

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire
Council

Working Papers

For Council Meeting Held 15 & 16 November 2023

Reports

1. Minutes (Unconfirmed)
2. Chief Executive Officer
3. Corporate Services
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5. Operations Department
6. Community Support

1. Minutes (Unconfirmed)

MINUTES

*Cherbourg Aboriginal
Shire Council*

Held 19 October 2023

MINUTES

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.

Qld 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