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Longreach Regional Council **MINUTES**

of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 October 2025



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Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **9:00 am**.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and we pay our respects to their elders past and present."

Present

Councillors

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr NA Gay
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr AR Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh
Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Director of Communities	Tanya Johnson
Director of Works	André Pretorius
Director of Organisational Services	Grace Cronin-Jones
Manager of Economics, Planning, and Legal	Simon Kuttner
Executive Officer of Governance	Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

Nil

2 Prayer

Reverend Jenny Potter, Uniting 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 Mrs Thelma Clements, Mr James Parle (known as Jim Egan) and Mr Lex Cadzhow.

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

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

Cr Watts declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 11.4 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Watts is an Executive Committee member of the Longreach Jockey Club which has a material interest in one of the meetings detailed in the report. Cr Watts will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 14.5 Community Donations - Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Emslie is assisting Longreach State High School students with transport (driving the school bus) and setup for the event. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Res-2025-10-278

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council confirms the Minutes dated 18 September 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

Res-2025-10-279

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance

David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer left the meeting at 9:25am.

8 Notices of Motion

Nil.

9 Petitions

Nil.

10 Deputations

Nil.

11 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-2025-10-280

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.2 Annual Operational Plan 2025-26 - Q1 Review for Period Ending 30 September 2025

Consideration of the 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 30 September 2025.

Res-2025-10-281

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Leonie 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 2025-26 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 30 September 2025.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance

David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer returned to the meeting at 10:29 am.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at **10:32 am** and resumed at **11:12am** with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

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Mayoral Minute:

Res-2025-10-308

Moved: Cr Tony Rayner

That Council acknowledges the significant milestone, reached on 10 September, of one hundred and twenty-five years since the establishment of the original Longreach divisional board.

CARRIED 7 / 0

The CEO presented the following information about the establishment of the Longreach Divisional Board in 1900:

The Longreach region was originally governed by the Aramac Divisional Board.

After 8 years of struggle, in February 1900 a deputation was sent to Aramac to ask for separation and the establishment of a Longreach Division. A division was agreed upon and new boundaries were drawn up. The submission was sent to the Colonial Secretary and the Longreach Division was gazetted on 12 May 1900.

The election for the new Longreach Divisional Board was held on Monday 13 August 1900.

There were three subdivisions created, with three members required from each. There was no contest for subdivision two.

Voting was by post, with the Returning Officer, Mr PG Grant, obtaining the ballot box from the Post Office at 4pm. The result was eagerly awaited, as a considerable amount of money had been wagered as to who would head the poll.

At about 5.30pm the crowd commenced to gather, but they were destined to have to wait for a long time. It was not until after 7pm that the returns were finally completed.

From the Court House steps, Mr Grant announced the polling results:

Subdivision 1

ERH Edkins	91
JB Cramsie	84
CR Klugh	83
J Magoffin	30

Subdivision 2

F Cory
CJ Brabazon
F Campbell

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Subdivision 3

H English	115
PD Forrest	101
JP Peterson	97
G Meacham	73
J Payne	56
W Kewley	53
H Ellis	28

The first regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday 10 September 1900 in the Pastoralists Hall.

Subdivision 2 members were not present. Mr F Cory had resigned in consequence of his appointment as pound keeper, while the two other members were unavoidably absent.

The returning officer, Mr Grant, was present and took the Chair and explained that the first business was the election of Chairman.

Mr Peterson proposed that Mr English be Chairman. This was not seconded.

Mr Cramsie proposed and Mr Forrest seconded, that Mr Edkins be elected Chairman.

This was carried unanimously.

"The new board was given the onerous task of accomplishing many of the proposed developments, which many has felt were long overdue because of the non-cooperative attitude of the Aramac Board". *Angela Moffat, The Longreach Story*

Other matters discussed:

1. Appointment of key staff including the Clerk and the Inspector of Nuisances.
2. Adjustment of the accounts between the Aramac Divisional Board and Longreach Divisional Board.
3. Mr SS Hayes be advised that the Board is not in favour of his application to enclose part of the stock route.
4. The reserve east of the Thomson River to be closed to cutting timber.
5. The Clerk to draft a set of suitable by-laws to present to the next meeting.
6. Mr JG Sundblom be advised that his application for a site for a market garden on the eastern bank of the Thomson River be directed to the Minister for Lands.
7. Appointment of auditors.
8. That the present officers of the Aramac Divisional Board, in this division, be informed that their services are to be dispensed with.
9. A by-election to be held for the vacancy created by Mr Cory's resignation.

