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*Cherbourg Aboriginal  
Shire Council*

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*Held 19 October 2023*

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Unconfirmed

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COUNCIL MEETING

HELD 19 OCTOBER 2023

Attendance

*Mayor Elvie Sandow  
Deputy Mayor Tom Langton  
Cr Fred Cobbo  
Cr Leighton Costello  
Cr Bronwyn Murray*

*Officers: CEO - Zala  
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs*

*9.30am Meeting Commenced*

*Mayors Welcome*

*Sorry Business - 1 Minutes Silence for the Late Kurt Fisher*

Councillor Obligations

Prescribed Conflict of Interest

*Nil*

Declarable Conflict of Interest

*Nil*

Register of Interest

*Nil*

Minutes Confirmation

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that the minutes of the council meeting held on 20 & 21 September 2023 be confirmed.*

*Moved: Cr Bronwyn Murray  
Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello*

*Motion No. 2407 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

CEO presented his Report

6 New Houses Build

CEO advised that we are having difficulties with our second tender for new houses. After receiving only 1 tender for \$900k (average price). Contractors are taking advantage of the situation. He suggests Council consider this tender process, remove QBuild and Council act as Principal Contractor to build these houses.

Resolution

*That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to*

- 1. Become Principal Contractor to build the next 6 new houses*
- 2. Advise Dept Housing and Qbuild that Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council will build the next 6 new houses*

*Moved: Cr Bronwyn Murray  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton*

*Motion No. 2408 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

*Deputy Mayor Tom Langton declared interest and left meeting*

Debtor Write Offs

*As per policy a list of debtor write offs (of deceased tenants) was presented to council.*

Resolution

*Council resolved to write off the submitted Debtor Write Offs.*

*Moved: Cr Leighton Costello*

*Seconded: Mayor Elvie Sandow*

Put to Vote

*For Vote: 3 Cr Leighton Costello  
Mayor Elvie Sandow  
Cr Bronwyn Murray*

*Abstained: 1 Cr Fred Cobbo*

*Motion No. 2409 Carried*

*Deputy Mayor Tom Langton entered meeting*

Cherbourg Local Housing Plan-2023

*Endorsement sought for the Local Housing Plan – Cherbourg 2023. The Cherbourg Local Housing Plan identifies local housing priorities. It is a strategic document to guide the Department of Housing (DoH or 'the department') and Council to deliver structural, service, and economic reforms to improve housing outcomes in communities.*

Resolution

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolve to adopt the Cherbourg Local Housing Plan- 2023 to obtain improved future housing outcomes.*

*Moved: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton*

*Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Murray*

*Motion No. 2410 Carried*

*For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**Bunya Peoples' Aboriginal Corporation - MOU**

*Endorsement sought for the Memorandum of Understanding between Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and the Bunya Peoples' Aboriginal Corporation for Land Management Projects across the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council area.*

**Resolution**

*Council resolved to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and the Bunya Peoples' Aboriginal Corporation for the Project - land management projects across the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council area.*

*Moved: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton  
Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello*

**Put to Vote**

*For Vote: 4 Deputy Mayor Tom Langton  
Cr Fred Cobbo  
Cr Leighton Costello  
Mayor Elvie Sandow*

*Against: 1 Cr Bronwyn Murray*

*Cr Bronwyn Murray Believes Council should endorse the MOU for 1 year only, and that most Cherbourg Families will not be recognised/employed on this project.*

*Motion No. 2411 Carried*

**Report Approval**

*Council resolves that the CEO Report be adopted.*

*Moved: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton  
Seconded: Cr Fred Cobbo*

*Motion No. 2412 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

CEO presented the Corporate Services Report

**Rainwater Tanks**

Housing Officer requests council decide on retaining tenant rainwater tanks. In Cherbourg rainwater tanks provide a water source in droughts, floods or when town water is substandard and unavailable, it is also some tenants number one source of water for drinking and cooking.

There are Qld Health Regulations that have to be maintained, however it is manageable with tenant education and a maintenance program.

CEO advised of health risk and cost involved in retaining the water tanks.

Council requested a survey be conducted before it considers this matter.

**Rainwater Tank Survey**

***Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that a Rainwater Tank survey be conducted before it can consider retaining rainwater tanks.***

***Moved: Cr Bronwyn Murray  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton***

***Motion No. 2413 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

**Report Approval**

***Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that it adopts the Corporate Services Report.***

***Moved: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton  
Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello***

***Motion No. 2414 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

*Economic & Community Development Manager presented his Report*

**CAFÉ**

*Council has decided to Readvertise the Expression of Interest to operate the local CAFÉ to Community.*

**New Housing**

*To reduce the cost of new housing council has decided to consider local builders for construction of the new housing.*

**Resolution**

*That Council consider other options (local builders) to reduce the cost of building new housing.*

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

**Seconded:** Cr Bronwyn Murray

**Motion No. 2415 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

**Report Approval**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to adopt the Economic and Community Development Report.*

**Moved:** Cr Leighton Costello

**Seconded:** Cr Fred Cobbo

**Motion No. 2416 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

*CEO presented Community Services Report*

**Report Approval**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to adopt the Community Services Report.*

**Moved:** Cr Fred Cobbo

**Seconded:** Cr Leighton Costello

**Motion No. 2417 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

11.40am Entered Meeting Donald Hayes Dept Education  
Nathan Manu Dept Education

Donald and Nathan presented an overview of the Discrete Communities Program - which will be co-designed with local school leadership and communities.

Seeking council feedback and suggestions.

12.15pm Left Meeting Donald Hayes Dept Education  
Nathan Manu Dept Education

### OPERATIONS DEPT REPORT

Operations Dept Manager's report was presented.

#### Report Approval

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to adopt the Operations Dept Report.

Moved: Cr Fred Cobbo  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

Motion No. 2418 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

### CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Elvie Sandow declared interest & left meeting  
Mayor Elvie Sandow is a Director at Gundoo Day Care Centre

Julie - Gundoo Day Care Centre

Request from the Aunty Julie and the Gundoo Day Care Centre Kangaroo Room Children for any leftover materials for their building and construction activities.

Council always supports children in donating scrap left over materials etc and will donate whatever it can to the Gundoo children.



Kaylene Butler

Request to meet to discuss doco series Pathways to Treaty, about the Treaty in Queensland. They are hoping to meet with 5 communities including Cherbourg.

Council will be meeting with representatives tomorrow to discuss.

RACQ

Invite for council to meet with the RACQ Foundation Community Assistance Program staff visiting Cherbourg on 27 October 2023.

Council will meet with RACQ Team.

Minister Education -Hon Jason Clare MP

Info – Regional University Study Hubs Program.

Old Police Service/Disaster & Emergency Management

Advice - Qld Fire and Emergency Services Reform. Transition of emergency services personnel from Qld Fire and Emergency Services to Qld Police Service.

Dept Justice & Attorney General

Request to renew the Restricted Area Permit to perform religious ceremonies in the community of Cherbourg for the Catholic Church. The purpose is to Transport alcoholic sacramental wine (750 ml) within the restricted area of Cherbourg for the purpose of the conducting religious services.

Resolution

**Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolve to approve the renewal of the Restricted Area Permit to allow Clergy members to perform religious ceremonies in the Community of Cherbourg for the 2023-2024 period.**

**Moved: Cr Fred Cobbo**

**Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello**

**Motion No. 2419 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Dept Dev & Infrastructure LG & Planning

Advice – that the March 2024 ordinary council meeting could be impacted by the Local Government Council Elections to be held on 16 March 2024.

Ordinary council meeting could be held earlier.

Digital Plan for Cherbourg

The Digital Plan for Cherbourg was presented for approval.

**Resolution**

**Council resolve to approve the Digital Plan for Cherbourg.**

**Moved: Cr Leighton Costello**

**Seconded: Cr Fred Cobbo**

**Motion No. 2420 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Mayors Summit – Blue Card

INFO – Blue Card Services Response to Questions arising from the Mayors Summit in Cairns – September 2023.

Dept Dev & Infrastructure LG & Planning

Independent Assessor (AI)

Leave Policy

The new Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Leave Policy was presented.

**Resolution Endorse Policy**

**Council resolves to endorse the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Leave Policy.**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton**

**Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Murray**

**Motion No. 2421 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Donald Hayes

*Information – Discrete Communities Project Cherbourg State School*

Elgan Buddy Leedie

*Wakka Wakka Notice to Agent- Notice to Principal*

Regional Waste Recovery Plan

*Endorsement for Regional Waste and Resources Recovery Plan is sought.*

**Resolution**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to endorse the Regional Waste Recovery Plan.*

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

**Seconded:** Cr Fred Cobbo

*Motion No. 2422 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

CoEX

*COEX Container Exchange – Processing Services Agreement*

**Resolution**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to endorse the COEX Container Exchange – Processing Services Agreement.*

**Moved:** Cr Fred Cobbo

**Seconded:** Cr Leighton Costello

*Motion No. 2423 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**12.34pm** Meeting adjourned for lunch

**1.00pm** Meeting recommenced

**1.00pm** Teams entered - Brett De Chastel

**Brett presented workshop (Long Term Strategic Planning)**

**1.30pm** Teams Left - Brett De Chastel

1.30pm Teams entered - Dean Gibson  
- Helen Morrison

*Dean & Helen are seeking in principle support for their proposed documentary "Community Pathway to Treaty". Theme is to track 5 indigenous communities through the process of Treaty.*

*Council queried the document's copyright and could have issues with it, no endorsement.*

1.50pm Teams left - Dean Gibson  
- Helen Morrison

1.50pm meeting closed

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