

# **LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**



## **Ordinary Meeting**

**Thursday 15 October 2020**

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**

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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**

Reverend Graeme Liersch, St Andrew Anglican Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Attendance: Reverend Graeme Liersch left the meeting at 9.05am.

**Present**

**Councillors**

Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Deputy Mayor

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr TM Hatch

Cr TJ Martin

Cr TFB Smith

**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

Public Facilities Manger

Mr Brendon Harvey (*entered by phone at 11.58am*)

**Public Gallery**

Nil

**Apologies**

Nil

**3 Consideration of Leave of Absence**

Nil

**4 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors and Senior Council Officers**

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

Pursuant to section 177D, 177E, 177F, 177G, 177H, 177I and 177J 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.

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

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

Pursuant to section 177K, 177L, 177M, 177N, 177O, 177P and 177Q 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.

**Item 13.5** Cr Tony Emslie advised he has a Declarable Interest in Item 13.5 Sponsorship - Student Awards Night 2020 - Longreach State High School and Longreach State Primary School. The nature of the interest is he is employed at Longreach State School and the related party is Longreach State School. He will be leaving the meeting during the discussion on this matter.

**Item 15.3** Mrs Lisa Young advised she has a Declarable Interest in Item 15.3 Longreach Showgrounds Multi-purpose Shadecover Tender. The nature of the interest is she is close friend of the applicant and the related party is Scott Brothers Construction. She will be leaving the meeting during the discussion on this matter.

**5 Confirmation of Minute**

**5.1 Council - Thursday 17 September 2020**

*(Res-2020-10-263)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch*

*That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2020, be confirmed.*

*CARRIED*

**5.2 Special Council - Thursday 24 September 2020**

*(Res-2020-10-264)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Smith*

*That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 24 September 2020, be confirmed.*

*CARRIED*

**6 Mayoral Minute**

The Mayor provided a verbal report on matters addressed by him since the last meeting. The Mayor attended and spoke at the 50th Anniversary for the Longreach Lions Club on the 16 October 2020. The District Governor David Watts attended the event and recognition was acknowledged for the large number of community projects undertaken by Lions over the last 50 years that have improved the health, safety and liveability for communities within the Longreach Regional Council area. The Longreach Lioness group have advised that they will be creating a second Lions Club in Longreach which is great news as more community projects and support for local organisations will occur.

The Queensland Police hosted a Police Awards afternoon for the Patrol staff of the Longreach area and the Mayor attended. A number of staff were presented with 25 and 30 year service medals as well as Award Certificates for various officers who had gone above and beyond what may be required or expected of them in doing their daily duties. Two new staff were formerly inducted at this time as COVID had prevented their usual induction ceremony at the Police Academy. The event was attended by some parents and family members of Police staff and highlighted the level of professionalism practiced by all our regional Police staff.

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The District Disaster Management Group undertook a training exercise in October that the Mayor participated in with the focus on scenario's of possible floods and evacuation in a COVID environment.

On 21 September 2020 the Mayor had the honour of opening the Bungulla Ram Sale at the Sheep and Wool Pavilion at the Longreach Showgrounds. This was the first ram Sale held at the Showgrounds in recent years and was very successful. The new owners of Laidlaw, Peter and Louise Capel hosted the sale and had an excellent line up of 90 rams.

As a Board Director of RAPAD Employment Services Queensland (RESQ) the Mayor attended a Board meeting in Cairns in late September. The company is performing well and fulfilling its contractual obligations and delivering good job outcomes despite a tough economic outlook for jobs based on long term drought.

The Mayor chaired a RAPAD Zoom meeting on the 2 October 2020 with the 6 other Mayor Directors and Chief Executive Officers discussing RAPAD business. RAPAD continues to deliver quality services across western Queensland through its various contracts and partnerships, specifically RAPAD Skilling, Rural Financial Counsellors, RAPAD Employment Services Queensland and its membership with the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils.

The newly established Agricultural Advisory group "GroWQ" has scheduled a field day for 6 November 2020. The trip will include site visits to the kangaroo processing works, the privately leased slaughter yard at the Pastoral College and the Western Queensland Livestock Exchange at the Longreach Saleyards. The purpose of the field trip is to allow attendees to see the facilities in operation and understand the proposed developments and business.

The Mayor acknowledged the very successful professional development day for Councillors held on 14 October 2020.

**7 Councillor Requests**  
Nil.

**8 Notices of Motion**  
Nil.

**9 Petitions**  
Nil.

**10 Deputations**  
Nil.

**11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report**

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged the outstanding work and the length of service of Mr Peter Wright who is retiring after 31.5 years of work with Council. Mr Wright has been based at Isisford. The Mayor and Councillors also expressed their appreciation to Peter for his long service to the communities of the Longreach region.

**11.1 Standing Matters - Governance Financial Report**

Consideration was given to the Governance Financial Report  
(Res-2020-10-265)

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council receive the Governance Financial Report for information.*

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**11.2 Standing Matters - Calendar of Events**

**Calendar of Events, Upcoming Meetings and Conferences for Councillors**

*(Res-2020-10-266)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Martin*

*That Council receive the Calendar or Events for information.*

*CARRIED*

Date	Event	Location	Participants
<b>October 2020</b>			
9 Fri	Audit and Risk Committee	Council Chambers Longreach Civic Centre 10am – 12noon	Mayor, Cr Tony Martin, Cr Leonie Nunn, Chief Executive Officer, DCS and Head of Finance
13 Tue	Councillor Briefing	Fairmount East Room Longreach Civic Centre 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
14 Wed	Councillor Professional Development Day	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe 9am - 5pm	All Councillors
15 Thurs	Council Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
18 Sun - 21 Wed	LGAQ 2020 Annual Conference	Gold Coast	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Dale Bignell, Cr Tracy Hatch, Chief Executive Officer
28 Wed – 29 Thurs	Governor’s Mayoral Dinner & Breakfast	Government House 168 Fernberg Road, Paddington Qld 4064	Mayor and Mrs Rayner
<b>November 2020</b>			
TBC	Plant Working Group	Fairmount East Room Longreach Civic Centre TBC	Mayor, Cr Trevor Smith, Cr Dale Bignell, Chief Executive Officer, DCS, DIS
9 Mon - 13 Fri	Canberra Parliamentary visit to Federal Ministers	Parliament House Canberra	Mayor, Chief Executive Officer
TBC	Pending outcome of Covid		
16 Mon	Qantas Centenary Holiday	Longreach Regional Council area	
17 Tue	Councillor Briefing	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
17 Tue	Official Opening Ilfracombe Desalination Plant	Ilfracombe Desalination Plant, Ilfracombe-Aramac Road, Ilfracombe 11am	Hon David Littleproud, All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Members of Public
19 Thurs	Council Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach Civic Centre 9am – 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors

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December 2020			
TBC	Audit and Risk Committee	Council Chambers Longreach Civic Centre	Mayor, Cr Tony Martin, Cr Leonie Nunn, Chief Executive Officer, DCS and Head of Finance
3 Dec	Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee	Fairmount East Room Longreach Civic Centre 1.00pm -- 4pm	Mayor, Cr Trevor Smith, Cr Leonie Nunn, Cr Dale Bignell, DCS and DIS
8 Tue	Councillor Briefing	Fairmount East Room Longreach Civic Centre 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
10 Thurs	Council Meeting	Isisford Town Hall Mary Street, Isisford 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors

**11.3 2021 Council Meeting Dates**

Consideration of the timing and location of the Council Ordinary Meetings for the 2021 calendar year.

*(Res-2020-10-267)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch*

*That pursuant to section 277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts the following Council Meetings for 2021:*

Date	Meeting Type	Place	Time
Thurs 28 January 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 18 February 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre	9.00am
Thurs 18 March 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	9.00am
Thurs 15 April 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 20 May 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre	9.00am
Thurs 17 June 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 15 July 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	9.00am
Thurs 19 August 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Yaraka	9.30am
Thurs 16 September 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 28 October 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre	9.00am
Thurs 18 November 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 9 December 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	9.00am

CARRIED

**11.4 Common Seal Policy**

Consideration of amendments to the Common Seal Policy No. 2.03 which is due for its biennial review.

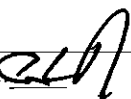
*(Res-2020-10-268)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council adopts the Common Seal Policy No. 2.03, as presented.*

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- 11.5 Human Rights Policy**  
Consideration of the Human Rights Policy No. 2.05 which has been developed to ensure compliance with the Queensland's *Human Rights Act 2019*.  
(Res-2020-10-269)  
*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith*  
*That Council adopts the Human Rights Policy No. 2.05, as presented.*  
CARRIED
- 11.6 Gifts and Benefits Policy**  
Consideration of amendments to the Gifts and Benefits Policy No. 4.02 which is due for its biennial review.  
(Res-2020-10-270)  
*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*  
*That Council adopts the Gifts and Benefits Policy No. 4.2, as presented.*  
CARRIED
- 11.7 Workplace of Choice Policy**  
Consideration of the adoption of the Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15, which was due for its biannual review.  
(Res-2020-10-271)  
*Moved Cr Numm seconded Cr Martin*  
*That Council adopts the Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15, as presented.*  
CARRIED
- 11.8 Tender Submissions and Approval for Fire & First Aid Services Contract**  
Consideration of tender submissions and approval for fire & first aid equipment three year services contract.  
(Res-2020-10-272)  
*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith*  
*That Council accepts the tender offer from FCF Fire & Electrical based on a three year agreement with Council.*  
CARRIED
- 11.9 02-20 Social Media Policy - Biennial Review**  
Consideration of Council's Social Media Policy, which has undergone its biennial review.  
(Res-2020-10-273)  
*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie*  
*That the Social media Policy be adopted as presented.*  
CARRIED
- 11.10 02-14 Climate Change Policy (General Operations) - Biennial Review**  
Consideration of the Climate Change Policy (General Operations), which has undergone its biennial review.  
(Res-2020-10-274)  
*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Bignell*  
*That the Climate Change Policy (General Operations) be adopted as presented.*  
CARRIED
- 12 Reception and Consideration of Director Corporate Services Report**
- 12.1 Standing Matters - Corporate Services Financial Report**  
Consideration was given to the Corporate Services Financial Report  
(Res-2020-10-275)  
*Moved Cr Numm seconded Cr Emslie*  
*That Council receive the Corporate Services Financial Report for information.*  
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**12.2 Monthly Financial Statements**

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

*(Res-2020-10-276)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

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

*CARRIED*

**12.3 Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy**

This Consideration of amendments to the Administrative Action Complaint Policy No. 02-08.

*(Res-2020-10-277)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council adopts the, Administrative Action Complaint Policy No. 02-08 as presented subject to amendment as discussed..*

*CARRIED*

**12.4 Audit and Risk Committee - Minutes and Recommendations 24 September 2020**

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee meeting held on 24 September 2020.

*(Res-2020-10-278)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council note the outcomes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting as presented.*

*CARRIED*

The Mayor commended Ms West on the effective manner in which she has managed the Audit and Risk Committee meetings over the last few months.

Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West left the meeting at 10.19am.

Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West entered the meeting at 10.22am.

**13.1 Standing Matters - Community and Cultural Services Financial Report**

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

*(Res-2020-10-279)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell*

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

*CARRIED*

Adjournment: Council adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am and resumed at 10.55am.

Attendance: Mr Wes Irwin left the meeting at 10.57am.

**13.2 Sponsorship - Isisford Race Club Inc.**

Consideration for application received from the Isisford Race Club Inc.

*(Res-2020-10-280)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Martin*

*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:*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Project Activity</i>	<i>Event Date</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Isisford Race Club Inc.</i>	<i>2020 Isisford Ross Cup Race Day</i>	<i>Saturday 24 October 2020</i>	<i>In-Kind \$1,820.00 (Hire of the Council Water Truck - 8 hours x \$220 per hour - \$1,760.00 and 1 hour hire of the Council Garbage Truck - 1 hr x \$60 per hour - \$60)</i>
		<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>Total \$1,820.00</i></b>

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**13.3 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting and Recommendations -29 September 2020**

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee meeting held 29 September 2020.

*(Res-2020-10-281)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie*

*That pursuant to section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council:*

- 1. The Minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee held on Monday 10 August 2020, be received.*
- 2. Approves the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Funding Outcome reports from Yaraka Sports and Progress Association Incorporated – Mt Slowcombe Timeline Project.*
- 3. Approves the 2020/2021 Regional Arts Development Fund budget as presented.*
- 4. Approves the application by Longreach Arts and Cultural Association, Queensland Ambulance Transport Building (Q.A.T.B) – Centenary History Book project to the value of \$3,614.00; with the condition that one copy is donated to the Longreach Community Library.*
- 5. Approves the opening of the Second Round 2020/2021 from Monday 19 October 2020 for a period of four weeks.*
- 6. That the Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee be advised of these decisions*

*CARRIED*

**13.4 COVID-19 Relief Grant Program - October 2020**

Consideration of COVID-19 Grant Program applications received in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy 11.07.

*(Res-2020-10-282)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Numm*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the COVID-19 Relief Grant Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship No. 11.07:*

<b>Organisation/ Name</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
<i>Whitman's Memorial Park and Museum Association Inc.</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>\$2,533.19 (To cover expenses outlined within this report, with the exception of rates)</i>
<i>Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) – Longreach Branch</i>	<i>\$1,573.00</i>	<i>\$786.50 (Due to the Showers generating income for group)</i>
	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$3,319.69</i></b>

*CARRIED*

**Item 13.5**

Cr Tony Emslie advised he has a Declarable Interest in Item 13.5 Sponsorship - Student Awards Night 2020 - Longreach State High School and Longreach State Primary School. The nature of the interest is he is employed at Longreach State School and the related party is Longreach State School. He left the meeting during the discussion on this matter at 11.13am.

**13.5 Sponsorship - Student Awards Night 2020- Longreach State High School and Longreach State Primary School**

Council has received correspondence from Longreach State High School and Longreach State Primary School requesting sponsorship for the 2020 Annual awards night.

*(Res-2020-10-283)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Martin*

*That Council approves the request for Sponsorship for Longreach State High School and Longreach State Primary School to the amount of \$100 per school, in support of a student individual award for the 2020 Annual Awards Night.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy left the meeting at 11.14am.

Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy returned to the meeting at 11.14am.

Attendance: Cr Tony returned to the meeting at 11.14am.

**13.6 Review of - 05-07 Cemeteries and Funerals Policy**

This report is requesting Council resolution for the implementation of the reviewed Cemeteries and Funerals Policy.

*(Res-2020-10-284)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council adopts the reviewed and updated Cemeteries and Funerals Policy No. 05-07, as presented.*

*CARRIED*

**13.7 Consent for proposed road opening through Unallocated State Land, formally described as Lot 11 on CM90.**

Consideration of a request from Wall Planning & Environmental Consulting, on behalf of Mr Andrew Seccombe, requesting local government consent to a proposed road opening through Unallocated State Land, formally described as Lot 11 on CM90.

*(Res-2020-10-285)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Smith*

a) *That local government consent as Road Manager is provided for the application to dedicate State Land as road over Lot 11 on CM90, as depicted on the Thomson River Caravan Park Site Plan Proposal, dated 10 September 2020 or any subsequent plan amendment requested by Longreach Regional Council; and*

b) *That Longreach Regional Council appear as Applicant for the application to dedicate State Land as road over Lot 11 on CM90, subject to the Lodger (Mr Andrew Seccombe C/- Wall Planning & Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd) covering the cost of the application, managing all correspondence, and providing monthly updates to Council on the progress of the application.*

*CARRIED*

**14 Reception and Consideration of Director Infrastructure Services Report**

**14.1 Standing Matters - Infrastructure Services Financial Report**

Consideration was given to the Infrastructure Services Financial Report.

*(Res-2020-10-286)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council receive the Infrastructure Services Financial Report for information.*

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**15 Late Items**

**15.1 Longreach Regional Council Annual Report 2019-2020 – (Withdrawn)**

*THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING*

Attendance: Mr Roger Naidoo left the meeting at 11.33am.  
Attendance: Mr Roger Naidoo returned to the meeting at 11.33am.  
Attendance: Mr Roger Naidoo left the meeting at 11.34am.  
Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy left the meeting at 11.35am.  
Attendance: Mr Roger Naidoo returned to the meeting at 11.36am.  
Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy returned to the meeting at 11.37am.

**15.2 Audit and Risk Committee - Minutes and Recommendations 9 October 2020**

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee meeting held on 9 October 2020.

*(Res-2020-10-287)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee outcomes as presented.*

*CARRIED*

**Item 15.3** Mrs Lisa Young advised she has a Declarable Interest in Item 15.3 Longreach Showgrounds Multi-purpose Shadecover Tender. The nature of the interest is she is a close friend of the applicant and the related party is Scott Brothers Construction. She left the meeting during the discussion on this matter at 11.41am.

Attendance: Cr Trevor Smith left the meeting at 11.50am.  
Attendance: Cr Trevor Smith entered the meeting at 11.51am.  
Adjournment: Council adjourned for a break at 11.55am and resumed at 11.58am.  
Attendance: Mr Brendan Harvey entered the meeting via telephone at 11.58am.  
Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy left the meeting at 12.26pm.  
Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy entered the meeting at 12.26pm.  
Attendance: Mrs Kimberley Dillon left the meeting at 12.27pm.  
Attendance: Mrs Kimberley Dillon entered the meeting at 12.30pm.  
Attendance: Mr Brendan Harvey left the meeting at 12.31pm.

**15.3 Longreach Showgrounds Multi-purpose Shadecover Tender**

Consideration of the Tender evaluation for the Longreach Showgrounds – Netball Shade Structure.

**Recommendation:**

*That Council:*

- 1) review and accept the recommendation of the evaluation, as attached;*
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer or approved delegate to enter into contract negotiations with XXL Constructions Pty Ltd; and*
- 3) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a formal instrument of agreement with XXL Constructions Pty Ltd pending successful contract negotiations.*

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*(Res-2020-10-288)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Smith*

*That Council:*

- 1) review and accept the recommendation of the evaluation, as attached;*
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer or approved delegates to enter into contract negotiations with XXL Constructions Pty Ltd to adjust project scope and to include a contingency amount to ensure the project is delivered within the approved budget; and,*
- 3) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a formal instrument of agreement with XXL Constructions Pty Ltd pending successful contract negotiations.*

*CARRIED*

**Note: Reason for Change to Recommendation:**

Council amended the original recommendation to allow for contingency requirements for optional extras to be included.

- Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy left the meeting at 12.48pm.  
Attendance: Mr Mitchell Murphy returned to the meeting at 12.48pm.  
Attendance: Mrs Lisa Young returned to the meeting at 12.48pm.  
Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West left the meeting at 12.48pm.  
Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West returned to the meeting at 12.51pm.  
Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West left the meeting at 12.51pm.  
Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West returned to the meeting at 12.53pm.

**15.4 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 180 Galah Street, Longreach**

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on 29 September 2020 for a shed to be constructed on land located at 180 Galah Street, Longreach and described as Lot 147 on L3576.

***Officer Recommendation to Council:***

*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 shed at 180 Galah Street, Longreach and described as Lot 147 on L3576;*

- a) be approved with a 1m setback from the Owl Street road boundary as per the applicants request and the attached site plan, **OR***
- b) be approved with a setback of 6m as per the recommendation of Council's Consultant Building Surveyor.*

*(Res-2020-10-289)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie*

*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 shed at 180 Galah Street, Longreach and described as Lot 147 on L3576 be approved with a 1m setback from the Owl Street road boundary as per the applicants request and the attached site plan.*

*CARRIED*

**15.5 Civic Centre - Audio Visual Refurbishment Tender**

This Council report is in relation to recent Tender submissions for the Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre -- Audio Visual Refurbishment project.

*(Res-2020-10-290)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith*

*That Council resolve to:*

- 1. review and accept the recommendation of the evaluation, as attached;*
- 2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer or approved delegate to enter into contract negotiations with Brisbane Sound Group; and*
- 3. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a formal instrument of agreement with Brisbane Sound Group pending successful negotiations.*

*CARRIED*

Adjournment: Council adjourned for a lunch break at 1.06pm and resumed at 2.01pm.

**16 Closed Matters**

*(Res-2020-10-291)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch*

*That pursuant to section 242J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated at 2.02pm.*

**In Home Care**

*This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1) b and c, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: industrial matters affecting employees and the council's budget.*

*CARRIED*

**Council out of Closed Session**

*(Res-2020-10-292)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council move out of Closed Session at 2.11pm to vote on Item 16.1.*

*CARRIED*

**16.1 In Home Care**

Consideration of the ongoing operation of Longreach and Districts Rural In Home Care Programs.

*(Res-2020-10-293)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Martin*

*That Council:*

- 1) Notify Department Education Skill and Employment (DESE) of program closure. Six weeks notice must be given prior to closure of the program.*
- 2) Notify the In Home Care Support Agency (IHCSA) Queensland and Northern Territory*
  - It is the role of the In Home Care Support Agency to ensure if a service ceases to provide In Home Care Support, families accessing In Home Care Support through the service will be prioritised to receive care through another In Home Care Support Service.*

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- *The In Home Care Support Agency will recommend to the Department that Places allocated to the service ceasing to provide In Home Care Support will be allocated to another In Home Care Support Service(s), in order to provide care for displaced families, if required.*
- 3) *Notify all current Longreach In Home Care Families and Educators of the program closure.*
- 4) *Commence shut down procedures in In Home Care Support office.*

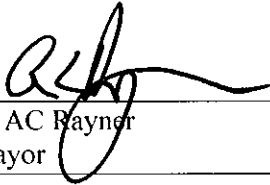
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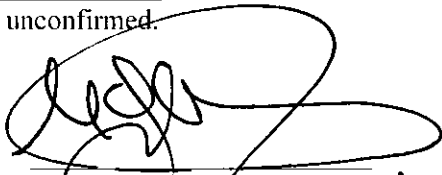
**17 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2.12pm.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed.

  
Cr AC Rayner  
Mayor

  
Mitchell Murphy  
Chief Executive Officer

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