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10. The Lawn Tennis Club be allowed access to the town bore water.

The Longreach Divisional Board only lasted 3 years with Longreach being elevated to a Shire in 1903.

11.3 2026 Council Meeting dates

Consideration of the timing and location of the Council Ordinary Meetings for the 2026 calendar year.

Res-2025-10-282

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council, pursuant to section 254B(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopts the following Ordinary Council meeting and Governance Committee meeting days and times for 2026:

Date	Meeting Type	Place	Time
21/01/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
22/01/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
18/02/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
19/02/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	9:00am
18/03/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
19/03/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
15/04/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
16/04/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	9:00am
20/05/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
21/05/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
17/06/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
18/06/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
15/07/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
16/07/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Town Hall, Yaraka	9:30am
19/08/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
20/08/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Ilfracombe	9:00am
16/09/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
17/09/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
14/10/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
15/10/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am
18/11/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
19/11/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Isisford	9:00am
09/12/2026	Governance Committee	Council Chambers, Longreach	10:30am
10/12/2026	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach	9:00am

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.4 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

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

Res-2025-10-283

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance

Cr Andrew Watts, left the meeting at 11:46 am, during the discussion of a section of the Chief Executive Officer's report for which he has declared a declarable conflict of interest. Cr Watts returned to the meeting at 11:52am.

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Short-term Accommodation at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach (DA2526-008)

Consideration of a Material Change of Use for Short Term Accommodation at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach.

Res-2025-10-284

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation over land at 55 Ilfracombe Road, Longreach, formally described as Lot 1 and 2 on RP619169, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

- 1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.
- 1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.

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- 1.3 The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.4 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out associated with the development. To the extent the damage is deemed by Council to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.
- 1.5 All development conditions contained in this development approval about *infrastructure* under Chapter 4 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act), should be read as being non-trunk infrastructure conditioned under section 145 of the Act, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, and to be maintained at all times thereafter, unless otherwise stated.

APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this approval:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision	Date
Existing / Demolition Ground Floor Plan	Sheet 4 of 29	01	02 August 2025
Proposed Ground Floor Plan	Sheet 5 of 29	01	02 August 2025
Proposed Ground Floor Plan	Sheet 7 of 29	01	02 August 2025
Stormwater Management Plan	25035-C-OF101A	A	31 July 2025

- 2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval prevail.

3.0 VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING

- 3.1 The internal driveway is to be extended to provide access to the proposed development.

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3.2 Provide and maintain a minimum of twenty (20) car parking spaces on-site, including a minimum of three (3) car parking spaces for people with disabilities. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.

3.3 Design, construct and maintain all access, parking and manoeuvring areas generally in accordance with the requirements included in SC5.1 Planning Scheme Policy No. 1 – Works Planning Scheme Policy contained within the *Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (version 3)*.

4.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

4.1 Stormwater management must be carried out generally in accordance with the Stormwater Management Plan dated 31 July 2025 with reference 25035-C-OF101A.

4.2 Discharge all roof and allotment drainage such that it does not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to adjoining properties or infrastructure from the pre- to the post-development condition.

4.3 All stormwater must drain to a demonstrated lawful point of discharge and must not adversely affect adjoining land or infrastructure in comparison to the pre-development condition by way of blocking, altering or diverting existing stormwater runoff patterns or have the potential to cause damage to other infrastructure.

5.0 SERVICES

5.1 The premises must be connected to Council's reticulated water and sewerage networks in accordance with the standards prescribed in Table SC5.1.2.6 (Water and Sewer Standards) of *Planning Scheme Policy 1 – Works*.

Advisory Note: *In accordance with section 5.7 and specifically Table 5.7.1 (Operational Work) of the Planning Scheme, Operational Work for water and sewerage connections are prescribed as 'Accepted subject to requirements.' The requirements are the Works Code of the Planning Scheme.*

5.2 Electricity and telecommunication services must be provided to the premises in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

6.0 LANDSCAPING

6.1 Establish and retain all landscaping generally in accordance with the locations shown on the approved plans. The landscaping must predominantly contain species that are endemic to the region due to their low water dependency.

6.2 Ensure the landscaped areas are subject to water and maintenance during the establishment phase, and ongoing maintenance and replanting as required.

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7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 7.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, odour, wastewater, waste products, dust or otherwise.
- 7.2 Maintain outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 "Control of Obstructive Effects of Outdoor Lighting".
- 7.3 All waste storage areas must be kept in a clean, tidy condition, and must be screened from view. Sufficient waste containers and services are to be provided to cater for the containment and removal of all waste generated on the site.

8.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 8.1 Implement and maintain an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) on-site for the duration of the works, and until such time as all exposed soil areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted, and landscaped). The ESCP must be available on-site for inspection by Council Officers during the works.
- 8.2 The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be prepared in accordance with the Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control document from the International Erosion Control Association, as updated from time to time.
- 8.3 Where any component of the works is to be undertaken during the wet season (October to May), the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be submitted to Council for approval, prior to commencement of the works.

Advisory note: Schedule 5.1.2.5 of the Longreach Regional Council Planning Scheme (v3) references the Director of Infrastructure Services to undertake the assessment of the ESCP.

9.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- 9.1 Construction activity and noise must be limited during earthworks and construction of the approved development to the hours of 06:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday, with no work to occur on Sundays or public holidays.
- 9.2 The construction of any works must be undertaken in accordance with good engineering practice and workmanship and generally in accordance with the relevant provisions of Planning Scheme Policy No. 1 – Works Planning Scheme Policy under Schedule 5 of the Longreach Regional Planning Scheme 2015 (v3).

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- 9.3 All construction materials, waste, waste skips, machinery and contractors' vehicles must be located and stored or parked within the development site, unless otherwise approved in writing by Council.

10.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 10.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.

ADVISORY NOTES

1. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer may be required to obtain further development permits for operational work (for example, for the relocation of the sewer line if this is required), building work, and plumbing and drainage work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.
2. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.
3. Compliance must be achieved with any relevant Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements. The development and operation of the use must not conflict with or adversely impact the operational requirements of the Longreach Airport.
4. General environmental duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
5. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").

CARRIED 7 / 0

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12.2 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety report is presented to Council for consideration. Details include performance commentary, risk management activities, health and safety initiatives, training, injuries and Workers Compensation claims information, as of 1 September 2025.

Res-2025-10-285

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council notes the monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report for September 2025.

CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at **12:35 pam** and resumed at **1:30 pm** with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

12.3 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

Res-2025-10-286

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.4 Information Report - Organisational Services

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

Res-2025-10-287

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.5 Director of Organisational Services Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Organisational Services.

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Res-2025-10-288

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council receives the Director of Organisational Services Council report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13 Finance Report

13.1 Information Report - Finance

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

Res-2025-10-289

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

13.2 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 September 2025:

Res-2025-10-290

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 September 2025, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

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14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Donation - Individual

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

Res-2025-10-291

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tracy 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
<i>Max Bruggemann</i>	<i>Track and Field State Championships</i>	<i>16/10-19/10</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Archie Neuendorf</i>	<i>10-12 years Cricket State Championships</i>	<i>14/09-19/09</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>Track and Field State Championships</i>	<i>16/10-19/10</i>	<i>\$350</i>
		TOTAL	\$1,050.00

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.2 Sponsorship In-Kind Requests - CEO Approved

Considerations of in-kind support of up to \$1000 may be awarded by the Chief Executive Officer or delegate in accordance with this policy and program guidelines.

