Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Budget Meeting

1 July 2026

MINUTES

BUDGET MEETING

HELD ON 1 JULY 2026

Attendance

Mayor Bruce Simpson
Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Cr Tom Langton
Cr Daniel Weazel

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

Sean Nichaolson
Matt Bock
Warren Collins
Wawida Collins
Koby Douglas
Dol Ranabhat

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

2026-2027 Annual Budget & Long-Term Financial Plan (2027-2036)

Mayor thanked Finance Staff for the excellent work done to produce the budget. He then presented the Budget Highlights.

9.40am ***Cr Carla Fisher entered meeting***

Council Finance Manager then presented the Budget.

2026-2027 Annual Budget & Long-Term Financial Plan (2027-2036)

Resolution

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

That Council adopts the

1. Mayor's Budget Summary on the 2026/2027 Budget in Attachment 1.

2. Statement of Estimated Financial Position

- *in accordance with section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position as at 30 June 2026 (Attachment 2)*

3. the Investment Policy (Attachment 3).

4. Revenue Policy (Attachment 4.)

5. Debt Policy (Attachment 5)

6. Fees & Charges – 2026/2027 Schedule of Fees and Charges (Attachment 6)

7. Utility Charges – in accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 will make and levy the utility charges for

(a) Water
(b) Sewerage Charges
(c) Waste Management

And council notes the total value of the change in utility charges levied in 2026/2027 and the 2026/2027 Budget is 5.0%.

8. Rates Payment Dates – in accordance with section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that all rates fand charges shall be due and payable within 31 days of the issue of the rates notice.

9. Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges – in accordance with section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, apply an interest rate of 12.00% per annum, compounded daily on all overdue rates and charges, from the date the rates and charges become overdue.

10. Revenue Statement – 2026/2027 (attachment 7)

11. 2026/2027 Budget Documents - pursuant to Sections 169, 170, and 171 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Budget for the financial year 2026/2027 and the Long-Term Financial Forecast for the financial years 2026/2027 to 2035-36, as contained in the document entitled 2026/2027 Budget and Long Term Financial Forecast (Attachment 8), including the:

i. Statement of Income & Expenditure
ii. Statement of Financial Position
iii. Statement of Cash Flows
iv. Statement of Changes in Equity
v. Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability

12. ***Other Budget Related Documents – the following related documents as outlined in (Attachment 8)***

    i. ***2026/2027 Operating Budget Overview by Department and***
    ii. ***2026/2027 Capital budget Listing***

Carried unanimously

Operation Plan 2026-2027

Each Manager presented the Operation Plan 2026/2027

Resolution

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

That Council adopts the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Operational Plan 2026/2027.

Carried unanimously

11.30am ***Entered Meeting - Dr Nia Emmanouil - Principal Legal Officer – Barrister***
- Stephanie
- Jeff Cameron

Dr Nia & Team are from Justice Qld – Qld Law Reform Commission and thanked Cherbourg leaders and community organisations for meeting in 2025 about its reviews of certain criminal defences and non-fatal strangulation. The final reports, recommendations, and Diana's Story are now public. The Commission is now reviewing Queensland's evidence law and wants to speak with Cherbourg leaders and community organisations about community experiences with giving or supporting evidence in court, especially where evidence relates to Country, culture, ceremony, stories, art, or sacred knowledge.

11.30am ***Left Meeting - Dr Nia Emmanouil - Principal Legal Officer – Barrister***
- Stephanie
- Jeff Cameron

12.06pm ***Meeting Closed***