



Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes - Council Meeting 19 & 20 March 2025

Unconfirmed

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 19 & 20 MARCH 2025

Attendance

*Mayor Bruce Simpson
Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher
Cr Gordon Wragge
Cr Tom Langton
Cr Daniel Weazel*

*Officers: CEO - Zala
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs
Advisor - Brett De Chastel
Executive Assistant - Emma Turaganivalu*

*9.31am Mayor Opened Meeting
Welcome to Country - Cr Daniel Weazel
Opening Prayer - Aunty Ada Simpson
Sorry Business - 1 Minute Silence*

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 February 2025 be confirmed.

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

*Motion No. 2706 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

*Minutes
Council Meeting
Held on 19 & 20 March 2025*

Mayors Init. -----

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor presented his report.

Mayors Leave

Mayor will take his quarterly leave from 7-11 April 2025.

New Zealand Advocacy Invitational Trip

Mayor Bruce Simpson has been invited to attend an Advocacy Invitational Trip to Aotearoa New Zealand on 23-27 April 2025.

The purpose of the trip is to explore pro-social benefits for children, young people and adults from an indigenous perspective for the Cherbourg Community. Mayor will also be meeting with the local indigenous Maori community to explore a sister town relationship.

Council to discuss further when costs of the trip obtained.

Report approval

Council resolves that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

**Motion No. 2707 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Audit & Risk

Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting that was held on 27 February 2025 was presented.

Resolution

That in relation to the Audit & Risk Committee, Council note the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2025.

Moved: Cr Tom Langton
Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel

**Motion No. 2708 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Notice of Proposed Resolution – Deputy Mayor Position

The Local Government Act contains a provision that if the Council proposes to declare the position of Deputy Mayor vacant, 14 days, notice must be issued to the Councillors before the Council meeting where that resolution is to be determined. This notice is compliant with the legislative requirements as this proposed resolution will be presented at the March Council meeting.

As we are approaching the 12 month anniversary of the 2024 election, it is appropriate to consider the rotation of the role of the Deputy Mayor between Councillors over the term of this Council. This provides other Councillors with the opportunity to fill the Deputy Mayor role if they wish to do so over the term of this Council.

CEO acknowledged the excellent role undertaken by Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher as Deputy Mayor for the first 12 months of this term. The notice proposes that we appoint one of our other Councillors as Deputy Mayor for the next 12 months.

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Mayor

***Cr Gordon Wragge was the only Cr nominated
Cr Gordon Wragge accepted***

Resolution

Pursuant to section 165 of the Local Government Act, I hereby give notice of a proposed resolution in relation to the role of Deputy Mayor.

That Council:-

- A. Declare the office of Deputy Mayor to be vacant; and***
- B. Appoint Cr Gordon Wragge to the vacant position of deputy Mayor for a period of 12 Months noting that is the intention of the Council to rotate the position of Deputy Mayor between councillors during the current Council term.***

***Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton***

***Motion No. 2709 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

WBBROC & LDMG

Organisations are to be advised that Cr Gordon Wragge is now the new Deputy Mayor of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council .

Resolution

That the new Deputy Mayor Cr Gordon Wragge will become Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Representative of WBBROC.

Former Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher will remain as Deputy Chair of the Cherbourg – LDMG

*Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher*

*Motion No. 2710 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group

Change to Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group Membership

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Elders Advisory Group 9 members were appointed at the June 2024 meeting.

The Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group is chaired by Eric Law.

With the death of Aunty Leila Davidson and the removal of one member from the last meeting resolution, there are now 7 members forming the Cherbourg Advisory Group. Chair Eric Law has agreed to have 7 members on the Elders Advisory Group.

The updated Terms of Reference are presented, also meeting minutes of the Elders Advisory Group meetings held in February and March 2025, for Council endorsement.

Resolution

That in relation to the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group:

- 1. Council Endorses the updated Terms of Reference to reflect the current changes with number of members to Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group*
- 2. That in relation to the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group meetings, the Council note the minutes of the February and March meetings as been tabled as per agreed Terms of Reference*

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

*Motion No. 2711 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

Environmental Health Plan

Cherbourg's Environmental Health Plan was presented for council endorsement

Resolution

That in relation to Cherbourg's Environmental Health Plan, Council;

- 1. Formally endorses the Environmental Health Plan*
- 2. Work with Darling Downs health to proceed with key actions and strategies to manage the key issues identified in the Environmental Health Plan*

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge

Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel

**Motion No. 2712 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Draft Chief Executive Officer Delegations

Review of Council to CEO Delegation

The Local Government Act 2009 grants Councils the power to delegate functions, including those under the Act and other Acts, to the CEO.

Delegations are used to allow councils to focus on strategic issues and ensure efficient operation of the local government.

Resolutions

That in relation to the Draft Council to CEO delegations;

- 1. Council review the draft council to CEO delegations*
- 2. Organise workshop with Bill Gillmore, Mead Perry Group to understand the delegation in more details. Workshop date will be Thursday 10 April at the Council Office.*

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge

Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

**Motion No. 2713 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

**Cr Gordon Wragge declared an interest & left meeting
Cr Gordon Wragge is an employee of the Department of Youth Justice**

Department Youth Justice – Upgrade & Lease (10yrs)

Plans for an extension and upgrade to the Jumbunna Youth Justice Service Centre were submitted. Lease and contract to build the extension approval is sought.

Resolution

That in relation to the Department of Youth Upgrade and & Lease (10yrs)

- 1. Council should approve the extension of Jumbunna Youth Justice Service Centre to have better youth services in our community**
- 2. Lease for 10 years from Youth Justice is offering \$10,000 per year + CPI Increase, Our recommendation to council is \$25,000 per year + CPI Increase**
- 3. CEO take lease back to the Department and negotiate the lease amount**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

**Motion No.2714 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously**

Cr Gordon Wragge entered meeting & was updated on Council decision

LGAQ Climate Resilience Alliance Funding

Fraser Coast Regional Council recently invited Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to join the Regional Climate Resilience Alliance (Central and Wide Bay Burnett).

Fraser Coast is happy to be the host Council for the alliance and host either the regional or analyst or program coordinator (whichever approach is decided upon) and coordinate funding for the application if interest is received from other councils.

Resolution

That in relation to the LGAQ Climate Resilience Alliance Funding;

- 1. Council become a part of the LGAQ Climate Resilience Alliance Funding hosted by Fraser Coast Regional Council**

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge

Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel

**Motion No. 2715 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 Daniel Weazel

*Motion No. 2716 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic & Community Development Manager presented his report.

Report Approval

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

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

*Motion No. 2717 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 Daniel Weazel

*Motion No. 2718 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager presented his report.

Report Approval

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

Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

Motion No. 2719 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

HR & WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY

Digital Time Sheet Implementation and upgrade of Time Clock System

HR Recommends upgrading our time attendance and timesheet process to a standardized system implementing Aussie Timesheets across all council departments.

It was decided that HR consult with all staff and obtain their feedback before council considers this proposal.

Resolution

That HR consult and obtain feedback from all staff before council considers implementation of a new time clock system.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2720 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

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

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2721 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OPERATIONS DEPT REPORT

Operations Dept Manager's presented his report

CEO declared a Conflict of Interest and left meeting

CEO Vehicle

Operations Manager recommends replacing CEO vehicle with a new vehicle.

It was considered inappropriate to purchase a new vehicle for the CEO. Council will consider a new 4WD for the Mayor, that would serve as an extra vehicle on the community for Local Disaster Management, and for Councillors and CEO travel.

Report Approval

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that the Operations Dept Report be adopted.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2722 Carried

For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

12.30pm Meeting Adjourned for lunch

12.48pm Meeting recommenced

12.48am Economic & Community Development Manager entered meeting

Economic Development Plan 2024 - 2029

The Economic & Community Development Manager is seeking endorsement for the Economic Development Plan 2024-2029.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the Economic Development Plan 2024 - 2029.

Moved: Cr Tom Langton

Seconded: Cr Gordon Wragge

Motion No. 2723 Carried

For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

1.10pm Economic & Community Development Manager Left Meeting

1.10pm *Presentation by Brett De Chastel – 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*
1.40pm *Presentation ended*

CORRESPONDENCE

Ration Shed

The Ration Shed has made a request that Council funds the repairs and installation of Crim Safe to the windows of the Elders Room. The windows are continually being smashed.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council has agreed to fund ½ of the cost of installation of Crim Safet to the Elders Room.

Resolution

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to fund half of the cost to install Crim Safe to the Ration Shed's Elders Room.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2724 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Wellbeing Indigenous Co.

Fred Cobbo from Cherbourg Wellbeing Indigenous Co is Seeking permission to paint a mural around the community during the school holidays with the children. 3 Sites have been identified for the mural.

Resolution

that Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council approves Cherbourg Wellbeing Co's proposal to paint a mural on an identified site with children during the school holidays.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher

Motion No. 2725 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Inc.

CAJRL is seeking financial support to host the Pre-Season Rugby League Community Games between the Mens and Womens Cherbourg Hornets and Brisbane Natives for the Gymore Schield and a Club Challenge between the A-Grade Murgon Mustangs and Maryborough Wallaroos team.

The request was denied as there is no budget to support the CAJRL Community Games.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council unable to support the CAJRL as there is not budget to support CAJRL Community Games.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2726 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Steven Pasene

Steven from Cherbourg Youth Justice has requested Council fund the purchase of 3 Outrigger Canoes for Cherbourg's First Indigenous Outrigger Canoe Club. Cost is \$10, 000

Council is unable to assist at this time as there is no budget to support.

Resolution

That council is unable to assist the outrigger canoe club as there is no budget to purchase 3 outrigger canoes.

Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2727 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Rotary Satellite Club of Kingaroy Sunrise

Invitation to nominate an employee in the Pride of Workmanship Award Scheme.
Nominations close on 30 March 2025.

Deputy Premier

Seeking feedback on whether a review or amendment of the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan 2023 (WBBRP) is warranted and if so what sections of the regional plan should be updated.

Council agrees that a review to update the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan is required.

Old Family & Child Commission

Info. Qld new Child Safe Organisations Act

2.11pm meeting closed

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Executive Assistant - Emma Turagamivalu*

*9.30am Mayor Opened Meeting
Welcome to Country – Cr Gordon Wragge
Sorry Business – 1 Minute Silence*

Leave of Absence – Cr Daniel Weazel

Cr Daniel Weazel requested a leave of absence.

Resolution

That Council resolves to grant a leave of absence to Cr Daniel Weazel because of cultural reasons.

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

*Motion No. 2728 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously*

9.35am Shannon Lemanski & John – Aqua Ubique entered meeting

Shannon demonstrated the Aqua Ubique a water dispenser that produces water from air technology to provide sustainable quality water. They have replaced two water towers at Kingaroy CRP after successful trials.

Council has decided to trial an Aqua Ubique water tower in the council office before it consider replacing the current water dispensers.

*9.54am Cr Tom Langton entered meeting
9.57am Shannon Lemanski & John – Aqua Ubique left meeting*

New Zealand Advocacy Invitational Trip

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Cost of the trip is Approximately \$2000.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council approves the Mayor's New Zealand Advocacy Invitational Trip and will cover costs.

Moved: Cr Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2729 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

10.40am Revina Waldren,- Murri Ministries, Joanne McKoy - Catholic Archdiocese
Eric Catholic Church entered meeting

Ravina updated Council on the status of the Cherbourg Catholic Church in regards to maintenance and renovations required at the local Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is seeking a stronger presence on the community to assist and support. Jodi Carlo is the assigned Catholic Worker on the community.

Ravina asked how the Catholic Archdiocese could assist in Truth Telling- what role does council want the church to play. They are currently assisting in Truth Telling with the Brisbane Indigenous Community.

11.00am Revina Waldren,- Murri Ministries, Joanne McKoy - Catholic Archdiocese
Eric Catholic Church left meeting

11.00am TEAMS LINK UP - Dianne Stewart & Chris Young LGAQ

Dianne & Chris presented an overview of the LGAQ Sustainability Framework.

12.45 am TEAMS LINK UP - Concluded

12.00 pm Meeting adjourned for lunch
1.00pm meeting recommenced

Next Meeting

Council's next Monthly Meeting is on 16 & 17 April 2025.

1.12pm meeting closed

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