Res-2025-10-292

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council notes the allocation of In-Kind funding, approved by the Chief Executive Officer, from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	CEO In-Kind Approved
<i>Vet Herd</i>	<i>Living Works Suicide intervention training</i>	<i>17/02 18/02 2026</i>	<i>\$880.00</i>
		TOTAL	\$880.00

CARRIED 7 / 0

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14.3 Community Donations - Barrels 4 A Cause

Consideration of Community Donations applications received in September in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Res-2025-10-293 Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell 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
Barrels 4 A Cause	Barrels 4 A Cause Summer Series	Financial \$2,500.00 In- kind \$1,460.00	Financial nil In- kind \$1,460.00
		TOTAL \$3,960.00	TOTAL \$1,460.00
CARRIED 7 / 0			

14.4 Community Donations - Ilfracombe District Progress Association

Consideration of Community Donations applications received in September in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Res-2025-10-294 Moved: Cr Nikki Gay / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts 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 District Progress Association	Di Scott Memorial Christmas Tree	Financial \$5,000.00 In- kind \$0.00	Financial \$5,000.00 In- kind \$0.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00
CARRIED 7 / 0			

Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at 2:22 pm.

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14.5 Community Donations - Ilfracombe Sport and Recreation Association

Consideration of Community Donations applications received in September in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

Res-2025-10-295

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie 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>Ilfracombe Sport & Recreation Association</i>	<i>Community Halloween Party & Darts Scoring tablets</i>	<i>Financial \$3500.00 In-kind \$1500.00</i>	<i>Financial \$0.00 In-kind \$1500.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$1,500.00

CARRIED 6 / 0

Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie returned to the meeting at 2:26 pm.

14.6 Community Grants Policy - Individual

Consideration of the following policy for adoption: 11.02 Community Grants Policy - Individuals

Res-2025-10-296

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council adopts the Community Grants Policy - Individual No. 11.02, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.7 Community Grants Policy - Organisation

Consideration of the following policy for adoption – 11.06 Community Grants Policy - Organisations.

Res-2025-10-297

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council adopts the Community Grants Policy – Organisations No. 11.06, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

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Attendance

Joel Perry, Project Manager joined the meeting at 2:30 pm.

14.8 Sponsorship Policy

Consideration of the following policy for adoption: 11.07 Sponsorship Policy.

Res-2025-10-298

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council adopts the Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07, as presented and amended.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.9 Australia Day Awards Policy

Consideration of the following policy for adoption: 11.03 Australia Day Policy.

Res-2025-10-299

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council adopts the Australia Day Awards Policy No. 11.03, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.10 Project Management Update

Receive the project management update for the month of September 2025.

Res-2025-10-300

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Project Management Update Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance

Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at 3:01 pm.

The meeting adjourned for a short recess at **3:02 pm** and resumed at **3:08 pm** with all those present prior to adjournment in attendance.

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14.11 Information Report Communities

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

Res-2025-10-301

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.12 Director of Communities Report

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

Res-2025-10-302

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

15 Works Report

15.1 Installation of water meters on all properties accessing Council's treated and raw water networks

Advocating for the installation of water meters on all water abstractions from Council's weir pools by making a submission as part of the Cooper Creek Water Plan review.

Res-2025-10-303

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council:

- 1) Makes a submission to the Regulator to amend the Cooper Creek Water Plan to include a condition to have the taking of water measured under an entitlement; and,*
- 2) If the above submission is successful, that agreement be reached with the Regulator with regards to the sharing of metered data with Council.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

15.2 Term of Grant - Release of Unallocated water from Town and Community Reserve

Consideration of approving the Term of Grant for Council's application for release of an additional 500ML of unallocated water for the purposes of town water supply to Longreach Regional Council.

Res-2025-10-304

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council, endorses the recommendation to accept the Terms of Grant for Release of Unallocated water from the Town and Community Reserve under the Water Plan (Cooper Creek) 2011 – Town water supply for Longreach Regional Council, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to submit the application.

CARRIED 7 / 0

15.3 Application to amend Licence to Impound Water - 609661

Consideration of amending the existing water licence to impound an additional 900ML of water, due to the raising of 5 weirs located on the Thomson River.

Res-2025-10-305

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council:

- 1) Endorses the recommendation to proceed with an application to amend Water Licence 609661.*
- 2) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to submit the application to impound water.*
- 3) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to provide additional information to the Regulator when requested.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

15.4 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of September 2025 for the Works Directorate.

Res-2025-10-306

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

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15.5 Director of Works Report

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

Res-2025-10-307

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Director of Works 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 **4:26 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer