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Longreach Regional Council



Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 12 December 2024

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held on Thursday 12 December 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 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
André 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 10:30am.

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

2 Prayer

Father Peter Bang SVD, Catholic 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 members *Errol Raymond George Hancock, Peggy Margo Smith and Leonard James Smith.*

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

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.

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6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Council - Thursday 21 November 2024

(Res-2024-12-323)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 21 November 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

From the Mayor, detailing a selection of meetings and engagements in the time since the last Council meeting.

(Res-2024-12-324)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

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-2024-12-325)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Bignell

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 Public Interest Disclosure Policy - Biennial Review

Consideration of the Public Interest Disclosure Policy No 2.9, which has undergone its biennial review.

(Res-2024-12-326)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the Public Interest Disclosure Policy No 2.9, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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11.3 Land and Pest Management Advisory Meeting Recommendations - 26 November 2024

Consideration of the recommendations of the Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee (LPMAC) meeting held on 26 November 2024.

(Res-2024-12-327)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Hatch

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.4 Stock Routes Management Plan

Consideration of the Longreach Regional Council Local Government Stock Route Management Plan.

(Res-2024-12-328)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council adopts the Stock Route Management Plan, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.5 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 60 Crane Street, Longreach

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on December 2, 2024, for a plunge pool and deck to be positioned on land located at 60 Crane Street, Longreach and described as Lot 1 on RP618635.

(Res-2024-12-329)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council approves the siting variation for a plunge pool and deck to be positioned on the northern adjoining boundary at 60 Crane Street, Longreach and formally described as Lot 1 on RP618635, 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 5/2

Cr Rayner called for a Division.

Voting For: *Cr Gay, Cr Hatch, Cr Nunn, Cr Rayner, Cr Watts*

Voting Against: *Cr Bignell, Cr Emslie*

11.6 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - November 2024

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

(Res-2024-12-330)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Gay

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

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CARRIED 7/0

11.7 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

(Res-2024-12-331)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

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

CARRIED 7/0

11.8 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-2024-12-332)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Governance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.9 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-2024-12-333)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Hatch

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

CARRIED 7/0

12 Financial Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Financial Services Report

12.1 Asset Policies - Review

Consideration of a suite of Asset Policies, which have undergone review.

(Res-2024-12-334)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Bignell

That Council adopts the following policies as presented:

- a) Acquisition and recognition of assets;*
- b) Valuation of assets;*
- c) Depreciation and amortisation; and,*
- d) Disposal of non-current assets.*

CARRIED 7/0

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12.2 Procurement Policy - Review

Consideration of the Procurement Policy 01-01, which has undergone a review.

(Res-2024-12-335)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council adopts the Procurement Policy as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

12.3 Project Decision Policy

Consideration of the Project Decision Policy, which has undergone a review.

(Res-2024-12-336)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Watts

That Council adopts the new Project Decision Framework Policy as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:34pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:31pm, with those present at adjournment in attendance.

12.4 Appointment of internal auditor

Consideration of the appointment of a new internal auditor.

(Res-2024-12-337)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Gay

That Council, pursuant to section 207 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, appoints Vincents as Council's internal auditor for a period of four years.

CARRIED 7/0

12.5 Information Report - Finance

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

(Res-2024-12-338)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: Joel Perry, Project Manager, joined the meeting at 2:17pm

12.6 Chief Financial Officer's Report

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

(Res-2024-12-339)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 November

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2024, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

13 Community and Cultural Services 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 December in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

(Res-2024-12-340)

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
Max Bruggermann	North West all Schools Championships Team	6 – 8 December 2024	\$500.00
Nate Fuller	North West Cricket Team	14 – 18 October 2024	\$350.00
		TOTAL	\$850.00

CARRIED 7/0

13.2 Sponsorship - Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association Inc

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

(Res-2024-12-341)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch

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 Approved
Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association	Isisford Fishing Comp 2025	25-27 July 2025	Financial \$8,699.00
		TOTAL	\$8,699.00

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13.3 Longreach Showgrounds Facility Plan

Consideration of the Longreach Showgrounds Facility Plan, outlining future facility improvements for the next 10-20 years.

(Res-2024-12-342)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

The Council adopts the Longreach Showground Facility Plan, as presented and amended.

CARRIED 7/0

13.4 Information Report - Community Services

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

(Res-2024-12-343)

Moved Cr Watts seconded Cr Emslie

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

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: Joel Perry, Project Manager, left the meeting at 3:07pm

13.5 Director of Communities Report

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

(Res-2024-12-344)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Nunn

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

CARRIED 7/0

The meeting adjourned for Afternoon Tea at 3:15pm.

The meeting resumed at 3:22pm, with those present at adjournment in attendance

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 November 2024 for the Works Directorate.

(Res-2024-12-345)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Watts

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That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance: Grace Cronin-Jones left the meeting at 3:41pm.

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-2024-12-346)

Moved Cr Gay seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented

CARRIED 7/0

15 Late Items

Nil

16 Closed Matters

(Res-2024-12-347)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 3:58pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(g), of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information pertaining 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-2024-12-348)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Watts

That Council move out of closed session at 4:10pm, to vote on item 16.1.

CARRIED 7/0

16.1 Bulk Water Allocation Request - A1727

Consideration of a request to grant a seasonal raw water allocation to Assessment No. A1727.

(Res-2024-12-349)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a bulk raw water agreement with the owners of Assessment A1727, with a view to making a seasonal water assignment application to the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers, as per the advice from the Department.

CARRIED 7/0

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18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:21pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed.

Cr A Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer