Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Council Meeting 16 & 17 July 2025

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 16 & 17 JULY 2025

Attendance

Mayor Bruce Simpson
Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Cr Carla Fisher
Cr Tom Langton

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

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

Leave of Absence – Cr Daniel Weazel

Cr Daniel Weazel has made a request for Leave of Absence from Council Meeting 16 & 17 July due to Cultural Reasons.

Resolution

Council resolves to grant a Leave of Absence to Cr Daniel Weazel for council meeting 16 & 17 July 2025 due to Cultural Reasons .

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

Motion No. 2785 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 it adopts the minutes of the:-

1. ***Council Meeting held on 18 & 19 June 2025***
2. ***Budget Meeting held on 30 June 2025***

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

Motion No. 2786 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

CEO presented his report

Operational Plan

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's Operational Plan 2025/2026 has been submitted for information and adoption.

Resolution

Council resolves that

1. ***It Adopts the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Operation Plan 2025/2026***
2. ***The CEO reports quarterly on the progress of the Operation Plan to council***

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

Motion No. 2787 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Indigenous Land Use Agreement Update

The State has sought a quote for the ILUA negotiations to recommence from QSNTS (lawyers for the Wakka Wakka Native Title Aboriginal Corporation) – Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC). It has also sought RNTBC position on the outstanding ILUA threshold issues raised by Council and the State, mainly in relation to compensation.

The State is unable to commit to a full ILUA budget when the position of the RNTBC and QSNTS is unknown. CEO has requested QSNTS provide a separate budget to hold a meeting/s to discuss and hopefully resolve the outstanding ILUA threshold issues.

Resolution

Council resolves that it:-

- ***A. Waits for Queensland Government to obtain the cost for both the ILUA and initial meetings with Wakka Wakka PBC***
- ***B. Organise the initial meeting with PBC to explain the benefits of the ILUA to our community including all the housing and community projects***

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

Motion No. 2788 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

LGM Assets Membership 2025-2026 Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Insurance

Approval sought for endorsement of our insurance invoice for 2025/2026, which includes insurance covers for all of our houses, council buildings, and the motor vehicle and plant fleet.

Resolution

Council resolves that it:-

- ***A. Endorses the insurance policies including Property, Motor Vehicle and Cyber and Crime liability cover.***
- ***B. Approves the payment of the invoices - $532,407-73. It requires Council endorsement as the payment is more than $200,000 as per our Procurement Policy.***

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

Motion No. 2789 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Elders Advisory Group – Minutes

The minutes of the Elders Advisory Group Meeting held on Wednesday 25 June 2025 has been submitted for council approval.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the e minutes of the Elders Advisory Group Meeting held on 25 June 2025.

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

Motion No. 2790 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Elders Advisory Group

Funding for the Elders Advisory Group has ceased. Council decided that it will continue the Elders Advisory Group and will pay the sitting fees whilst it seeks funding for the group to continue.

Resolution

Council resolves that it

- ***A. seeks funding for the continuation of the Elders Advisory Group***
- ***B. pays Elders Advisory Group sitting fees whilst funding is sought***

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

Motion No. 2791 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the CEO's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2792 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Manager presented his report.

Resolution

Council resolves that the Finance Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2793 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORPORTATE SERVICES REPORT

The CEO presented the Corporate Services Report.

Resolution

Council resolves that the Corporate Services Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2794 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Synthropic Farm Proposal

Community Services Manager is seeking Council endorsement for the Syntropic Agroforestry Project to be established at council's property at 2 Murgon Road – former aquaponic site utilising the land and existing structure as a nursery.

Resolution

that Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the utilization of land and structures at 2 Murgon Road to establish the Synthropic Farm Project.

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

Motion No. 2795 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Community Services Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2796 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OPERATION DEPT REPORT

The Operation Manager presented his report.

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Operation Dept Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2797 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Economic & Community Development Manager presented his report

Report Approval

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

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

Motion No. 2798 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor presented his report.
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Mayors Remuneration

Mayor has inquired about the Mayors Remuneration, if it is adequate for work involved in this position.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO investigates Mayors Remuneration with Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

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

Motion No. 2799 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report approval

Council resolves that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2800 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

Fred Cobbo

Name suggestion for the footbridge on the new footpath leading to the turtles.

Council thanks Fred for his suggestion and will take into consideration once the footpath is completed.

Errol Neil

The Yarrabah Elders/Youth Dancers will be passing through our area on route to Sydney and central west Brokenhill.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council is unable to assist financially due to financial constraints, however council can provide accommodation at the Sports Complex and a BBQ.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League

Seeking financial sponsorship for the 2025 Rugby League Year.

Council has agreed to sponsor the Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Club $5000 (Bronze Sponsorship) for the 2025 Rugby League Year.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council sponsors the Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Club $5000 (Bronze Sponsorship) for the 2025 Rugby League Season.

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

Motion No. 2801 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

DG Dept Women ATSI Partnership & Multiculturalism

Advising that Natalie Wilde is the Director-General of the Department of Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships and Multiculturalism.

Robert Cedar

Robert is advising that he has completed his work with the Discrete Community Work Camp Project and has thanked Council for its assistance with the project during this period.

Dept State Dev, Infrastructure & Planning

WBB Regional Plan Review Update

Dept Local Govt Grants Commission

Advice – Estimated FAG Grant entitlement for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

Draft Motion for LGAQ Annual Conference 2025 *– Health Equity and Culturally Appropriate Service Delivery for First Nations Communities.*

To be sent to LGAQ Motions upload for attention

John Smith Gumbula

Follow up of Expression of Interest – Indigenous Businesses Inclusion Cherbourg Community Infrastructure Developments/Initiatives Indigenous Housing/Renewable Energy/Water Technology

Darrie Lea

Seeking financial contribution of $1500 for late Lillian Davidson's burial expenses.

Council does not assist with community burial expenses.

1.39 pm Meeting Closed

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Attendance

Mayor Bruce Simpson
Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Cr Tom Langton

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

9.32am ***Mayor Opened Meeting***
Prayer – Paster Max Conlon
Welcome to Country – Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Sorry Business – 1 Minutes Silence

9.37am ***Cr Carla Fisher entered meeting***

9.39am ***Entered Meeting - Burrundi***
Theresa Bower (Director)
Kali Marnane

Andrew Beckett
Kara Clarke
Bruce McLoud

Theresa gave a brief overview of the "Cherbourg Built Form Design Principles" and presented the Cherbourg Community Engagement Report July 2025 to council.

She also sought Council feedback on the Housing Report.

10.17am ***Left Meeting*** ***Burrundi***
Theresa Bower (Director)
Kali Marnane

Andrew Beckett
Kara Clarke
Bruce McLoud

10.17am ***Entered Meeting***

- ***Bushkids***
- ***Carlton Meyer (Bushkids CEO)***
- ***Susan Harrison (Director Clinical Services & Strategy)***
- ***Brooke Favier (Team Leader – Early Start Team)***

Carlton and his team presented Bushkids a program that works with regional, rural and remote communities to build the capacity of parents, families, carers, guardians and their communities to support children (up to 9 years of age) to develop to their best potential. Bushkids were visiting Cherbourg for a number of years and were operating their service out of Gundoo Daycare. Due to recent events at Gundoo Daycare Bushkids are seeking an alternate venue to meet their clients.

Council suggested the IKC might be available for Bushkids to continue their programs. Community Services Manager will check availability of IKC for Bushkids.

11.00am ***Left Meeting***

- ***Bushkids***
- ***Carlton Meyer (Bushkids CEO)***
  Susan Harrison (Director Clinical Services & Strategy)
  Brooke Favier (Team Leader – Early Start Team)

11.00am ***Entered Meeting***

- ***Bunya Mountains Aboriginal Corporation***
- ***Paul Dawson***
- ***Rhonda Sandow***

Rhonda provided an update – she is establishing a Bunya Rangers Women's Team and is in the initial process of engagement with relevant stakeholders.

Paul presented the Bunya Songlines Masterplanning - Community engagement and landscape design proposal for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (Muddy Flats and Cherbourg Weir areas). They are keen to partner with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council for a community led landscape design.

11.20am ***Left Meeting***

- ***Bunya Mountains Aboriginal Corporation***
- ***Paul Dawson***
- ***Rhonda Sandow***

11.20am	***Entered Meeting***	***- First Nations Home Ownership Team***
		- Jacob Mckenna (Director)
		- Ella Castley (Policy Officer)
		- Taleah McGrane
		- Zoe Nethery

Jacob and Team presented the First Nations Home Ownership Program and went through the process of home ownership for indigenous communities.

The response to homeownership in Cherbourg is low. The First Nations Home Ownership Team is willing to return to Cherbourg for more engagement with council and community.

12.30pm	***Left Meeting***	***- First Nations Home Ownership Team***
		- Jacob Mckenna (Director)
		- Ella Castley (Graduate Policy Officer)
		- Taleah McGrane (Graduate Policy Officer)
		- Zoe Nethery (Senior Project Officer)

12.30pm ***Meeting Adjourned for Lunch***
1.05pm ***Meeting Recommenced***

1.10pm	***Entered Meeting***	***- Orange Sky (Luke Miskennen)***
		- Council Operations Manager (Matt Bock)

Luke provided an update on Orange Sky's (Mobile Laundry Service) proposal for Cherbourg. It suggested that the most suitable option for Cherbourg was the Pod. Other considerations were Transport, Staffing and an appropriate site with access.

Council will seek a site for the Mobile Laundry Service that is appropriate for Community.

1.30pm	***Left Meeting***	***- Orange Sky (Luke Miskennen)***
		- Council Operations Manager (Matt Bock)

Next Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for 20 & 21 August 2025

1.30pm ***Meeting Closed***