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**Present**

**Councillors**

Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Deputy Mayor

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr NA Gay

Cr TM Hatch

Cr A Watts

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer

Brett Walsh

Chief Financial Officer

David Wilson

Director of Communities

Tanya Johnson

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**

Director of Works (attended the meeting for his report only) Andre Pretorius

**1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:10am.

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

**2 Prayer**

Reverend Steven Ballin, Baptist Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

**3 Condolences**

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Desley Joy Ballard, Rodney Martin and Clare Naylor.

**4 Leave of Absence**

None declared.

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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**

*None declared at this time.*

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

*Cr Nunn declared a declarable Conflict of interest in Item 11.3 Land and Pest Management Advisory Meeting Recommendations - 23 July 2024 because she is a rural landholder. Cr Nunn requested that she stay for the discussion however she will leave for the voting.*

*(Res-2024-08-193)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Cr Nunn be allowed to participate in the discussion for Item 11.3 but leave the room for the voting on this report.*

*CARRIED 6/0*

*Crs Bignell, Emslie, Gay, Hatch, Rayner, Watts voted for the motion*

*Cr Emslie declared a declarable Conflict of Interest in Item 13.1 Community Donations - Individuals because of his close association with the applicants and he will leave the room for the discussion and voting on this report.*

*Cr Emslie declared a declarable Conflict of Interest in Item 13.4 Community Donation - Longreach Bowls Club because of his close association with the applicant and he will leave the room for the discussion and voting on this report.*

**6 Confirmation of Minutes**

**6.1 Council - Thursday 18 July 2024**

*(Res-2024-08-194)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie*

*That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 18 July 2024, be confirmed.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**7 Mayoral Report**

**Mayoral Report**

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

*(Res-2024-08-195)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Watts*

*That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**8 Notices of Motion**

*Nil*

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**9 Petitions**

**Petition**

On Thursday 8 August CEO Brett Walsh received a petition from Emily Anderson from Ando's Food Barn in relation to the increase in Camping Fees at Isisford & Yaraka.

*(Res-2024-08-196)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council receives the petition, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**10 Deputations**

Nil

**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-2024-08-197)*

*Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie*

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

*CARRIED 7/0*

**11.2 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference, WQAC Assembly**

Consideration of attendance at the upcoming 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference, to be held in Brisbane from 21-23 October, and the 2024 WQAC Assembly to be held in Mount Isa on 4-5 September.

*(Res-2024-08-198)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council:*

1. *Authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gay, Councillor Hatch and Councillor Watts, and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland's 128th Annual Conference in Brisbane from 21-23 October 2024; and,*

2. *Authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chief Executive Officer to attend the Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly in Mt Isa from 4-5 September 2024.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

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*Cr Nunn left the meeting for the voting on the following matter.*

**11.3 Land and Pest Management Advisory Meeting Recommendations - 23 July 2024**

Consideration of the recommendations of the Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee (LPMAC) meeting held on 23 July 2024.

*(Res-2024-08-199)*

*Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council receives the recommendations of the Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee.*

*CARRIED 6/0*

*Cr Nunn returned to the meeting.*

**11.4 Councillor Roles in Development Matters Policy**

Consideration of the draft Councillor Roles in Development Matters Policy, a new policy, which is presented for adoption.

*(Res-2024-08-200)*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council adopts the Councillor Roles in Development Matters Policy, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**11.5 Procurement Policy - Annual Review**

Consideration of the Procurement Policy No. 1.1, which is required to be reviewed annually.

*(Res-2024-08-201)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council adopts the amended Procurement Policy, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**11.6 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - July 2024**

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 31 July 2024, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

*(Res-2024-08-202)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety update as at 31 July 2024, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*



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**11.7 Information Report - Planning and Development Report**

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of July 2024.

*(Res-2024-08-203)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie*

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

*CARRIED 7/0*

**11.8 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

*(Res-2024-08-204)*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

*The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:44am.*

*The meeting resumed at 11:13am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.*

**11.9 Information Report - Governance**

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

*(Res-2024-08-205)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council receives the Governance Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**12 Financial Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

**12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Report - 16 July 2024**

A report on the matters reviewed at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 16 July 2024.

*(Res-2024-08-206)*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council receives the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 16 July 2024.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**12.2 Budget Review**

Budget review and proposed adjustments to the budget for the 2025 financial year (FY25).

*(Res-2024-08-207)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council approves the variations to the FY25 Budget, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**12.3 Chief Financial Officer's Report**

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 July 2024:

*(Res-2024-08-208)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn*

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

*CARRIED 7/0*

**12.4 Information Report - Finance**

This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month of July 2024 for the Financial Services Directorate.

*(Res-2024-08-209)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**13 Community Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director of Communities' Report

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Attendance: Councillor Emslie left the meeting at 12:13 pm.

**13.1 Community Donations - Individuals**

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

(Res-2024-08-210)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Hatch

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
Aiden Gesler	North West Soccer Team	31/7/2024 – 04/08/2024	\$350.00
Ashton Horston	Kokoda Challenge	13-14 July 2024	\$350.00
Max Bruggemann	Cross Country State Championships	1 June 2024	\$350.00
Sharon Calligaro	Districts Bowls Playoffs	31/8/2024 – 01/09/2024	\$350.00
TOTAL			\$1,400.00

CARRIED 6/0

Crs Bignell, Gay, Hatch, Nunn, Rayner, Watts voted for the motion

Attendance: Councillor Emslie returned to the meeting at 12:15 pm.

**13.3 Community Donation - Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association**

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

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Gay

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
Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association	Ilfracombe Community Halloween Party	Financial \$5,000.00	Financial \$2,750.00 In-Kind \$250.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$3,000.00

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*Cr Watts proposed the following amendment:*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie*

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

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association</i>	<i>Ilfracombe Community Halloween Party</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$1,500.00 In-Kind \$250.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$1,750.00</i>

*Cr Emslie proposed a further amendment. The mover and seconder of the previous proposed resolutions agreed to the further amendment. The amendment then became the motion.*

*(Res-2024-08-211)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council defers consideration of the report until the September Council Meeting.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

Attendance: Councillor Emslie left the Meeting at 12:27 pm.

**13.4 Community Donation - Longreach Bowls Club**

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

*(Res-2024-08-212)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Watts*

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

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Longreach Bowls Club Inc.</i>	<i>Bowling Green Mower</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$4,000.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$4,000.00</i>

*CARRIED 5/1*

*Crs Gay, Hatch, Nunn, Rayner and Watts voted for the motion  
Cr Bignell voted against the motion*

Attendance: Councillor Emslie returned to the meeting at 12:32 pm.

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*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:34pm.*

*The meeting resumed at 1:20pm with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.*

**13.5 Community Donation - Yaraka Sports and Progress Association**

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

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn*

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

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Yaraka Sports and Progress Association Incorporated</i>	<i>Melbourne Cup Luncheon 2024</i>	<i>Financial \$2,200.00</i>	<i>Financial \$1,100.00 In-Kind \$200.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$2,200.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$1,100.00</i>

*Cr Watts proposed an amendment to the motion. The mover and seconder of the proposed resolution agreed to the amendment. The amendment then became the motion.*

*(Res-2024-08-213)*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council defers consideration of the report until the September Council Meeting.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**13.6 Community Donation - Yaraka Campdraft and Rodeo Incorporated**

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

*(Res-2024-08-214)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

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

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Yaraka Campdraft and Rodeo Incorporated</i>	<i>Yaraka Campdraft Clinic</i>	<i>Financial \$4,395.00</i>	<i>Financial \$3,076.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$4,395.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$3,076.00</i>

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**13.7 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - Extension of existing multipurpose building at the Longreach Showgrounds**

Consideration of an 'Application for Works on Council Owned Land' from the Longreach Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc. to extend the existing Multipurpose shed at the Longreach Showgrounds.

*(Res-2024-08-215)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council grants the Longreach Junior Rugby League Footpath Club Inc. permission to construct the proposed shed extension at the existing multipurpose shed at the Longreach Showgrounds, subject to obtaining Building Development Approval.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**13.8 Director of Communities Report**

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of June for the Director of Communities.

*(Res-2024-08-216)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council receives the Director of Communities Report, as presented*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**13.9 Information Report - Community Services**

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of July for the Community Services Department.

*(Res-2024-08-217)*

*Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council receives the Community Services Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**14 Infrastructure Services Report**

**14.1 Director of Works Report**

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

*(Res-2024-08-218)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay*

*That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented*

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**14.2 Information Report - Works**

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

**Recommendation**

(Res-2024-08-219)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

**16 Late Items**

Nil for this meeting

**17. Closed Matters**

Nil for this meeting

**18 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2:48pm.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed.

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Cr A Rayner  
Mayor

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Brett Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer