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Longreach Regional Council



Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 11 April 2024

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 11 April 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

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Present

Councillors

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr NA Gay

Cr TM Hatch

Cr AR Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Director of Communities

Director of Works

Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness

Manager of Governance and Economy

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,
Mayor and Councillors

Brett Walsh

David Wilson

Karyn Stillwell

Andre Pretorius

Grace Jones

Simon Kuttner

Elizabeth Neal

Public Gallery

Nil

Apologies

Nil

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 and present."

2 Prayer

Reverend Greg & Kathy Weller, Salvation Army, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Emma Hasted and Eddie Bowden.

4 Leave of Absence

(Res-2024-04-080)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That an apology from Cr Rayner be accepted and leave of absence granted for the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 16 May 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

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5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

5.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business

Cr Rayner declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 11.10 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) – 90 Eagle Street, Longreach as he is the owner of the property. He will leave the meeting for the discussion and decision.

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

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Council - Thursday 14 March 2024

(Res-2024-04-081)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

6.5 Council - Thursday 28 March 2024

(Res-2024-04-082)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

That the Minutes of the Post-election meeting held on Thursday 28 March 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

This report provides an update on the Mayoral duties that have occurred during the previous month.

(Res-2024-04-083)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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8 Notices of Motion

8.1 Proposed Notice of Motion - Cr Rayner - Consider Changing the Sponsorship Resolution's moved at the February Council Meeting

The notice was sent to all Councillors by Cr Rayner on 4 April 2024 as follows:

Notice is hereby given that I intend to move the following Motion at the Council Meeting to be held on 11 April 2024.

"That Council:

- 1. Reconsiders its recent sponsorship decisions relating to Res 2024-02-040 and Res 2024-02-041, in light of recently changed circumstances; and,*
- 2. If appropriate, repeal Res 2024-02-040 and/or Res 2024-02-041, making new resolutions as required".*

(Res-2024-04-084)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Gay

That Council:

- 3. Reconsiders its recent sponsorship decisions relating to Res 2024-02-040 and Res 2024-02-041, in light of recently changed circumstances; and,*
- 4. If appropriate, repeal Res 2024-02-040 and/or Res 2024-02-041, making new resolutions as required.*

CARRIED 7/0

(Res-2024-04-085)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

That Council, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07, commits to the allocation of an additional \$5,000 of funds from the 2023-24 Sponsorship budget to Opera Queensland, being for the 2024 Festival of Outback Opera.

CARRIED 7/0

9 Petitions

10 Deputations

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11 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.

(Res-2024-04-086)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Hatch

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 Corporate Branding Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the Corporate Branding Policy No. 2.4, which has undergone its biennial review.

(Res-2024-04-087)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the Corporate Branding Policy No. 2.4, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.3 Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy No. 2.8, which has undergone its biennial review.

(Res-2024-04-088)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts the Complaints (Administrative Action) Policy No. 2.8, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.4 Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31 - Periodic Review

Consideration of a periodic review to the Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31.

(Res-2024-04-089)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the Advisory Committee Policy No. 2.31, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.5 Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15 - Repeal

Consideration to repeal the Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15.

(Res-2024-04-090)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Watts

That Council repeals the Workplace of Choice Policy No. 4.15

CARRIED 7/0

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11.6 Longreach Regional Council - Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee

Consideration of the re-appointment of the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee.

(Res-2024-04-091)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Hatch

That Council;

- 1. In accordance with section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, hereby reappoints a Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Council on relevant issues as per the Terms of Reference;*
- 2. In accordance with section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, hereby appoints the following persons as members of the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee:*
 - i) Cr Bignell*
 - ii) Cr Gay*
- 3. Continues the appointment of the following current committee members of the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee with a term expiring 31 March 2025:*
 - i) Division 1: Paul McClymont and Keith Gordon*
 - ii) Division 2: Adrian Brown, Matthew Brown and Matt Carr*
 - iii) Division 3: Duncan Emmott, Peter Spence and Robert Pearce*
 - iv) Division 4: Harry Glasson, David Morton and Andrew Pegler .*

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:26am.

The meeting resumed at 10:56am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

11.7 Annual Operational Plan 2023-24 - Review for Period Ending 31 March 2024

Consideration of the 2023-24 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 31 March 2024.

(Res-2024-04-092)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Chief Executive Officer's evaluation of the implementation of the 2023-24 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 31 March 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

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11.8 Small Business Friendly Councils Program

Consideration of possible membership of the Small Business Friendly (SBF) Program, coordinated by the Queensland Small Business Commissioner (QSBC).

(Res-2024-04-093)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Watts

That Council:

- 1. Commits to joining the Small Business Friendly Program;*
- 2. Takes all steps necessary to meet the requirements of the program; and,*
- 3. Authorises the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Small Business Friendly Program Charter.*

CARRIED 7/0

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

Consideration to adopt the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2) and decide its commencement date.

(Res-2024-04-094)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2) in accordance with Section 22.1 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules;*
- 2. Sets Monday 6 May 2024 as the commencement date for the Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2); and,*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to give effect to the Major amendment to the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme 2015 (Major Amendment No. 2).*

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: Cr Rayner left the Meeting at 12:06pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Nunn, assumed the Chair at 12:06pm.

11.10 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 90 Eagle Street, Longreach.

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on March 20 2024, for a shed to be positioned on land located at 90 Eagle Street, Longreach and described as Lot 1 on RP891089.

(Res-2024-04-095)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves the siting variation of a shed to be positioned on the rear boundary with a 1 metre setback from the side boundary at 90 Eagle Street, Longreach, and formally described as Lot 1 on RP891089, pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017.

CARRIED 6/0

Crs Bignell, Emslie, Gay, Hatch, Nunn and Watts voted for the resolution.

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Attendance: Cr Rayner returned to the Meeting at 12:10pm.

The Mayor, Cr Rayner, resumed the Chair at 12:10pm.

11.11 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - March 2024

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 29 March 2024, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2024-04-096)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety Update for March 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.12 Information Report - Planning and Development

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the previous month.

(Res-2024-04-097)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Watts

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.13 Information Report - Governance

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

(Res-2024-04-098)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:38am.

The meeting resumed at 1:10am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

12 Financial Services Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Financial Officer's Report

12.1 Information Report - Finance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the previous month for the Finance Directorate.

(Res-2024-04-099)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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12.2 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 March 2024.

(Res-2024-04-100)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 March 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

12.3 Budget Adjustment

Budget adjustments are requested for two capital projects. The requests are outside of the normal quarterly budget review as a decision is required before the May 2024 meeting.

(Res-2024-04-101)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council approves the budget adjustments, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

13 Community Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director of Community Services' Report

13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

Considerations of applications received for the month of April 2024 in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

(Res-2024-04-102)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Kobe Jackson</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Laylah Williamson</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Sophie Elms</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>North West Netball</i>	<i>27/04/24 - 1/05/24</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
TOTAL			\$1,400.00

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13.2 Community Donations - Longreach Athletics Club

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

(Res-2024-04-103)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

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
Longreach Athletics Group	40 Years of Celebration and Coaching Workshop	Financial \$3,900.00 In-Kind \$1,053.70	Financial \$3,900.00 In-Kind \$1,053.70
		TOTAL \$4,953.70	TOTAL \$4,953.70

CARRIED 7/0

13.3 Request for name change to the Poultry Pavilion at the Longreach Showgrounds.

Consideration of a request from the Longreach Show Society to change the name of the Poultry Pavilion at the Longreach Showgrounds to 'The Peter Oakey Poultry Pavilion'.

(Res-2024-04-104)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council approves for the renaming of the Poultry Pavilion at the Longreach Showground to 'The Peter Oakey Poultry Pavilion' and grants permission to the Longreach Show Society to install a plaque on the building.

CARRIED 7/0

13.4 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - Storage shed at the Multipurpose Court, Ilfracombe

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Ilfracombe and District Sport and Recreation Association Inc. to construct a storage shed at the soon to be built multipurpose courts located at the Ilfracombe Rec Centre.

(Res-2024-04-105)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council grants the Ilfracombe Sport and District Recreation Association Inc. permission to construct the proposed storage shed at the Ilfracombe Recreation Centre, subject to further discussions with officers regarding precise location, lease and maintenance issues, and obtaining a Building Development Approval.

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13.5 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - Storage shed at Longreach Aquatic Centre

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Longreach Amateur Swimming Club to construct a storage shed/Club house at the Longreach Memorial Pool and Aquatic Centre.

(Res-2024-04-106)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council grants the Longreach Amateur Swimming Club permission to construct the proposed storage shed at the Longreach Memorial Pool and Aquatic Centre, subject to further discussions with officers regarding precise location, lease and maintenance issues, and obtaining a Building Development Approval.

CARRIED 7/0

13.6 Information Report - Community

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of March for the Community Directorate.

(Res-2024-04-107)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Community Information Report for March 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

14 Works Report

14.1 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of March 2024 for the Works Directorate.

(Res-2024-04-108)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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15 Late Items

15.1 CUC RAPAD - Country Universities Centre

(Res-2024-04-109)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council:

- 1. Agrees to become a member of the proposed CUC RAPAD entity;*
- 2. Appoints the Mayor, Cr Tony Rayner, to act as its nominated director of the proposed CUC RAPAD entity; and,*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to inform RAPAD of these decisions and bring them into effect.*

CARRIED 7/0

15.2 Application for works on Council owned land - Swab box at Isisford Racecourse

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Isisford Race Club Inc. to install a new compliant swab box at the Isisford Racecourse.

(Res-2024-04-110)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Watts

That Council grants the Isisford Race Club Inc. permission to install the swab box at the Isisford Racecourse, subject to further discussions with officers regarding precise location, lease and maintenance issues, and obtaining a Building Development Approval.

CARRIED 7/0

15.3 ORRTG - Route Funding Priority Framework

Consideration of Council's priority routes for advancement through the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG).

(Res-2024-04-111)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group Route Funding Priority Framework, identifies the following roads for Funding Priority mapping:

- 1. The Thomson Developmental Road between Longreach and Stonehenge, for widening, as a Priority One road under the framework;*
- 2. The Cramsie - Muttaborra Road and Isisford - Ilfracombe Road, as Priority Two roads under the framework; and,*
- 3. The Isisford - Emmet Road, Ilfracombe - Aramac Road, Bimerah - Isisford Road and Emmet - Yaraka Road as Priority Three roads under the framework.*

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16 Closed Matters

(Res-2024-04-112)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 242J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed, at 2:47pm, to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated:

16.1 Proposed Sale of Lot 201 on SP340125; This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) g, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: 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 7/0

(Res-2024-04-113)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That Council moves out of closed session, at 3:35pm, to vote on item 16.1 Proposed Sale of Lot 201 on SP340125.

CARRIED 7/0

16.1 Proposed Sale of Lot 201 on SP340125

Consideration of a revised offer for the purchase of Lot 201 on SP340125.

(Res-2024-04-114)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That Council approves the sale of Lot 201 on SP340125 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to negotiate the final terms and enter into a contract of sale and an Infrastructure Agreement with IRBS 4 Pty Ltd ATF IRBS 4 Trust.

CARRIED 7/0

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:37pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr A Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer