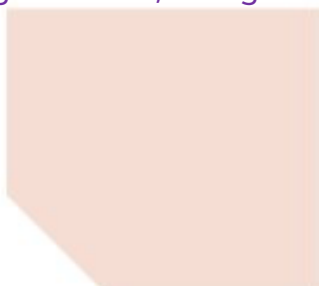
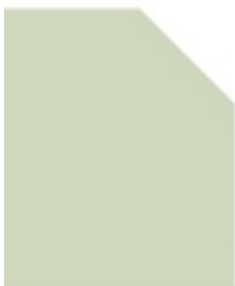


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Longreach Regional Council **MINUTES**

of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 April 2026 at
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Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yarlaka

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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 Planning, Economics, and Governance	Simon Kuttner
Executive Officer of Governance	Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

Nil

2 Prayer

Reverend Donna Muston, 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 Kenneth Donald Alexander (Barcaldine), Heather Adrienne Faggotter, Florence "Flo" Ellen Harvey and Stirling Wayne Green.

4 Leave of Absence

Nil

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

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Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 14.2 Community Grant - Longreach Bowls Club. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Emslie is responsible for the media updates on behalf of the Club. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

Cr Bignell declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 14.3 Community Grant - Isisford Sheep and Wool Show. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Bignell is a financial member of the organisation. Cr Bignell will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Res-2026-04-81

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council confirms the Minutes dated 19 March 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7 Mayoral Report

7.1 Mayoral Report

Res-2026-04-82

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

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-2026-04-83

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | 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-2026-04-84

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

12 Organisational Services Report

12.1 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.

Res-2026-04-85

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

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 the Council for consideration. Details include performance commentary, risk management activities, health and safety initiatives, training, injuries and Workers Compensation claims information, as of 7th of April 2026.

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Res-2026-04-87

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council notes the monthly Workplace Health and Safety report for March 2026, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:33 am, and resumed at 10:57 am, with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

12.3 Council to Chief Executive Officer Delegations Register

Consideration of the Register of Delegations – Council to Chief Executive Officer (the Council Register)

Res-2026-04-88

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council defers the matter to a future meeting.

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-2026-04-89

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.5 Information Report - Planning and Development Report

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

Res-2026-04-91

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

12.6 DA25/26-058 Development Application for a Material Change of Use at 18 Swan Street, Longreach

Consideration of a development application for a Material Change of Use for a Shop (Extension) over land at 18 Swan Street, Longreach.

Res-2026-04-92

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council approves the development application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Shop (Extension) over land at 18 Swan Street, Longreach formally described as Lots 211 and 212 on L3571, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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
Site Plan	DA1	-	06/03/2026 (Received date)
Shed Plan	DA2		06/03/2026 (Received date)

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 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

4.1 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.

4.2 Maintain outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 "Control of Obstructive Effects of Outdoor Lighting".

4.3 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.

5.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

5.1 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.

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5.2 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.

5.3 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.

6.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

6.1 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.

6.2 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).

6.3 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.

7.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

7.1 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.

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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

Attendance:

Cr Hatch left the meeting at 12:02pm

13 Finance Report

13.1 Chief Financial Officer's Report

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 March 2026.

Res-2026-04-93

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 31 March 2026, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

13.2 Information Report - Finance

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

Res-2026-04-94

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

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14 Communities Report

14.1 Community Grants - Individual

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

Res-2026-04-95
 Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | 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
Vaya Jackson	10 – 12 years North West Trials – Netball	29/03 – 30/03	\$350
Paige Jackson	10 – 12 years North West Trials – Netball	29/03 – 30/03	\$350
Paige Jackson	10 – 12 years State Championships – Netball	29/05 – 01/06	\$350
Mia Scott	13 – 15 years State Championships – Netball	07/05 – 10/05	\$350
Lara Palmer	13 – 15 years State Championships – Netball	07/05 – 10/05	\$350
Lara Jackson	16 – 19 years State Championships – Netball	07/05 – 10/05	\$350
Lily Worland	16 – 19 years State Championships – Netball	07/05 – 10/05	\$350
Ella Pitman	16 – 19 years State Championships – Netball	07/05 – 10/05	\$350
Cooper Weldon	13 – 16 years North West Trials – Basketball	08/03	\$350
Korbyn Heslin	13 – 16 years North West Trials – Basketball	08/03	\$350
Brax Taylor	15 – 16 years North West Trials – Rugby League	29/03	\$350
		TOTAL	\$3,850.00

CARRIED 6 / 0

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Attendance:

Cr Emslie left the meeting at 12:18 pm

14.2 Community Grant - Longreach Bowls Club

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

Res-2026-04-96

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | 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
<i>Longreach Bowls Club</i>	<i>Purchase new PA system</i>	<i>Financial \$4,000.00 In-kind \$0.00</i>	<i>Financial \$4,000.00 In-kind \$0.00</i>
		TOTAL \$4,000.00	TOTAL \$4,000.00

CARRIED 5 / 0

Attendance:

Cr Emslie returned to the meeting at 12:20 pm

Cr Bignell left the meeting at 12:20 pm

Joel Perry, Project Manager joined the meeting at 12:20pm

14.3 Community Grant - Organisation - Isisford Sheep & Wool Show Inc.

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

Res-2026-04-97

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>Isisford Sheep and Wool Show Society</i>	<i>2026 Isisford Sheep & Wool Show</i>	<i>Financial \$4,154.00 In-kind \$846.00</i>	<i>Financial \$4,154 In-kind \$846.00</i>
		TOTAL \$5000	TOTAL \$5000

CARRIED 5 / 0

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Attendance:

Cr Bignell returned to the meeting at 12:24 pm

14.4 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-2026-04-98

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 0

14.5 Apex Park Facility Plan

Consideration into adopting the Apex Park Facility Plan as attached to this report.

Res-2026-04-99

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council defers the matter to a future meeting.

CARRIED 6 / 0

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:02pm, and resumed at 1:55pm, with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

14.6 Project Management Update

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

Res-2026-04-100

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

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

CARRIED 6 / 0

Attendance:

Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at 2:06pm

14.7 RAPAD - ECEC Alliance

Consideration of RAPAD Early Childhood Education and Care Alliance.

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Res-2026-04-101

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That Council

- *Notes the establishment and outcomes of the RAPAD ECEC Alliance of Councils Working Group;*
- *Endorses Council's ongoing participation in the RAPAD ECEC Alliance; and*
- *Supports the proposed regional ECEC data collection project, with a financial contribution of \$5000.*

CARRIED 6 / 0

14.8 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-2026-04-103

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

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

CARRIED 6 / 0

15 Works Report

15.1 Information Report

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of March 2026 for the Works Directorate.

Res-2026-04-104

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 6 / 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. Please note that the format of the report has changed to follow a risk-based approach.

Res-2026-04-105

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

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

CARRIED 6 / 0

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16 Late Items

Nil

17 Closed Matters

Nil

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **3:07 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer