



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday 16 September
2026 at 96 Eagle St, Longreach



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **10:40 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."

2 Leave of Absence

Nil

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

Cr Emslie declared a conflict of interest in Item 7.2. Customer Service Requests. The nature of the conflict is that one of the requests pertains to a community project which Cr Emslie has donated substantially to and Cr Emslie is an active member of the community group. Should the request be discussed during consideration of Item 7.2, Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for that discussion.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

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

CARRIED 7 / 0

5 Notices of Motion

Nil

6 Deputations

Nil

9 Closed Matters

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 10:42 am to discuss the following matters, which are considered closed to the public for the reasons indicated.

9.1 LONGREACH SEWER TREATMENT PLANT STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

This report is considered closed to the public in accordance with section 254J(3) (e), of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to 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.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council move out of closed session at 11:57 am, to vote on item 9.1 Longreach Sewer Treatment Plant Strategic Discussion.

CARRIED 7 / 0

9.1 Longreach Sewer Treatment Plant Strategic Discussion

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That the Committee notes the report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7 General Business

7.1 Queensland Museum

Consideration of a report on cultural and heritage assets received from Queensland Museum.

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That the Committee receives the report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

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The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:19pm and resumed at 12:51pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

7.2 Customer Service Requests

Consideration of Customer Service Requests for the previous month.

Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at 12:57 pm and returned to the meeting at 12:58 pm

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That the Committee receives the Customer Service Request report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7.3 Meetings Action Register

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That the Committee receives the Meetings Actions Register report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

8 Late Items

Nil

10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **1:36 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer