GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at

96 Eagle St, Longreach

Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **10:47 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
Acting Director of Organisational Services	Simon Kuttner
Executive Officer of Governance	Sharon Calligaro
Tourism Coordinator	Michelle Ballard

Apologies

Director of Organisational Services	Grace Cronin-Jones

2 Leave of Absence

Nil

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

Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Item 7.1 Heritage Stategy. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Emslie is a member of the Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for this part of the discussion.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That the Committee confirms the Minutes dated 19-20 May 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
CARRIED 7 / 0

5 Notices of Motion
Nil

6 Deputations
Nil

7 General Business

7.1 Heritage Strategy

Consideration of Longreach Regional Council Collection Management Plan.

Attendance
Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at 11:35 am.

Attendance
Cr Tony Emslie returned to the meeting at 11:52 am.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That the Committee receives the Longreach Regional Council Collection Management Plan 2026.
CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance
Michelle Ballard, Tourism Coordinator left the meeting at 11:55am

9 Closed Matters

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 11:56am to discuss the following matters, which are considered closed to the public for the reasons indicated.

9.1 CHILDCARE UPDATE

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

Mel Comerford joined the meeting at 11:57am

Attendance

Mel Comerford left the meeting at 12:36pm

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That Council move out of closed session at 12:36pm, to vote on item 9.1 Childcare Update.

CARRIED 7 / 0

9.1 Childcare Update

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie
That the Committee receives the update on compliance progress and operational improvements at the Longreach Child Care Service.

CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:37pm and resumed at 1:19pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

7.2 Motions - LGAQ State Conference

Consideration of motions to be submitted for presentation at the LGAQ Annual Conference.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie
That the Committee considers the request and provides any motions for submission to the July Council meeting for endorsement.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7.3 Customer Service Requests

Consideration of Customer Service Requests for the previous month.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay
That the Committee receives the Customer Service Request report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

7.4 Meetings Action Register

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That the Committee receives the Meetings Actions Register report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

8 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **2:11 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr AC Rayner Mayor	Brett Walsh Chief Executive Officer