



# GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday

19 November 2025 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 **10:41 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 Economics, Planning, and Legal	Simon Kuttner
Executive Officer of Governance	Sharon Calligaro

### **Apologies**

Nil

## **2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

## **3 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable 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:**

*That the Committee confirms the Minutes dated 15 October 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*ENDORSED*

## **5 Notices of Motion**

Nil

## **6 Deputations**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

*That the Committee suspends the order of business in order to immediately receive the Closed Matters.*

*ENDORSED*

## **9 Closed Matters**

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts*

*That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 10:44 am to discuss the following matter, which is considered confidential for the reasons indicated.*

### **9.1 CHILDCARE DISCUSSION**

*This report is considered confidential 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*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts*

*That the Committee move out of closed session at **11:55 am** to endorse Item 9.1.*

*CARRIED*

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## **9.1 Childcare Discussion**

### **Reasons for Confidentiality**

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

### **Recommendation:**

*The Committee notes the discussion and*

- *endorses the immediate engagement of a consultant to address the identified urgent priorities within the Childcare Service for a period of no longer than four months.*
- *a report be presented back to the Committee at the April Governance Committee meeting*
- *monthly updates to be provided at the Governance Committee meeting.*

*ENDORSED*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts*

*That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 12:12 pm to discuss the following matter, which is considered confidential for the reasons indicated.*

### **9.2 BUDGET PLANNING AND PROJECT PIPELINE**

*This report is considered confidential 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*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie*

*That the Committee move out of closed session at **12:46 pm** to endorse Item 9.2.*

*CARRIED*

## **9.2 Budget Planning and Project Pipeline**

### **Reasons for Confidentiality**

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**Recommendation:**

*That the Committee provides feedback and notes the reports.*

*ENDORSED*

The meeting adjourned for lunch at **12:47 pm** and resumed at **1:03 pm** with all those present prior to adjournment in attendance.

**Attendance:**

Kimberley Dillon, Manager of Innovation and Business Support, Anna Lacey, Business Support Coordinator and Heidi Broom, Ken Donohue, Lahiru Wahalathanthrige, Khoi Ninh and Rob Chandler of Taggle Systems joined the meeting at 1:04 pm

## **7 General Business**

### **7.1 Digital Water Meter Request**

Consideration of presentation by Taggle Systems.

**Recommendation**

*That the Committee notes the presentation delivered by Taggle Systems.*

*ENDORSED*

**Attendance:**

Kimberley Dillon, Manager of Innovation and Business Support, Anna Lacey, Business Support Coordinator and Heidi Broom, Ken Donohue, Lahiru Wahalathanthrige, Khoi Ninh and Rob Chandler of Taggle Systems left the meeting at 1:32 pm

### **7.2 Smartweed Removal - update**

Consideration of current situation and future actions regarding Smartweed in the Thomson River, Longreach.

**Recommendation:**

*That the Committee receives this report.*

*ENDORSED*

### **7.4 MICE market - Draft Compendium**

Consideration of the Draft Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) Compendium.

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**Recommendation:**

*That the Committee receives the report as presented.*

*ENDORSED*

## **7.5 Customer Service Requests**

Consideration of Customer Service Requests received.

**Recommendation:**

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

*ENDORSED*

**Attendance:**

Cr Andrew Watts left the meeting at 1:53 pm

The meeting adjourned for a short recess at **1:56 pm** and resumed at **2:00 pm** with all those present prior to adjournment in attendance.

**Attendance:**

Athena Davidson (Director Acquisitions and Planning), Michael Panagopoulos and Peter Willington of Department of Housing and Public Works joined the meeting at 2:00 pm

## **7.3 Department of Housing - Update**

Consideration of information received from the Department of Housing and Public Works.

**Recommendation:**

*That the Committee notes the presentation.*

*ENDORSED*

**Attendance:**

Athena Davidson (Director Acquisitions and Planning), Michael Panagopoulos and Peter Willington of Department of Housing and Public Works left the meeting at 2:28 pm

**Attendance:**

Cr Andrew Watts returned to the meeting at 2:48 pm

## **7.6 Meetings Action Register**

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

***Recommendation:***

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

*ENDORSED*

## **Other Business**

### **Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda**

The meeting proceeded to review the Agenda for the upcoming Ordinary Council Meeting.

## **8 Late Items**

Nil

## **10 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **3:17 pm**.

### **Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed

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Cr AC Rayner  
Mayor

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Brett Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer