

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting

Thursday 26 October 2023

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9am.

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

2 Prayer

Pastor Steve Cavill, Baptist Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Douglas Harrison, Peter Ridgeway, Albert Johnson & Hugh Dicinoski.

PRESENT

Councillors

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr DW Paterson
	Cr TFB Smith

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh
Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Director of Communities	Karyn Stillwell
Director of Works	Andre Pretorius
Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness	Grace Jones
Manager of Governance and Economy	Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors	Elizabeth Neal

Apologies

Nil

3 Consideration of Leave of Absence

Nil

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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 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.

Cr Leonie Nunn declared a prescribed conflict of interest in item 12.2 LWDEF Concessions as she is a participant in the program.

Cr David Paterson declared a prescribed conflict of interest in item 12.2 LWDEF Concessions as he is a participant in the program.

Cr Tracy Hatch declared a prescribed conflict of interest in item 11.6 Information Report – Planning & Development Report as she may be interested in purchasing sometime in the future.

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.

Cr Leonie Nunn declared a declareable conflict of interest in item 13.2 Sponsorship – AgForce Queensland as she is an AgForce member. Cr Nunn will voluntarily leave the meeting during the discussion and not participate in any decision.

Cr David Paterson declared a declareable conflict of interest in item 13.2 Sponsorship – AgForce Queensland as he is an AgForce member. Cr Paterson will voluntarily leave the meeting during the discussion and not participate in any decision.

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5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Council - Thursday 21 September 2023

(Res-2023-10-255)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 21 September 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

6 Reception and Consideration of Mayor's Report

6.1 Mayoral Report

Consideration was given to the Mayor's Report

(Res-2023-10-256)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Smith

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

7 Councillor Requests

Nil

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 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 18 October 2023:

- Department of Transport and Main Roads - QLD Cycling Action Plan 2023 - 2025
- Notice of Proposed Works - Department of Defence
- Department of State Development -2024 Council Meeting dates
- Community Recovery - Minister for Treaty
- Community Recovery General Information Pack
- Queensland Police Service Restructure
- Local Government Division - Independent Assessor
- Department of Transport and Main Roads

(Res-2023-10-257)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events, Meetings and Conferences

The calendar provides an update on Council and community events occurring over the next two months. This calendar listing is generated from Council's corporate calendar and events registered by community groups via Council's website: www.longreach.qld.gov.au/whats-on

October 2023			
12 Thursday 9.00am-4.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
13 Friday 9.00am-11.00am	Audit & Risk Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	Audit & Risk Committee
17 October 6pm - 10pm	Dirt Flame Flash Candles Club	Longreach Civic Centre	Public Event
18 October 6pm - 8pm	Luke S. Kennedy - Motivational Speaker	Longreach Civic Centre	Public Event
20 Friday	Big Day In	Longreach Civic Centre	Council employees
25 Wednesday 9.00am-4.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
26 Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public

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28 Saturday 12pm - late	Isisford Races	Isisford Showground, Isisford-Ilfracombe Road,	Public Event
November 2023			
2 Thursday 1.00pm-5.00pm	Land & Pest Management Meeting	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Land & Pest Committee
3 - 5 November Daily Event	Leading in the Central West	Ilfracombe Rec Centre	Public Event
11 Saturday	Ilfracombe Races	Ilfracombe Race Course	Public Event
11 Saturday 10:40am	Remembrance Day Service	Edkins Park	Public event
15 Wednesday 9.00am-4.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
16 Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
17 Friday 8:30am-10:30am	Plant Committee Meeting	North Meeting Room Longreach Council Office	Plant Committee
23 Thursday 9.00am-4.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
27-30 Monday - Thursday	RAPAD Board Meeting	Brisbane	Mayor & CEO
30 Thursday	A not-so-silent Night Community Concert	Edkins Park	Public Event
December 2023			
7 Thursday 9.00am-4.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
8 Friday 5pm to late	Lions Christmas Street Party	Eagle St	Public Event
13 Wednesday 9.00am - 10.30am	Audit & Risk Committee Meeting	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Audit & Risk Committee
13 Wednesday 10.30am-4.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
14 Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public

(Res-2023-10-258)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Emslie

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11.3 2024 Council Meeting Dates

Consideration of the timing and location of the Council Ordinary Meetings for the 2024 calendar year.

(Res-2023-10-259)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 254B(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following Council Meetings for 2024:

Date	Meeting Type	Place	Time
Thurs 25 January 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 15 February 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre	9.00am
Thurs 14 March 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 28 March 2024	Post-Election Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 18 April 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 16 May 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	9.00am
Thurs 20 June 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 18 July 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Yaraka	9.30am
Thurs 15 August 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre	9.00am
Thurs 19 September 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 17 October 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am
Thurs 21 November 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	9.00am
Thurs 12 December 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Longreach Civic Centre	9.00am

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11.4 Public Consultation Report - Longreach Region Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No.2)

Consideration of the Longreach Region Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2) Public Consultation Report – to be submitted to the Minister for approval.

(Res-2023-10-260)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That Council, in relation to the proposed Longreach Region Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2):

- 1. Endorses the Consultation Report (Attachment A) which provides a summary of the consultation activities undertaken;*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to publish the Consultation Report on Council's website; and,*
- 3. Gives notice (including required materials) to the Planning Minister, in accordance with Section 21.1 and 21.2 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, and requests approval to adopt the amendment to the planning scheme.*

CARRIED 7/0

11.5 Workplace Health & Safety Update Report - September 2023

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 30 September 2023, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2023-10-261)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Workplace Health & Safety Update Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.6 Information Report - Planning & Development Report

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of September 2023.

(Res-2023-10-262)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Planning & Development information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.7 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Governance Department.

(Res-2023-10-263)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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12 Reception and Consideration of Financial Report

12.1 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 September 2023:

(Res-2023-10-264)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 30 September 2023, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:26am

The meeting resumed at 10:51 am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

Attendance: Councillor Nunn and Councillor Paterson both left the meeting at 10:52 am.

12.2 LWDEF Concessions

A number of assessments identified as part of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme (LWDEFS) have been amalgamated or subdivided creating new assessments. The Plan as described in the Revenue Statement 2023-24 does not set out how the special charges are to be allocated to the new assessments.

The purpose of this paper is to set out the procedure for allocating special charges to the newly created assessments that will also require a resolution from Council to grant concessions to certain land owners.

(Res-2023-10-265)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the following procedures in relation to a reconfiguration of a lot of a rateable assessment that is part of the Longreach Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme:

- 1) Council will obtain information from the original applicants to the LWDEFS to determine the total length and cost per metre of the fencing on each original rateable assessment on commencement of the scheme;*
- 2) By reference to mapping data, Council will measure the distance of the fencing on the new rateable assessments to apportion the costs of the scheme between each new assessment; and,*
- 3) Council will provide a concession to each of the new rateable assessments by deducting a concession amount from the gross amount of the special charge so that the net result of the concession is that the landowner will only pay a special charge equivalent to the amount calculated in steps 1 and 2 above.*

CARRIED 5/0

Crs Rayner, Smith, Emslie, Hatch & Bignell voted for the motion.

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Attendance: Councillor Nunn and Councillor Paterson both returned to the meeting at 10:54 am.

12.3 Credit Card Policy

The credit card policy has been reviewed after the introduction of the digital card management system has made some parts irrelevant.

(Res-2023-10-266)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts the revised Credit Card Policy as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

12.4 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of September 2023 for the Financial Services Department.

(Res-2023-10-267)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Financial Services information report as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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13 Reception and Consideration of Director Communities Report

Consideration was given to the Director Communities Report

13.1 Community Donations - Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association

Consideration of a Community Donations application received in October in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

(Res-2023-10-268)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Smith

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association</i>	<i>Ilfracombe Community Gym Mirror Installation</i>	<i>Financial \$3,445.52</i>	<i>Financial \$3,445.52</i>
		TOTAL \$3,445.52	TOTAL \$3,445.52

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: Councillor Paterson and Councillor Nunn both left the Meeting at 10:58 am.

13.2 Sponsorship - AgForce Queensland

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

(Res-2023-10-269)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That Council approves the allocation of funds from the 2023/2024 Sponsorship budget as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>AgForce Queensland</i>	<i>AgForce Northern Forum, Dinner and Industry Awards</i>	<i>21 November 2023</i>	<i>In-Kind \$1,765.20</i>
		TOTAL	\$1,765.20

CARRIED 5/0

Crs Rayner, Smith, Emslie, Hatch & Bignell voted for the motion.

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Attendance: Councillor Nunn and Councillor Paterson both returned to the Meeting at 11:02 am.

13.3 Childcare Policies

Consideration of adoption of the new Medical Conditions Policy and the Safe Transportation Policy for Childcare Services.

(Res-2023-10-270)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council:

- 1) Adopts the new Medical Conditions Policy, as presented and amended; and,*
- 2) Adopts the new Safe Transportation Policy, as presented and amended.*

CARRIED 7/0

13.4 Information Report - Community Services

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

(Res-2023-10-271)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Smith

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

CARRIED 7/0

14 Reception and Consideration of Director of Works Report

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report

Information Report - Update on traffic management at intersections in Longreach

An information report to provide an update on discussions with Ergon with regards to traffic management near power poles located in intersections in Longreach.

(Res-2023-10-272)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the report as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

14.2 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of September/October 2023 for the Infrastructure Works Department.

(Res-2023-10-273)

Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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15 Late Items

15.1 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - Refurbishment of Longreach Tennis Courts

Consideration of an 'Application for works on Council owned land' from the Longreach Tennis Club to refurbish courts 3, 4 and 5 at the Longreach Tennis Club.

(Res-2023-10-274)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council:

- (1) Grants the Longreach Tennis Club permission to refurbish courts 3, 4 and 5 at the Longreach Tennis Courts; and,*
- (2) Agrees to allocate a budget of \$30,000 towards the total project cost if the application is successful.*

CARRIED 7/0

16 Closed Matters

(Res-2023-10-275)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

Item 16.1, Saleyard Contract Negotiation

CARRIED 7/0

(Res-2023-10-276)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Bignell

That Council moves out of closed session to vote on item 16.1, Saleyard Contract Negotiation.

CARRIED 7/0

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16.1 Saleyard Contract Negotiation

AAM Investment Group Pty Ltd (AAMIG) has written to Council requesting amendments to the leases of the saleyards (Lot 1) and the vacant trust land used for grazing (Lot 2). This paper provides information so that Council may make a decision on how to respond to these requests.

(Res-2023-10-277)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn

That Council responds to the requests made by AAMIG as follows:

- 1) Council will not be making any further financial contribution or incurring any further legal fees or any other costs to the rail siding extension project;*
- 2) Council will take no further action in progressing the rail siding project until there is formal written agreement by AAMIG to pay all unfunded costs, including legal and any other costs incurred by Council;*
- 3) Council does not accept the proposed variations to either of the property leases between Council and AAMIG, including the construction of improvements at Council's cost; and,*
- 4) That AAMIG takes all necessary steps as required by the terms of the leases to prevent unauthorised access or use of the leased premises.*

CARRIED 7/0

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12:08am.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer