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Longreach Regional Council

MINUTES

of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2026 at 20 Saint Mary Street, Isisford, Qld 4731





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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 **9:03 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 Scott
Director of Works	André Pretorius
Director of Organisational Services	Grace Cronin-Jones
Manager of Planning, Economics and Governance	Simon Kuttner
Executive Officer of Governance	Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

2 Prayer

Pastor Rob Flodine sent an apology. Cr Leonie Nunn 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 David BADGERY.

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

5 Declaration of any Material Personal Interest / Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Res-2026-10-295
Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn
That Council confirms the Minutes dated 17 September 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7 / 0

15 Works Report

15.1 Information Report - Works

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of September 2026 for the Works Directorate. Plant and Fleet utilization will be provided once the new Fleet and Workshop Manager has commenced and has received the required training.

Res-2026-10-296
Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

15.2 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-2026-10-297
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn
That Council receives the Director of Works Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance:

David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer and Simon Kuttner, Manager of Planning, Economics and Governance joined the meeting at 10:00am

André Pretorius, Director of Works left the meeting at 10:03am

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

Res-2026-10-298
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale 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

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

Res-2026-10-299
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

11.2 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-2026-10-300
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch
That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Council report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:53am and resumed at 11:23am with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

11.3 2027 Council Meeting dates

Consideration of the timing and location of the Ordinary Council Meetings for the 2027 calendar year.

Res-2026-10-301
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
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 2027:

Date	***Meeting Type***	***Place***	***Time***
27/01/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
28/01/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*9:00am*
17/02/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
18/02/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Isisford*	*9:00am*
17/03/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
18/03/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*9:00am*
21/04/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
22/04/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*9:00am*
17/05/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
18/05/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Ilfracombe*	*9:00am*
16/06/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
17/06/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Town Hall, Yaraka*	*9:30am*
21/07/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
22/07/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*9:00am*
18/08/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
19/08/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Ilfracombe*	*9:00am*
15/09/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
16/09/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*9:00am*
20/10/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
21/10/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Isisford*	*9:00am*
17/11/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
18/11/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*9:00am*
08/12/2027	*Governance Committee*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*10:30am*
09/12/2027	*Ordinary Meeting*	*Council Chambers, Longreach*	*9:00am*

CARRIED 7 / 0

11.4 Annual Operational Plan 2026-27 - Q1 Review for Period Ending 30 September 2026

Consideration of the 2026-27 Annual Operational Plan quarterly review for the period ending 30 September 2026.

Res-2026-10-302
Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch
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 2026-27 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 30 September 2026.
CARRIED 7 / 0

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 Director of Organisational Services Report

This report provides a brief update on key Organisational Services activities, current priorities, major projects, and emerging risks for Council's consideration.

Res-2026-10-303
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn
That Council receives the Director of Organisational Services Council report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

12.2 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Workplace 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 2st October 2026.

Res-2026-10-304
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That Council notes the monthly Workplace Health and Safety report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

12.3 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-2026-10-305
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay
That Council receives the Organisational Services Information Report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

12.4 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

Attendance:
Tanya Scott, Director of Communities left the meeting at 12:48pm and returned at 12:55pm

Res-2026-10-306
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:56pm and resumed at 1:52pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

13 Finance Report

13.1 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 September 2026:

Res-2026-10-307
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 September 2026, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

13.2 Proposed Sale of 61 Flinders Street Ilfracombe

Consideration of the sale of 61 Flinders Street, Ilfracombe.

Res-2026-10-308
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That Council:

1. *resolves under section 262 of the Local Government Act 2009 to dispose of the property at 61 Flinders Street Ilfracombe (Lot 41 I41711) and the remaining bottle collection contained within the property;*
2. *approves the sale of the property by auction pursuant to section 227(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012;*
3. *authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do everything necessary to sell the property by auction, negotiate the final contract terms and enter into a contract of sale for the property.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Grants - Individual

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

Res-2026-10-309
Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn
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 Bruggemann	*Track and Field State Championships*	*15-18 October 2026*	*$350.00*
Nate Fuller	*Cricket State Trials*	*13-18 September 2026*	*$350.00*
		TOTAL	***$700.00***

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.2 Community Grant - Longreach Netball Association

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

Res-2026-10-310
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | 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
Longreach Netball Association	*Maintenance to Longreach Netball Grounds*	*Financial $3,520.00 In- kind $0.00*	*Financial $3,520.00 In- kind $0.00*
		TOTAL $3,520.00	***TOTAL $3,520.00***

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.3 Community Grant - Ilfracombe & District Progress Association

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

Res-2026-10-311
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch
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

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

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee meeting held on Friday 25 September 2026.

Res-2026-10-312
Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn
That Council:

a) *approves the application by the 'Longreach Arts & Craft Association' for the Drawing Workshop and Pastel Landscape/ Still Life Workshop to the value of $2,045.00*
b) *approves the application by the 'Noosa Film Academy' for Locked In: Destination Longreach to the value of $6,500.00*

CARRIED 7 / 0

14.5 Application for Works on Council owned land

Consideration of an 'Application for works on Council owned land' from the Longreach Netball Association, seeking approval to undertake improvements that will enhance the functionality and appearance of the sporting grounds. The proposed works will contribute to a cleaner, greener and more welcoming community recreation space.

Res-2026-10-313
Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie
That Council approves the 'Application for works on Council owned land' from the Longreach Netball Club to do landscaping improvements around the Netball Courts.
CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance:

Joel Perry, Project Manager joined the meeting at 2:51pm

14.6 Project Management Update

Receive the project management update for the month of September 2026.

Attendance:

Tanya Scott, Director of Communities left the meeting at 2:54pm and returned at 3:06pm

Res-2026-10-314
Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay
That Council receives the Project Management Update Report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

14.7 Showgrounds Facility Plan

Consideration of adopting the Longreach Showgrounds Facility Plan.

Res-2026-10-315
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch
That Council adopts the Longreach Showgrounds Facility Concept Plan, as presented and subject to grant funding.
CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance:

Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at 3:49pm

The meeting adjourned for a short recess at 3:50pm and resumed at 4:01pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

14.8 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-2026-10-316
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

14.9 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-2026-10-317
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie
That Council receives the Director of Communities Report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

16 Late Items

Nil

17 Closed Matters

Nil

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **4:11 pm**.