Tender (RFT) to engage suitable Plant and Operator Hire to assist in roadworks throughout the region for the DFRA March 2019 wet weather event

This item was withdrawn from the Meeting at the request of the Director of Infrastructure Services. This will be presented at the August Council Meeting.

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.54am

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Mitchell Murphy
Chief Executive Officer