

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2026 at 96 Eagle St, Longreach

Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **10:56 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 Leave of Absence

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

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That the Committee confirms the Minutes dated 16 September 2026 and 28 September 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

CARRIED 7 / 0

5 Notices of Motion

Nil

6 Deputations

Nil

7 General Business

7.1 Isisford Water Treatment Plant

An update on the Isisford Water Treatment Plant will be provided by the Director of Works during the meeting.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay
That the Committee notes the information received.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7.2 Land & Pest Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference

Consideration of the revised Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch
That the Committee receives the proposed Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7.3 Meetings Action Register

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie
That the Committee receives the Meetings Actions Register report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

8 Late Items

Nil

9 Closed Matters

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 12:06 pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered closed to the public for the reasons indicated.

9.1 YARAKA POOL
This report is considered closed to the public in accordance with section 254J(3) (c), of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance:

Joel Perry, Project Manager joined the meeting at 12:08pm

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn
That Council move out of closed session at 12:51 pm, to vote on item 9.1 Yaraka Pool.

CARRIED 7 / 0

9.1 Yaraka Pool

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That the Committee:

1. *Receives the Yaraka Swimming Pool – Options Analysis report and attached reports.*
2. *Notes that the existing pool remains closed and that current technical advice indicates the existing shell is not a viable long-term public pool asset.*
3. *Provide feedback to the Community at the upcoming Community Forum.*
4. *Notes that officers will scope procurement for the options discussed and bring back to a future Council meeting.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance:

Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at 1:01pm

10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **1:02 pm**.