

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting

Thursday 15 December 2022

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 15 December 2022 at the Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach**

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:01am

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

2 Prayer

Reverend Jenny Coombes, Uniting Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Condolences

Council paid their respects and acknowledged the passing of community members Marie Florence Archer, Reuben John David Sims, and Alison Compton.

PRESENT

Councillors

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Mayor | Cr AC Rayner |
| Deputy Mayor | Cr LJ Nunn |
| | Cr DJ Bignell |
| | Cr AJ Emslie |
| | Cr TM Hatch |
| | Cr TFB Smith |

Officers

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Acting Chief Executive Officer | Mr Brett Walsh |
| Acting Director of Corporate Services | Mrs Margaret Gatt |
| Chief Financial Officer | Mr David Wilson |
| Director of Community and Cultural Services | Ms Lisa Young |
| Director of Infrastructure Services | Mr Roger Naidoo |
| Executive Officer, Economic Development and Public Affairs | Mr Simon Kuttner |
| Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors | Ms Calie McLachlan |

Public Gallery

Apologies

3 Consideration of 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

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.

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

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

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.

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Council - Thursday 17 November 2022

(Res-2022-12-303)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 17 November 2022, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

5.3 Special Meeting - Thursday 1 December 2022

(Res-2022-12-304)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday 1 December 2022, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

6 Mayoral Report

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

7 Councillor Requests

8 Notices of Motion

9 Petitions

10 Deputations

11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Standing Matters: Councillor Information Correspondence

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

The following correspondence has been received up to Wednesday 7 December 2022:

1. Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning – Local Government Sustainability Framework
2. Community Member – Correspondence regarding citrus trees
3. Department of Education – Office of Industrial Relations – Special Holidays for 2023
4. Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning- Planning Regulation Amendment (Rooming Accommodation)

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5. A Long Drive for Drought – Certificate of Appreciation
6. Department of Agriculture and Fisheries – Water Access Agreement
7. State Development and Regional Industries Committee – Local Government Electoral and Other Legislation (Expenditure Caps) Amendment Bill 2022
8. Minister for Transport and Main Roads – Walk Local Government Grants

The following outgoing correspondence has been sent up to Tuesday 6 December 2022

1. Draft Lake Eyre Basin Strategic Plan – Submission

(Res-2022-12-305)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Bignell

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

CARRIED 6/0

11.2 Standing Matters: Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events, Upcoming Meetings and Conferences for Councillors

| Date | Event | Location | Participants |
|----------------------|---|--|---|
| December 2022 | | | |
| 9 Fri | Lions Christmas Street Party | Eagle Street, Longreach 7:00pm – 9:30pm | Public event |
| Sat 10 | Yaraka Christmas Tree | Yaraka Hall, Yaraka | Public event |
| 13 Tues | Council Briefing | Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre. 8.00am – 5.00pm | Mayor, Councillors and Executive Leadership Team |
| 14 Wed | Audit and Risk Committee Meeting | Council Chambers, Longreach 9:00am – 11:00am | Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer |
| 14 Wed | Plant Meeting | Council Chambers, Longreach 2:00pm – 4:00pm | Mayor, Councillors Emslie, Bignell, Smith, Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Infrastructure |
| 15 Thurs | Council Meeting | Council Chambers, Longreach 9:00am- 5:00pm | Mayor, Councillors and Executive Leadership Team and members of the public |
| Sat 24 | Isisford Christmas Tree | Whitmans' Memorial Park, Isisford 6:00pm start | Public event BYO event |
| January 2023 | | | |
| 25 Wed | Council Meeting | Council Chambers, Longreach 9:00am- 5:00pm | Mayor, Councillors and Executive Leadership Team and members of the public |
| 26 Thurs | Longreach Australia Day 2023 Awards/ Citizenship Ceremony/ Community Breakfast / Family event | Arts and Craft Pavilion, Longreach Showgrounds 8:00am- 12:00pm | Public event |
| 26 Thurs | Ilfracombe Australia Day 2023 Awards/ Community BBQ dinner/ Cricket and Family event | Ilfracombe Recreational Centre, Ilfracombe 3:00pm start | Public event |
| 26 Thurs | Isisford & Yaraka Australia Day 2023 Awards/ Community Breakfast/ Free pool and activities | Multi Purpose Complex, Isisford 8:00am start | Public event |
| 28 Sat | Yaraka Australia Day 2023 Community BBQ | Yaraka Hotel, Yaraka 6:00pm | Public event |
| February 2023 | | | |
| 14 Tues | Council Briefing | Fairmount Rooms, Longreach Civic Centre. 8.00am – 5.00pm | Mayor, Councillors and Executive Leadership Team |

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| 16 Thurs | Council Meeting | Council Chambers, Longreach 9:00am- 5:00pm | Mayor, Councillors and Executive Leadership Team and members of the public |
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(Res-2022-12-306)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Calendar of Events report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.3 02-33 Working Group Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration to repeal the Working Group Policy No.2.33.

(Res-2022-12-307)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council repeals the Working Group Policy No. 2.33, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.4 02-31 Advisory Committee Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the adoption of the Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31 which is due for its biennial review.

(Res-2022-12-308)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the amended Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31, as presented; and*
- 2. In accordance with section 254G(1) of the Local Government Regulations 2012 exempts each Advisory Committee from the requirement to take minutes of its proceeding.*

CARRIED 6/0

11.5 02-05 Human Rights Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the adoption of the amended Human Rights Policy No. 2.05 which is due for its biennial review.

(Res-2022-12-309)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council adopts the amended Human Rights Policy No. 2.05, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.6 02-18 Advertising Spending Policy - Biennial Review

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

(Res-2022-12-310)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

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

CARRIED 6/0

11.7 02-19 Entertainment and Hospitality Policy - Biennial Review

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

(Res-2022-12-311)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 6/0

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11.8 02-20 Social Media Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of Council's Social Media Policy, which has undergone its biennial review.

(Res-2022-12-312)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That the amended Social Media Policy be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.9 02-24 Communications and Media Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of Council's amended Communication and Media Policy, following its biennial review.

(Res-2022-12-313)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That the amended Communications and Media Policy be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.10 02-14 Climate Change Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the Climate Change Policy, which has undergone its biennial review.

(Res-2022-12-314)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That the amended Climate Change Policy be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.11 Watyakan Creek - Decision Notice

Consideration of advice that the Queensland Government will rename the watercourse Black Gin Creek to a traditional Indigenous name, being Watyakan Creek.

(Res-2022-12-315)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn

That Council agrees with the decision of the Queensland Government to rename Black Gin Creek (Little Gin Creek), and will officially recognise the new name, Watyakan Creek, through updated signage and mapping changes.

CARRIED 6/0

11.12 Proposed sale by tender - Lot 151 on SP259530

Consideration of the sale by tender of Lot 151 on SP259530

(Res-2022-12-316)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, in accordance with Section 228(2)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to offer Lot 151 on SP259530 for sale by tender.

CARRIED 6/0

11.13 Workplace Health & Safety Update Report - November 2022

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 30 November 2022, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2022-12-317)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Workplace Health & Safety Update Report for the period ending 30 November 2022, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

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11.14 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred during the month of November 2022 for the Governance Department.

(Res-2022-12-318)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12 Reception and Consideration of Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Financial Officer's Report

12.1 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 November 2022

(Res-2022-12-319)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That the monthly financial statements for the period ending 30 November 2022 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2 Nomination of Audit and Risk Committee Member

The recent resignation of Councillor T. Martin has created a vacancy in the Audit and Risk Committee that needs to be filled by a nominated Councillor.

(Res-2022-12-320)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch

That Council defers the appointment until March 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED 6/0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:02am

The meeting returned at 10:39am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

13 Reception and Consideration of Director Corporate Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Corporate Services Report

13.1 11-10 Portable Surveillance Policy

Consideration of the proposed Portable Surveillance Policy No. 11.10.

(Res-2022-12-321)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council adopts the proposed Portable Surveillance Policy No. 11-10, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

13.2 Consideration of Longreach Animal Management Facility Business Case

Consideration of a Business Case for a new Longreach Animal Management Facility at the Longreach Works Depot.

(Res-2022-12-322)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch

That Council approves a budget allocation of \$100,000.00 to complete the preliminary works for the Animal Management Facility.

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13.3 Proposed Amendments to the Stock Route Management Network

Consideration for response to Department of Resources regarding proposed amendments to stock route mapping.

(Res-2022-12-323)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That Council makes written response to the Department of Resources, stating that Council wishes to retain Longreach Regional Council area's historical stock route network categorisation and responsibilities until further clarification is sought from the Department regarding Council's responsibilities and resource allocation, including a commitment from the Department to fund upgrades of the current and additional water facilities in line with the Department's Minimum Standards Specifications.

CARRIED 6/0

13.4 Information Report - Corporate Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of November 2022 for the Corporate Services Department.

(Res-2022-12-324)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Corporate Services information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

14 Reception and Consideration of Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

14.1 Sponsorship - December 2022

Consideration for a Sponsorship application received for the month of December 2022, in accordance with Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

(Res-2022-12-325)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn

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</i> | <i>Event/Project Activity</i> | <i>Event Date</i> | <i>Grant Approved</i> | <i>Conditions of Approval/Payment</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Longreach Show Society</i> | <i>2023 Annual Show</i> | <i>12-13 May 2023</i> | <i>Financial \$10,160.00 In-Kind \$352.00</i> | <i>NIL</i> |
| | | <i>TOTAL</i> | <i>\$10,512.00</i> | |

CARRIED 6/0

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14.2 Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2)

Council has the power to review and make amendments to its planning scheme and planning scheme policies, from time to time to ensure they remain contemporary, reflective of Council's current policy positions and appropriately manage planning and development across the Longreach Region. The Planning Minister must undertake a State interest review of a proposed major amendment before Council can commence formal public consultation in accordance with the process set out in Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

(Res-2022-12-326)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

Recommendation:

That Council:

- a) endorses the proposed planning scheme amendment and maps (Major Amendment No. 2), including the amended planning scheme policies incorporated at Schedule 5 (Attachment A), prepared in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 4, section 16.4 and Chapter 3, Part 1, section 2.2 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (MGR)*
- b) endorses the proposed Communication Strategy (Attachment B)*
- c) decides to make the proposed amendments to the planning scheme policies, incorporated in Schedule 5 of Major Amendment No. 2, in accordance with Chapter 3, Part 1, sections 2.1 of the MGR*
- d) gives notice to the Planning Minister of the decision to amend the planning scheme, provides the required material (as set out in Schedule 3 of the MGR) and requests a State interest review of Major Amendment No. 2, in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 4, section 16.5 of the MGR; and,*
- e) decides to proceed to public consultation of Major Amendment No. 2 and the proposed amendments to the planning scheme policies incorporated in Schedule 5, in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 4, sections 18.1 and 18.2 and Chapter 3, Part 1, section 3 of the MGR, after receiving and subject to the outcome of the State interest review and the Planning Minister's notice issued under Chapter 2, Part 4, section 17.5 of the MGR.*

CARRIED 6/0

14.3 Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of November for the Community & Cultural Services Department.

(Res-2022-12-327)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Community & Cultural Services information report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

15 Reception and Consideration of Director Infrastructure Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report

15.1 Information Report - Infrastructure Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of November for the Infrastructure Department.

(Res-2022-12-328)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That Council receives the Infrastructure Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

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16 Late Items

17 Closed Matters

(Res-2022-12-329)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 242J(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.

Mobile Childcare Unit

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1) b and g, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: industrial matters affecting employees and negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the Council for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council.

CARRIED 6/0

Council out of Closed session

(Res-2022-12-330)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

Council move out of Closed session at 11:46am.

CARRIED 6/0

17.1 Mobile Childcare Unit

Consideration of Mobile Childcare Unit review and next steps.

(Res-2022-12-331)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council:

- 1. Cease operation of the Mobile Childcare Unit in all locations, effective 20 January 2023;*
- 2. Notify Department Education Skill and Employment of program closure, providing minimum two weeks notice; and*
- 3. Notify all impacted families currently enrolled in Mobile Childcare Unit of program closure.*

CARRIED 6/0

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:48am.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Acting Chief Executive Officer