

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Adopt Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes 07 March 2024

The Purpose of this Report is for Council to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 07 March 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. O. G. Moore

Seconded By Cr. K. A. Bourne

That this Report be received and that:

1. The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 07 March 2024, copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

Date: Thursday, 7 March 2024
Time: 9:30am
Location: WDRC - Miles Leichhardt Centre

Councillors:

- Cr. P. M. McVeigh (Chairperson)
- Cr. A. N. Smith
- Cr. K. A. Bourne
- Cr. P. T. Saxelby
- Cr. K. A. Maguire
- Cr. I. J. Rasmussen
- Cr. M. J. James
- Cr. O. G. Moore
- Cr. C. T. Tillman

Officers:

- J. Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
- L. Cook, Acting General Manager (Infrastructure Services)
- B. Bacon, General Manager (Corporate Services)
- L. Koene-Sloss, Acting General Manager (Community & Liveability)
- B. Donald, Senior Executive Officer
- A. Lyell, Executive Services Administration officer

1. DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING

The Chairperson declared the Meeting open at 9.30AM.

2. OPENING PRAYER AND MINUTE SILENCE

Noreen Bourne a representative from the Catholic Church, delivered the opening prayer. This was followed by the observance of a minute silence.

3. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

4. CONGRATULATIONS

Cr. A. N. Smith requested that congratulations be extended to Nigel and Vanessa Corish and family and the team of New Leaf Ag Pty near Condamine who were crowned The Weekly Times Coles 2023 Australian Farmer of the Year at an awards ceremony in Melbourne The Corish family was recognised for their forward-thinking approach to growing crops, and passion for taking others along for the sustainability ride.

Cr. M. J. James requested that congratulations be extended to Our Lady of the Southern Cross College (Dalby) Year 9 and Year 11 girls teams for winning gold medals at the QLD Beach Schools Cup Volleyball on the Gold Coast. This is the third year in a row the Year 11 team have won this statewide competition.

Cr. O. G. Moore requested that congratulations be extended to Ray Hicks who was presented Life Membership for the Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club in recognition of 50 years of involvement with the organisation.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Adopt Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes 15 February 2024

The Purpose of this Report is for Council to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 15 February 2024

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. C. T. Tillman

Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That this Report be received and that:

1.The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 February 2024, copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

7. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

16.6 - Community and Liveability Report Local Events Program Round Two 2023.2024

Cr. K. A. Bourne

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr. K. A. Bourne informed the meeting of a prescribes conflict of interest in respect to this matter due to:

a.) She may be in a position to benefit financially if the Wandoan Show Society application is approved.

Having given due consideration to her position she determined that she would leave the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS BY COUNCILLORS

There were no presentations of petitions by councillors.

9. MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Executive Services Mayoral Report February 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with significant meetings, forums and delegations attended by the Mayor during the month of February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. K. A. Bourne

That this Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 in relation to Closed meetings provides:

(1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.

(2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.

(3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters—

(a) the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer;

(b) industrial matters affecting employees;

(c) the local government's budget;

(d) rating concessions;

(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;

(f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

(h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967;

(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

(4) However, a local government or a committee of a local government must not resolve that a part of a local government meeting at which a decision mentioned in section 150ER(2), 150ES(3) or 150EU(2) of the Act will be considered, discussed, voted on or made be closed.

(5) A resolution that a local government meeting be closed must—

(a) state the matter mentioned in subsection (3) that is to be discussed; and

(b) include an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed.

(6) A local government or a committee of a local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - CLOSE MEETING

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne
Seconded By Cr. A. N. Smith

That Council resolve to close the Meeting in accordance with Sections 254J (3) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* at 9:43am to discuss the following Confidential Reports:

1. Executive Services Confidential Report - Iman People #4 - Consent Determination

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - REOPEN MEETING

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby
Seconded By Cr. K. A. Maguire

That Council resolve to reopen the Meeting at 10:08am.

CARRIED

10.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

10.1.1 Executive Services Confidential Report Iman People #4 - Consent Determination

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's consent to the Iman People's native title claim.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne
Seconded By Cr. C. T. Tillman

That this report be received and that Council resolves to

1. consent to the determination of the Iman People #4 native title claim in the terms of the s 87 Agreement and Proposed Consent Order considered by Council in this report, and
2. delegate authority to the CEO to
 - a. negotiate and accept any changes to the s 87 Agreement or final determination consent order subject to those changes being substantially in the terms of the s 87 Agreement and proposed consent order included in this report, and
 - b. instruct Council's lawyers to execute the final s 87 Agreement on Council's behalf.

CARRIED

11. DEPUTATION

There were no deputations.

12. PLANNING

There were no planning reports.

13. EXECUTIVE SERVICES

13.1 Executive Services Chief Executive Officer Report February 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with significant meetings, forums and delegations attended by the Chief Executive Officer during the month of February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Maguire

Seconded By Cr. I. J. Rasmussen

That this Report be received.

CARRIED

13.2 Executive Services Report Outstanding Actions February 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with an updated on the status of outstanding Council Meeting Action Items to 15 February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Maguire

Seconded By Cr. A. N. Smith

That this Report be received.

CARRIED

14. CORPORATE SERVICES

14.1 Corporate Services Report Outcomes Governance Review Councillor Committee and Portfolio Structure

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the *Workshop Outcomes Report Governance Review – Councillor Committee Portfolio Structure*.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. M. J. James

That Council resolves to receive the *Workshop Outcomes Report Governance Review – Councillors Committee Portfolio Structure*.

CARRIED

14.2 Corporate Services Report Entertainment and Hospitality Policy

The purpose of this Report to is present the proposed amendments to the *Entertainment and Hospitality Policy* for Council's consideration and approval.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. I. J. Rasmussen

Seconded By Cr. C. T. Tillman

That Council resolves, pursuant to section 196(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to adopt the amended *Entertainment and Hospitality Policy (Statutory)*, as contained in Attachment Three.

CARRIED

14.3 Corporate Services Report Audit Committee Meeting 26 February 2024

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the report of the Western Downs Regional Council Audit Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. I. J. Rasmussen

Seconded By Cr. K. A. Bourne

That Council resolves to receive the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Audit Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2024.

CARRIED

14.4 Corporate Services Financial Report February 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the Financial Report for the period ending 23 February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. A. N. Smith

Seconded By Cr. I. J. Rasmussen

That Council resolve to receive the February 2024 Financial Report and note the amendments to the 2023-24 Capital Works Programme as listed in section three of this report, with additional expenditure of \$240,000 (exclusive of goods and services tax) being added to the programme.

CARRIED

14.5 Corporate Services Report Council's 2020-2024 Term in Review

The purpose of this Report is to provide an overview of just some of the programmes and projects which have delivered by the Council during its 2020-2024 term.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Maguire

Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That Council resolve to receive the Term in Review 2020-2024, as contained within Attachment One.

CARRIED

15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

15.1 Infrastructure Services Capital Works Progress Update February 2023/24

The purpose of this Report is for the Works Department to provide an update to Council regarding the 2023/24 Capital Works Program for the month of February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. O. G. Moore

Seconded By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

That this report be received and noted

CARRIED

16. COMMUNITY AND LIVEABILITY

16.1 Community Liveability Report Call for Motions Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of motions proposed to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association for consideration at the 2024 National General Assembly.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. A. N. Smith

That Council resolves to endorse the following motions for the Australian Local Government Association's 2024 National General Assembly:

1. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to re-orientate infrastructure development assessment frameworks and to include consideration for infrastructure projects of national significance to unlock new economic opportunities for the nation.
2. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate more funding to road infrastructure to sustainably manage state and federal transport infrastructure and backlog of work.
3. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase targeted funding for place-based solutions which will increase availability and bandwidth of the cellular network across Regional Australia.

CARRIED

16.2 Community and Liveability Report Housing and Land Development Incentive Policy Amendment

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of some amendments to the Housing and Land Development Incentive Policy.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. A. N. Smith

Seconded By Cr. M. J. James

That this report be received and that Council adopt the Amended Housing and Land Development Incentive Policy as contained in Attachment A; with the policy amended to refer to 'Flood Impact Assessment' rather than 'Flood Study'

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - ADJOURN MEETING

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. M. J. James

That Council resolve to adjourn the Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

The Meeting resumed at 11:58am.

16.3 Community and Liveability Report Community Activation Program Round Two 2023.2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 in relation to the Assessment of Round Two of the 2023/2024 Community Activation Program; and to seek adoption of the recommendations contained in those Unconfirmed Minutes.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. A. N. Smith

Seconded By Cr. C. T. Tillman

That this Report be received and that:

1. Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024.
2. The Recommendations of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 be adopted as follows:
 - a) Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 20 September 2024 copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed; and
 - b) That the applicant for Round Two of the 2023/2024 Community Activation Program be advised as follows:

Applicant	Project Description	Amount Approved
Miles and District Amateur Picnic Race Club	Design Proposal / Concept Plan	\$5,000.00
Total Approved		\$5,000.00

CARRIED

16.4 Community and Liveability Report Community Projects Program Round Two 2023.2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024. This is in relation to the assessment and proposed adoption of Round Two of the 2023/2024 Community Projects Program

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. O. G. Moore

That this Report be received and that:

1. Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024.
2. The Recommendations of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 be adopted as follows:
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 20 September 2023, copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed.
 - b. That the applicants for Round Two of the 2023/2024 Community Projects Program be advised as follows:

Applicant	Project Description	Amount Approved
Football Dalby	2024 Football Dalby Fence Replacement	\$10,000.00
Chinchilla Golf Club	Toro Mower Cutter Deck Renewal	\$10,000.00
Total Approved		\$20,000.00

CARRIED

16.5 Community and Liveability Report Destination Events Program Round Two 2023.2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 in relation to the Assessment of the 2023/2024 Destination Events Program and to seek adoption of the recommendations contained in those Unconfirmed Minutes.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. K. A. Bourne

Seconded By Cr. I. J. Rasmussen

That this Report be received and that:

1. Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024.
2. The Recommendations of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 be adopted as follows:
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 20 September 2023, copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed.
 - b. That the applicants for the 2023/2024 Destination Events Program be advised as follows:

Applicant	Project Description	Amount Approved
Darling Downs Australian Stockhorse Society	2024 Australian Campdraft National Finals	\$10,000.00
Total Approved		\$10,000.00

CARRIED

16.6 Community and Liveability Report Local Events Program Round Two 2023.2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 in relation to the Assessment of Round Two of the 2023/2024 Local Events Program and to seek adoption of the recommendations contained in those Unconfirmed Minutes.

Cr. K. A. Bourne

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr. K. A. Bourne informed the meeting of a prescribes conflict of interest in respect to this matter due to:

- a. She may be in a position to benefit financially if the Wandoan Show Society application is approved.

Having given due consideration to her position she determined that she would leave the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr. K. A. Bourne left the meeting at 12:01pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. P. T. Saxelby

Seconded By Cr. C. T. Tillman

That this Report be received and that:

1. Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024.
2. The Recommendations of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 be adopted as follows:
 - a) Apologies That the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group accept the apology for non-attendance from Cr. K. A. Bourne due to a conflict of interest.
 - b) Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 20 September 2023 copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed; and
 - c) That the applicants for Round One of the 2023/2024 Local Events Program be advised as follows:

Applicant	Project Description	Amount Approved
Wandoan Show Society	2024 Wandoan Show WAGS Marquee/Grand Champion Beast of the Show	\$4,850.00
Hannaford Communities Campdraft (auspiced by The Hannaford Club)	Hannaford Community Campdraft	\$2,000.00 cash plus \$1,350.00 In Kind
Jandowae Race Club	Jandowae Races 2024	\$2,000.00 cash plus \$800.00 In Kind
Flinton Race Club	Flinton Easter Saturday Races	\$2,000.00 cash plus \$1,750.00 In Kind
Westmar Sports Club	Westmar Sports Club Campdraft	\$2,000.00 cash plus \$1,100.00 In Kind
Total Approved		\$12,850.00 Cash plus \$5,000.00 In Kind

CARRIED

Cr. K. A. Bourne re-joined the meeting at 12:02pm.

16.7 Community and Liveability Report Regional Arts Development Fund Program Round Two 2023.2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024. This is in relation to the assessment and proposed adoption of Round Two of the 2023/2024 Regional Arts Development Fund Program.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. C. T. Tillman

Seconded By Cr. A. N. Smith

That this Report be received and that:

1. Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024.
2. The Recommendations of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 15 February 2024 be adopted as follows:
 - a) Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Western Downs Regional Council Community Grants Assessment Reference Group Meeting held on 21 September 2022, copies of which have been circulated to Members, be taken as read and confirmed.
 - b) That the applicants for Round Three of the 2022/2023 Regional Arts Development Fund Program be advised as follows:

Applicant	Project Description	Amount Approved (Excl. G.S.T.)
Katelann Grealy	Katelann Maree Music 4 Track Ep Production	\$15,770.00
TOTAL FUNDED		\$15,770.00

CARRIED

16.8 Community and Liveability Report Young Entrepreneur Summit 2024 Outcomes

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the outcomes of the 2024 Young Entrepreneur Summit (YES) held in Chinchilla Country Hope Church on 14 February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. C. T. Tillman

Seconded By Cr. I. J. Rasmussen

That this Report be received.

CARRIED

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

17.1 CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION/BUSINESS

Moved By Cr. K. A. Maguire

At the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, I intend to move that:

The plan to build a Cultural Centre in Thomas Jack Park Dalby be fully reviewed.

17.2 RECEPTION OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no notices of motion for the next meeting.

18. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no urgent general business.

19. MEETING CLOSURE

Final parting words from Cr. C. T. Tillman.

Final parting words from Cr. I. J. Rasmussen.

Final parting words from Mayor P. M. McVeigh.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved By Cr. A. N. Smith

Seconded By Cr. C. T. Tillman

Proposed a vote of thanks to Mayor Paul McVeigh, for his dedicated and inspirational leadership, I would like to thank him for his mentorship to all Councillors over the past 2 terms.

The Meeting concluded at 12:37pm.