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Regional Council**
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Longreach Regional Council



Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 17 October 2024

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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 A Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer
Acting Director of Communities
Director of Works
Manager of Governance and Economy
Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,
Mayor and Councillors

Brett Walsh
David Wilson
Tanya Johnson
Andre Pretorius
Simon Kuttner
Grace Cronin-Jones

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 pay our respects to elders past and present."

2 Prayer

Reverend Steve Ballin, Baptist church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

3 Condolences

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence to mark the passing of community member William Smith.

4 Leave of Absence

(Res-2024-10-259)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That an apology from Cr Hatch be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED 4/2

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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

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

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 19 September 2024

(Res-2024-10-260)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 19 September 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

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

(Res-2024-10-261)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

9.1 Ilfracombe Swimming Pool Fee's Petition

Council has received a petition regarding the price increases at the Ilfracombe Pool.

(Res-2024-10-262)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Petition.

CARRIED 6/0

10 Deputations

Nil

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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-2024-10-263)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

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

CARRIED 6/0

11.2 2025 - Council Meeting Dates

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

(Res-2024-10-264)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That Council, pursuant to section 254B(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following Council Meetings for 2025:

Date	Meeting Type	Place	Time
23/01/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
20/02/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	9.00am
20/03/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
17/04/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
15/05/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	9.00am
19/06/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
17/07/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Yaraka	9.30am
21/08/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	9.00am
18/09/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
16/10/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am
20/11/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	9.00am
11/12/2025	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach	9.00am

CARRIED 6/0

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11.3 Annual Operational Plan 2024-25 - Review for Period Ending 30 September 2024

Consideration of the 2024-25 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 30 September 2024.

(Res-2024-10-265)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

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 2024-25 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 30 September 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

11.4 Councillor Investigations Policy

Consideration of revisions to the Councillor Investigations Policy, following changes to the *Local Government Act 2009*.

(Res-2024-10-266)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council:

- 1. Establishes a Conduct Breach Standing Committee, consisting of all Councillors; and,*
- 2. Adopts the Councillor Investigations Policy, as presented.*

CARRIED 6/0

11.5 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - September 2024

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 30 September 2024, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2024-10-267)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety update as at 30 September 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.6 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

(Res-2024-10-268)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

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

CARRIED 6/0

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The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:28am.

The meeting returned from morning tea and resumed at 10:54am, with all previous attendees in attendance.

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 Directorate.

(Res-2024-10-269)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Governance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

11.8 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

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

(Res-2024-10-270)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

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

CARRIED 6/0

Councillor Gay declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the report because her property may potentially be a beneficiary of the water booster pump referred to in the report.

(Res-2024-10-271)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Cr Gay be permitted to remain in the room for discussion of the water booster pump infrastructure agreement, as referenced in the Chief Executive Officer's report.

CARRIED 5/0

Councillors Bignell, Emslie, Nunn, Rayner, Watts voted for the motion

12 Financial Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Financial Services Report

12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Report - 18 September 2024

A report on the matters reviewed at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 September 2024.

(Res-2024-10-272)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Watts

That Council receives the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 September 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

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12.2 Quarterly Budget Review

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

(Res-2024-10-273)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 6/0

12.3 Information Report - Finance

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

(Res-2024-10-274)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:33pm.

The meeting returned from Lunch and resumed at 1:20pm, with all previous attendees in attendance.

12.4 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 September 2024:

(Res-2024-10-275)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 September 2024, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

13 Communities Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

13.1 Community Donations - Individuals

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

(Res-2024-10-276)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

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

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Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Erika Holland</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	11-14 October 2024	\$350.00
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	11-14 October 2024	\$350.00
<i>Jozette Jones</i>	13-19 years track and field State Championships	11-14 October 2024	\$350.00
TOTAL			\$1,050.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.2 Community Donation - Longreach Mens shed Inc

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

(Res-2024-10-277)

Moved Cr Gay 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;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
<i>Longreach Men's Shed Inc</i>	<i>Longreach Men's Shed Project</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.3 Community Donation - Longreach School of Distance Education P and C Association

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

(Res-2024-10-278)

Moved Cr Bignell 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
<i>Longreach School of Distance Education P and C Association</i>	<i>'Star Warts' the Musical</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>

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TOTAL \$5,000.00

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CARRIED 6/0

13.4 Community Donation - Outback Independent Living Inc

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

(Res-2024-10-279)

Moved Cr Gay 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.

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Outback Independent Living	Outback Disability Expo	Financial \$4,600.00 In-Kind \$400.00	Financial \$4,600.00 In-Kind \$400.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.5 Community Donation - Our Lady's Parents and Friends

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

(Res-2024-10-280)

Moved Cr Gay 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;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Our Lady's Parents and Friends	Celebrating 125 years	Financial \$4,400.00 In-Kind \$600.00	Financial \$4,400.00 In-Kind \$600.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

CARRIED 6/0

13.6 Sponsorship - Outback Opera

Consideration for Sponsorship application received for the month of October, in accordance with

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Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Rayner

1. That Council approves the allocation of funds from the **2024/2025 Sponsorship budget** as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07:

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant recommended
Opera Queensland	Festival of Outback Opera	13-19 May 2025	Financial \$15,000.00 In-Kind \$176.00
			Total \$15,176.00

2. That Council approves the sponsorship of \$15,000.00 per year for the following two years on the basis that this is a significant event for the region attracting increased visitation, investment and promotion of the Longreach region.

(Res-2024-10-281)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That the motion be amended to consist of a \$10,000 financial contribution, for the 2024-25 to 2026-27 financial years only, in accordance with prior arrangements.

CARRIED 5/1

The amendment becomes the substantive motion:

(Res-2024-10-282)

That Council:

1. Approves the allocation of funds from the **2024/2025 Sponsorship budget** as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.07;

Organisation	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant recommended
Opera Queensland	Festival of Outback Opera	13-19 May 2025	Financial \$10,000.00 In-Kind \$176.00
			Total \$10,176.00

2. Approves the sponsorship of \$10,000.00 per year for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years on the basis that this is a significant event for the region attracting increased visitation, investment and promotion of the Longreach region.

CARRIED 6/0

13.7 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting and Recommendations

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund

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(RADF) Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024.

(Res-2024-10-283)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Watts

That Council:

1. Receives the Minutes of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee held on Tuesday 31 October 2023;
2. Accepts the 24/25 budget as presented;
3. Approved the application by the 'Yaraka Sports and Progress Association' for the Furniture Restoration Workshop to the value of \$4,000.00; and
4. Supports the opening and closing dates for round two.

CARRIED 6/0

13.8 Revision of Swimming Pool Entry Fees

Consideration of a letter tabled at the September Council meeting requesting a reduction in entry fees for the Ilfracombe Swimming Pool.

(Res-2024-10-284)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council amends the Fees and Charges Schedule for 2024-25 to establish a 50% discount on the pool entry fees, for Longreach Regional Council residents, at the Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yaraka pools.

CARRIED 6/0

13.9 Walking Network Plan

Consideration of the Longreach Regional Council Walking Network Plan (WNP), encompassing Longreach townships existing paths and connecting future walking paths.

(Res-2024-10-285)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Council adopts the Longreach Regional Council Walking Network Plan and Map, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

13.10 Information Report - Community Services

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

(Res-2024-10-286)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Nunn

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

CARRIED 6/0

13.11 Director of Communities Report

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of

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September for the Director of Communities.

(Res-2024-10-287)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

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

CARRIED 6/0

14 Infrastructure Services Report

14.1 Information Report - Works

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

(Res-2024-10-288)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

14.2 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-2024-10-289)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Gay

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented

CARRIED 6/0

16 Late Items

Nil

17 Closed Matters

(Res-2024-10-290)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 242J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 3:33pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Isisford Fuel Depot Lease

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.

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(Res-2024-10-291)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That the meeting be opened at 3:35pm to vote on item 16.1.

CARRIED 6/0

16.1 Isisford Fuel Depot Lease

Consideration of the renewal of the lease for the Isisford Fuel Depot to a franchisee of the existing tenant.

(Res-2024-10-292)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

That Council, pursuant to Section 236 (1) (c) (iii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, approves the renewal of the lease for the Isisford Fuel Depot at 16 Saint Agnes Road Isisford on the basis that Portsmouth Petroleum Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of the existing tenant.

CARRIED 6/0

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:39pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr A Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer