

*Cherbourg  
Aboriginal  
Shire Council*

*Minutes – Council  
Meeting*

*19 & 20 February 2025*

Unconfirmed

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 19 & 20 FEBRUARY 2025

Attendance

*Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher  
Cr Gordon Wragge  
Cr Tom Langton*

*Apologies: Cr Daniel Weazel*

*Officers: CEO - Zala  
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs  
Advisor - Brett De Chastel*

*9.34am Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher Opened Meeting  
Sorry Business - 1 Minute Silence  
Welcome to Country - Cr Gordon Wragge*

TEAMS Link

*Mayor Bruce Simpson requested to Join the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Council Meeting on 19 February 2025 by TEAMS Link*

Resolution

*That Mayor Bruce Simpson be granted approval to join the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Meeting on 19 February 2025 by TEAMS link.*

*Moved: Cr Tom Langton  
Seconded: Cr Gordon Wragge*

*Motion No. 2685 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

Leave of Absence – Cr Daniel Weazel

Cr Daniel Weazel requested a Leave of Absence for Cultural Reasons.

**Resolution**

**That Cr Daniel Weazel be granted a Leave of Absence for Cultural Reasons.**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher**

**Seconded: Cr Gordon Wragge**

**Motion No. 2686 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

**Councillor Obligations**

Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflict of Interest

Nil

Register of Interest

Nil

**Minute Approval**

**Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 & 20 January 2025 be adopted.**

**Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge**

**Seconded: Cr Tom Langton**

**Motion No. 2687 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's Report was presented

Scholarships

With a number of Cherbourg Students entering universities this year Council will seek support for scholarships through Stanwell and philanthropic avenues.

**Resolution**

*That Council's CEO investigate scholarships with Stanwell – philanthropic support.*

**Moved:** Cr Gordon Wragge  
**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

*Motion No. 2688 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**Report Approval**

*Council resolves that the Mayor's Report be adopted.*

**Moved:** Cr Tom Langton  
**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

*Motion No. 2689 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

CEO Presented the CEO Report

**Fisher Street Section 24JAA – Consultation Request for our proposed subdivision**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council does not have an ILUA in place yet, and is seeking council representative to attend the section 24JAA meeting for the Fisher Street housing development on;*

**Date:** Wednesday 26 February 2025  
**Venue:** Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Office  
**Time:** To be confirmed – potentially 10.00am

*The RNTB has nominated two directors, Eileen Cobbo and Garry Cobbo to attend the meeting, both are in Brisbane. We have attached a copy of the draft ILUA. A meeting is being arranged between Council, Crown Law and QSNTS as soon as possible regarding the ILUA.*

**Resolution**

*That in relation to the Fisher Street Section 24JAA - Consultation process meeting ;*

- A. Council nominates CEO Zala to be council representative to discuss the 24JAA application for our Fisher Street Development Subdivision*
- B. Hold the ILUA meeting discussion on the day with PBC and Council to begin the initial discussion*

**Moved:** Cr Tom Langton  
**Seconded:** Cr Gordon Wragge

*Motion No. 2690 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

Removal of Member of the Elders Advisory Group

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council has appointed 9 members of the Elders Advisory Group in accordance with the Terms of Reference adopted by Council at the June 2024 meeting.

It is proposed that one member of the Advisory Group be removed. The recommendation below proposes to remove Cindy Button as a member of the Elders Advisory Group due to a number of complaints and also behaviour contrary to that expected under Council's code of conduct. The removal is also supported by the chair of the Elders Advisory Group.

This will create a vacancy as the Charter requires 9 members. The recommendation below also proposes that the CEO be authorised to call for nominations upon any vacancy arising within the group. The decision for appointment (or removal) of members to the group remains with Council.

It is also proposed to fix a minor typo in the terms of reference for the Elders advisory Group. The intent was to have a quorum of 5 being more than half of 9 members) but in one part of the current terms of reference it refers to 4.

Resolution

In relation to the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Elders Advisory Group:-

1. Council remove Cindy Button as a member of the Advisory Group for the reasons set out in the CEO's Report
2. Amend the current Terms of Reference to clarify that a quorum for the meetings of the Elders Advisory Group is 5 Members.
3. Council will consider authorising the CEO to seek nominations from community members for any vacancy on the Cherbourg Advisory Group, noting that the appointment of new members to the Advisory Group will be determined by Council at a later date.

**Moved:** Cr Gordon Wragge

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Langton

**Motion No. 2691 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

CASC Risk Register Review- 6 Month Review 2024/2025

As required under legislation, we have to review our Strategic Risk Register Review to make sure that any new risk has been identified.

A summarised risk register which includes the 23 strategic risks, 5 are extreme risks including Technology failure, ILUA, Changes with State & Federal Government, Disaster events is attached for Council Information.

**Resolution**

***Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to;***

- 1. Receive the 6 month review of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Strategic Risk Register and***
- 2. Recommend the CEO to keep close attention on extreme risks to make strategies to manage those risks by future planning***

***Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge  
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton***

***Motion No. 2692 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

**Frank Fisher Cup – 4 & 5 April 2025**

*We met with Brad Beetson and Danny Macquire, QRL Director to discuss the Frank Fisher Cup in Cherbourg. A draft program for the day is attached.*

*Council support is sought for approximately \$3000 to coordinate some events taking place on the day.*

**Resolution**

***Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council supports the Frank Fisher Cup being held in Cherbourg and will seek sponsorships from Stanwell and other organisations to support the requirements.***

***Moved: Cr Tom Langton  
Seconded: Cr Gordon Wragge***

***Motion No. 2693 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

**Civic Leaders Summit – 12 & 13 March 2025**

*The 2025 Civic Leaders Summit will be held in Brisbane on 12-13 March 2025. The following Crs will be attending.*

*Mayor Bruce Simpson  
Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher  
Cr Gordon Wragge  
Cr Daniel Weazel  
CEO - Zala*

**Resolution**

***That the following Councillors and CEO will attend the Civic Leaders Summit on 12-13 March 2025 in Brisbane.***

***Mayor Bruce Simpson  
Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher  
Cr Gordon Wragge  
Cr Daniel Weazel  
CEO Zala***

***Moved: Cr Tom Langton  
Seconded: Cr Gordon Wragge***

***Motion No. 2694 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

**Report Approval**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that the CEO's Report be adopted.*

*Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge  
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton*

*Motion No. 2695 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

*The Corporate Services Manager presented his report.*

**Housing Software**

*Corporate Services have been investigating new Housing software as the current software is extremely old. Corporate Services Manager recommended the Chintara Software as it meets the reporting needs of Housing.*

**Resolution**

*That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council invests in the Chintara Software.*

*Moved: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher  
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton*

*Motion No. 2696 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**Report Approval**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that the Corporate Services Report be adopted.*

*Moved: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher  
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton*

*Motion No. 2697 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**FINANCE REPORT**

*Finance Officer Presented his report*

**Report Approval**

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that the Finance Report be adopted.*

*Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge  
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton*

*Motion No. 2698 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

The Operations Manager presented his report.

**Road Project**

Approval sought for Council's Combined Road Project \$740k that includes Road Repairs, and bitumen to the depot area

**Resolution**

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council approve the Combined Road Project \$740K that includes Road Repairs and Bituman to the depot area.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

Motion No. 2699 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

**Report Approval**

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that Operations Report be adopted.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

Motion No. 2700 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

**COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

Community Services Manager presented her report.

**Report Approval**

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that Community Services Report be adopted.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher  
Seconded: Cr Gordon Wragge

Motion No. 2701 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

**HR**

The HR Report was presented

**Report Approval**

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that the HR Report be adopted.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge  
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2702 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously



- 12.15pm Meeting adjourned for lunch
- 12.44pm Cr Gordon Wragge left meeting  
1.00pm meeting recommenced
- 1.00pm Presentation - Brett De Chastel  
Community Engagement (Building Trust With Our Community)

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Economic & Community Development report was presented

Economic & Community Development Plan

The Economic & Community Development Plan 2024-2029 was presented for council approval.

Council will consider and bring back to the March Meeting.

1.52pm Cr Gordon Wragge entered meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Darius Chambers

Seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality.

**Resolution**

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council acknowledges Darius Chambers as Aboriginal.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher  
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2703 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Wellbeing Indigenous Corporation

Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher declared a conflict of Interest - (declarable conflict of Interest)  
(Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher is a Member of Cherbourg Wellbeing Indigenous Corporation)

Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher Requested she stays in the meeting.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council voted unanimously that Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher could remain in the meeting but not participate in any discussions or voting.

**Resolution**

***Council unanimously voted that Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher remain in the meeting but will not participate in any voting or discussion.***

***Moved: Cr Tom Langton  
Seconded: Mayor Bruce Simpson***

***Motion No. 2704 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

**Cherbourg Wellbeing Indigenous Corp – Child Safety Building Swap**

*Cherbourg Wellbeing Indigenous Corp is requesting a building swap with Child Safety. The current Child Safety Building between the Catholic Church and Youth Justice in Vincent Law Way is hardly ever used. The Child Safety Staff don't seem to use the building, mostly conduct home visits and are hardly ever on the community.*

*CWIC is a locally owned and community controlled organisation, currently have 5 staff members and are expected to take on 2 more. With expansion of services they are working with 11 young people and 20 families and individuals across the Justice Reinvestment Program. It is a requirement of their contract and principles that they are located in Cherbourg. The current donga is not suitable for the number of staff and programs CWIC wish to implement and the donga may be more suitable to Child Safety needs.*

*CEO will investigate to bring back more information about the buildings and organisations to the next council meeting.*

**Minister Environment Local Tourism Science & Innovation**

*Confirmation of funding through the Local Government Illegal Dumping Partnerships Program for the employment of one Compliance Officer to address the challenges caused by illegal dumping.*

**Dept Natural Resources Mines, Manufacturing Regional & Rural Dev**

*Info – Dedication of public use land as unallocated state land – Plans of subdivision*

**Electoral Commission Qld**

*Info – Summary of Cherbourg 2024 March Local Government Elections*

**Dept Prime Minister & Cabinet**

*Acknowledgement of letter inviting Prime Minister to visit Cherbourg regarding truth telling.*

**Education, Arts & Communities Committee**

*Inquiry into Elder Abuse in Qld – Cherbourg Public Consultation – 26 March 2025.*

Terry Janke & Co

First Nations Barrister – protecting first nations intellectual properties

Protecting first nations people – legal framework

Proposal for funding.

Old Local Government Remuneration Commission

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to Adopt the new Remuneration Figures as recommend by the independent Local Government Remuneration Commission 2024 - from 1 July 2025.

**Moved:** Cr Gordon Wragge

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Langton

**Motion No. 2705 Carried  
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Old Local Govt Water & Volunteers

Info – Red Tape Reduction Taskforce

2.08pm Meeting Closed

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Cr Gordon Wragge  
Cr Daniel Weazel  
Cr Tom Langton

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Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs  
Emma Turaganivalu

9.30am Mayor Opened Meeting  
Welcome to Country - Cr Daniel Weazel

9.30am Council looked at submitted council paintings and selected no. 2 for the design of its new Councillor Shirts

10.00am Presentation - Council Budget & Checklist

10.30am TEAMS ILF LGAQ Staff Entered Meeting - Angus Sutherland  
- Nicole Johnson

Angus & Nicole worked with Council in Preparation for the ILF's Cherbourg Visit on 29 April 2025.

11.22am TEAMS ILF LGAQ Staff left Meeting - Angus Sutherland  
- Nicole Johnson