

# *Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council*



## *Minutes For Council Meeting*

*Held On  
21 & 22 June 2023*

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COUNCIL MEETING

HELD 21 & 22 JUNE 2023

Attendance

Mayor Elvie Sandow  
Deputy Mayor Tom Langton  
Cr Fred Cobbo  
Cr Leighton Costello

Officers: CEO - Zala  
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs

Advisor - Brett De Chastel

Meeting Commenced 9.30am

9.30am Meeting Opening  
Mayors Welcome

Leave of Absence - Mayor Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

Resolution

Council resolves to grant a leave of absence to Deputy Mayor Tom Langton on Wednesday 21 June 2023 from 11.00am - 1.00pm because of cultural reasons.

Moved: Cr Fred Cobbo  
Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello

Motion No. 2346 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Councillor Obligations

Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflict of Interest

Nil

Register of Interest

Nil

9.45am Cr Bronwyn Murray entered meeting

Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Council resolves that the minutes of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Meeting held On 17 & 18 May 2023 be adopted.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Murray

Motion No. 2347 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Declaration of Interest - ILUA

Cr Fred Cobbo declared an Interest and left meeting

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council is seeking an in principle agreement from the Wakka Wakka PBC Board before it recommences the ILUA negotiations.

Proposal

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council will recommence the ILUA negotiations on the basis that the Wakka Wakka PBC Board accepts an annualised compensation payment and provides automatic consent for all Council future acts done within the ILUA area. Council will also accept and fund any cultural heritage process such as cultural surveys and monitoring which may be necessary for activities where cultural heritage maybe relevant or where there is a risk that cultural heritage maybe harmed by the doing of the activities.

Resolution

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that it requires a written in principle consent of the Wakka Wakka PBC Board accepting the proposal set forth to continue the Wakka Wakka ILUA negotiations.

Moved: Cr Bronwyn Murray

Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello

Motion No. 2348 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

Resolution

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that it receives and notes the minutes of the audit and risk committee held on 23 May 2023 and note the contents thereof.*

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

*Motion No. 2348.1 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

Resolution

*That in relation to Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's compliance with a range of statutory policies, the council:-*

- A. Notes that the audit will be undertaken by the Council Advisor on the level of compliance by Council with the key statutory requirements under the Local Government Act and that a report will be provided to the next Audit and Risk Committee on the outcome of that review.*
- B. Adopt the Fraud Policy and Fraud Prevention Framework as attached to the CEO's Report to Council; and*
- C. Request the CEO to consider the incorporation of training for staff on the Council's Code of Conduct and related policies into the Council's annual training program so that knowledge of important policies and procedures are understood by staff.*

*Moved: Cr Fred Cobbo  
Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello*

*Motion No. 2349 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

Community Housing Internal Audit

The Internal Audit was conducted in February to April 2023 by Mr Ziggy Kapera, an internal auditor at the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. This report was presented at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting on 23 May 2023.

Recommendation From Audit

- A. Note the report on the review of council's management of community Housing
- B. Request the CEO write to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and thank them for their ongoing pro bono support for our audit function and in particular, the support provided by Mr Ziggy Kapera; and
- C. Report back to a future Council meeting providing details of historic charges that need to be written off in accordance with the Limitation of Actions Act.

Resolution

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that Council;*

- A. Notes the report on the review of council's management of community Housing
- B. Request the CEO write to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and thank them for their ongoing pro bono support for our audit function and in particular, the support provided by Mr Ziggy Kapera; and
- C. Report back to a future Council meeting providing details of historic charges that need to be written off in accordance with the Limitation of Actions Act.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

Seconded: Cr Fred Cobbo

Motion No. 2350 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Community Safety Plan

The Cherbourg Community Safety Plan was presented to Council for adoption.

Resolution

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that it;*

- A. Endorses the Cherbourg Community Safety Plan to address the safety issues identified in this plan
- B. Creates local jobs and community lead safety programs with the Community Safety Plan funding

*Moved: Cr Fred Cobbo*  
*Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello*

*Motion No. 2351 Carried*  
*For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

*Report Approval*

*Council resolves that the CEO Report be adopted.*

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

*Motion No. 2352 Carried*  
*For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

*COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT*

*The Community Services Report was tabled.*

*Community Services Manager presented the report.*

*Report Approval*

*Council resolves that the Community Services Report be adopted.*

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

*Motion No. 2353 Carried*  
*For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

*Corporate Services Report*

*The Corporate Services Report was Tabled.*

*Corporate Services Manager presented the Corporate Services Report.*

*Report Approval*

*Council resolved that that Corporate Services Report be adopted.*

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

*Motion No. 2354 Carried*  
*For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

Economic & Community Development

The Economic & Community Development Report was Tabled

Economic & Community Development Manager presented the Report

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Economic & Community Development Report be adopted.

Moved: Cr Bronwyn Murray

Seconded: Cr Fred Cobbo

Motion No. 2355 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Operation Dept

The Operation Dept Report was tabled.

Operations Dept Manager presented the report.

Council Buses

The Operations Dept Manager advises that the current Hiring of Buses Policy does not appear to be working well, with buses being returned dirty and with the age of the buses, break downs occurring. The recent Hunter Valley Bus Accident where 10 passengers died, highlights the potential high risks and liability issues with hiring buses.

Operations Dept Manager recommends that Council not hire the buses but consider selling the 2 big buses and buying a 12 seater bus for council use.

Resolution

Council resolves that it will cease hire of Council Buses, that it sells its 2 big buses and buys one 12 Seater Bus for council use.

Moved: Cr Fred Cobbo

Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello

Motion No. 2356 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously



Connollys State Waste Transport

Connollys State Waste Transport is seeking an agreement with council to dispose of their collected septic waste at the Cherbourg Sewage Treatment Plant for an agreed fee.

Denied. Council cannot process extra waste.

12.45pm Meeting adjourned for lunch  
1.00pm Meeting recommenced

1.00pm Brett De Chastel Presentation - Priorisation for Councils Began

1.30pm Brett De Chastel Presentation - Priorisation for Councils Finished

CORRESPONDENCE

Lorelle Saltner

Application for sporting assistance for her daughter Elvie Saltner to compete at the State Championships Under 12 Netball.

Council has allocated \$200 as per Sports Assistance Policy.

Dennis & Sherry Sandow

Application for sporting assistance for her son Dominique Sandow to represent Qld in the U18's Rugby League Football Team.

Council has allocated \$200 as per Sports Assistance Policy.

Ian Saltner

Ian is seeking sponsorship for the "Rachel Saltner Memorial Team (Mens & Womens Open Division) in the upcoming Bindal Sharks All Blacks Rugby League Carnival which will be held in Townsville from 13 - 15 October 2023.

Council will discuss at a later date.

Madeline Lea

Madeline (Refocus) has sent an Expression of Interest for a lease on the Bert Button Lookout Building.

Denied. This building has already been allocated to another group.

Nicola Tizzard – Ration Shed

Nicola Tizzard (Manager- Ration Shed) is seeking financial support from council to assist in paying for security installation at the Ration Shed.

Denied due to financial restrictions.

Anna Moffitt – Cherbourg Health Council

Advicing of another Healthy Skins Program will be held on 13-15 June 2023 and will include screening for 5yr-20yr old for Rheumatic Heart Disease.

Scott Rowe – NBN

Advice - NBN Roundtable to be held in Cherbourg on 5 July 2023.

Palladium

Advice – Preliminary List of Upgrades for (Prioritized) New/refurbished Council Building.

Telstra

Advice – Upgrade of Telstra Public telephone outside wall of General Store at Cherbourg to enable mobile connections.

Electoral Commission Qld

Costs for running the next election in Cherbourg.

Deputy Premier

Advice - Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) Indigenous Consulting has been engaged to undertake the research, consultation and development of options for ensuring long-term local government sustainability and capability for Qld's Indigenous and remote Councils.

Inspector-General Emergency Management

Qld Disaster Management Arrangements (QDMA) Review

Inspector-General Emergency Management

Seeking response for the Disaster Management Review and Assessment

Local Govt Remuneration Commission

Local Govt Remuneration Commission Council Category Review

Attorney General – Minister Justice, Women, Prevention Domestic & Family Violence

Surveillance Reform (Invasion of Privacy Act to be replaced by Surveillance Devices Bill).

Dept Justice & Attorney General

Office of Fair Trading – Indigenous consumer rights

Erin Hurley

Cherbourg Local Housing Plan

Tanya Malthouse

Cherbourg Footpath Funding

LGAQ

Seeking venues for future meetings

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council suggests holding a LGAQ Meeting in Cherbourg.

Resolution

*That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council nominates Cherbourg as a venue for a LGAQ Meeting in the future.*

**Moved:** Cr Leighton Costello

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

**Motion No. 2357 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Meeting Close

Mayor called for meeting to be closed

Resolution

Council resolves that the Council Meeting held on 21 June 2023 be closed at 2.54pm

Moved: Cr Leighton Costello  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tom Langton

Motion No. 2358 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

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COUNCIL MEETING

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Attendance

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

Officers: Zala  
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs

9.30am Meeting Commenced

9.30am Mayors Welcome

9.30am TEAMS LINK - NIAA Tanya Malthouse  
NIAA Tom Aptu

*Tanya explained that the Cherbourg Footpath Funding is unspent. It has been a number of years since the funding for this project has been received and the project has not been completed. NIAA has extended the agreement for 2 years for council to complete the Cherbourg Footpath Project. Or nominate a new project before 30 June 2023.*

*Council advised that the project delay was due to inflation and lack of contractors. It will continue with the Footpath Project.*

10.30am TEAMS LINK Closed NIAA Tanya Malthouse  
NIAA Tom Aptu

Cherbourg Footpath Project

*Council has decided the original funding is not be enough to complete the total footpath, however it will proceed with the Footpath Project (up to the Turtles, which will include bridges and pathway to that point).*

Resolution

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to proceed with the Cherbourg Footpath Project up to the Turtles.*

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

*Motion No. 2359 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

*10.32am TEAMS LINK - Rebecca Simmons Dept Housing  
Kyle Amos Dept Housing*

*Mayor Elvie Sandow Welcomed Team to Country*

*Kyle and Rebecca summarised the Local Housing engagement and community Feedback received. Wanted Council's feedback on Council Housing Goals and Priorities.*

*Next step is to finalise the Local Housing Plan.*

*12.00pm TEAMS LINK Closed - Rebecca Simmons Dept Housing  
- Kyle Amos Dept Housing*

*12.00pm Meeting adjourned for lunch  
12.30pm Meeting recommenced*

*12.30pm Tessa Fisher entered meeting*

*Tessa advised that she has started a course and is studying accounting to gain more confidence/ qualification in her job, as wages is now a part of her duties. Her course is part time with a class in Brisbane on Monday nights for 3 hrs. She travels to and from Brisbane each week and explained that she was told there was no Travel Assistance for her. She also explained that she received a letter regarding her studies and feels unsupported in her studies.*

*Mayor Elvie Sandow - advised that this is an operational matter and that Tessa would need to speak to her Supervisor - or CEO when Supervisor goes on leave.*

*Tessa advised that she has already done this without outcome and will seek union advice.*

*CEO Zala said we supports all workers*

*12.41am Tessa Fisher left meeting*

Meeting Close

*Mayor Elvie Sandow called for the meeting to be closed*

Resolution

*Council resolves that the council meeting held on 22 June 2023 be closed at 12.41pm.*

*Moved: Cr Fred Cobbo*

*Seconded: Cr Leighton Costello*

*Motion No. 2360 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

*CHERBOURG ABORIGINAL SHIRE  
COUNCIL*

*MINUTE APPROVAL*

*We certify these Minutes as being a true and correct record of the  
Council Meeting held on 21 & 22 June 2023.*

  
*Elvie Sandow*  
Mayor

  
*Chatur Zala*  
CEO

*Date 19/07/2023*

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