

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Council Meeting 15 & 16 April 2026

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 15 & 16 APRIL 2026

Attendance

Mayor Bruce Simpson
Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Cr Tom Langton

Officers: ***CEO - Zala***
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs
Council Adviser – Brett De Chastel Via TEAMS

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

9.39am ***Cr Daniel Weazel entered meeting***

Councillor Obligations

Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in – Correspondence (Wondai Country Golf Club) as he a representative of the Wondi Country Golf Club.

Resolution

That council notes and accepts Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge's Declarable Conflict of Interest in Corres (Wondai Country Golf Club's application for sponsorship). Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge is a representative of the Wondai Golf Club).

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

Motion No. 2996 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

9.49am Cr Carla Fisher entered meeting

Minute Approval

Council resolves that the minutes of the council meeting held on 18 &19 March 2026 be adopted.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2997 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor presented his Report.

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Mayors Report be adopted.

Moved: Cr Carla Fisher
Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel

Motion No.2998 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The CEO presented his report

Operational Plan

The Operational Plan 2025/2026 – Quarter 3 Report January to March 2026 was presented for council approval. This report provides an update of progress of the Operational Plan for the third quarter 2025/2026 financial year. Reflecting the status of strategic goals, departmental objectives and key performance indicators. Also providing an overview of significant achievements, delays challenges, ensuring council is well-informed of ongoing initiatives and services.

Resolution

that Council notes and endorses Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Operational Plan 2025/2026 – Quarter Report (January to March 2026).

Moved: Cr Tom Langton
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge

Motion No. 2999 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Annual Review of landfill & STP

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council has made significant strides in improving its sewage treatment, waste management, and landfill operations. While challenges remain, particularly around infrastructure upgrades and the full implementation of management plans, the collaborative efforts between Council and ESSP are yielding positive results. It is essential that Council continues to prioritize environmental improvements and community engagement to ensure long-term sustainability and compliance with regulatory requirements.

This report is submitted for Council's review and approval, with the intention to move forward with the recommended actions to enhance Cherbourg's waste and sewage management systems.

Resolution

That Council;

review and approve the intention to move forward with the recommended actions to enhance Cherbourg's waste and sewage management systems.

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

Motion No. 3000 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Adoption of Updated Model Meeting Procedures

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of recent updates to the Model Meeting Procedures (MMP) and to recommend that the updated version be adopted for future meetings. These updates align with recent amendments to the Local Government Act 2009 (LGA), the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LGR), the City of Brisbane Act 2010 {COBA), and the City of Brisbane Regulation 2012 (COBR), particularly in response to the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026, which received assent on 11 March 2026.

The updated MMP is designed to improve the transparency, accountability, and efficiency of Council meetings, in alignment with local government principles. This report outlines the key amendments and provides a recommendation for Council's adoption of the updated MMP.

Purpose of the Model Meeting Procedures

The Model Meeting Procedures (MMP) are intended to ensure that local government meetings are conducted in a manner that reflects the values of good governance. These procedures provide a consistent framework for the conduct of:

Ordinary meetings Special meetings Standing committees Advisory committees

The procedures apply to all Council meetings, except for audit committee meetings, which are governed by separate guidelines.

The primary objectives of the MMP are:

To ensure fair and orderly conduct of meetings.

To reflect the principles of transparency, accountability, responsiveness, and inclusivity in local government processes. To set expectations for the roles of elected officials, staff, and members of the public in Council meetings.

Key Amendments to the Model Meeting Procedures

The MMP has been updated to reflect amendments made to the Local Government Act 2009 following the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026, particularly with respect to the role of the Chairperson and the Mayor's role as the official spokesperson on local government matters.

Resolution

that Council

A. ***Review and Adoption of the Updated MMP: Council is encouraged to formally adopt the updated Model Meeting Procedures, which reflect the new legislative changes.***

B. ***Update the Council website with updated Model Meeting Procedures (MMP}:***

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

Motion No. 3001 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Vacant Store Building

The Cherbourg Store building has recently been vacated by the previous tenant. A building inspection revealed significant structural issues that must be addressed before Council can make decisions on its future use. These issues include roof leaks, water damage, and other maintenance concerns that require immediate attention.

It is essential that the roofing works be completed before any decisions are made about the leasing or further use of the building. The roofing repairs will address the leaks, prevent further damage, and ensure the building is structurally safe for future use.

Council decided to delay the decision of the vacant Store Building Roof until more information regarding the usage of the building was obtained.

Resolution

That council delay the decision on the vacant Store Building Roof until more information is available regarding the usage of the building.

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

Motion No. 3002 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Proof of Aboriginality

Approval sought for Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge – to sign Proof of Aboriginality Forms when Mayor Bruce Simpson is unable to.

Resolution

That Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge be approved to sign Council's Proof of Aboriginality Forms when Mayor Bruce Simpson is unable to.

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

Motion No.3003 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 3004 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORPORTATE SERVICES REPORT & FINANCE

The Corporate Services Manager presented his Report.

Finance Report Resolution

Council resolves that the Finance Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 3005 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Corporate Services Report Approval

Council resolves that the Corporate Services Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 3006 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Hall Signage

New hall signage was presented to Council. Council approved the hall signage but wants a white owl included .

Resolution

that Council endorsed the Hall signage with the addition of a white owl.

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

Motion No. 3007 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

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

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

Motion No. 3008 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Community Services Manager presented her report.

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Community Services Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 3009 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OPERATON REPORT

Operation Manager presented his Report

Electric Vehicles

Operations Manager presented a proposal to transition Council Vehicle Fleet to Electric Vehicles (EVs)

This proposal recommends the staged transition of Council's light vehicle fleet from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs). The transition will deliver significant financial savings through lower fuel and maintenance costs, take advantage of Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) exemptions, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and demonstrate Council leadership in sustainability and innovation.

Analysis shows EVs can be charged for approximately ***$15–$20 per full charge****, delivering substantially lower running costs than petrol or diesel vehicles. When combined with reduced servicing costs and tax advantages, EVs represent a cost-effective and environmentally responsible fleet solution for Council.*

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Transitions It's Vehicle Fleet to Electric Vehicles (EVs) through a staged implementation process.

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

Motion No. 3010 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Operation Dept Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 3011 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

12.37pm ***Meeting adjourned for lunch***
1.09pm ***Meeting recommenced***

1.09am ***Presentation – Governance & Strategy by Brett De Chasstel***

Council Advisor presented Governance & Strategy.

1.39am ***Presentation Concluded***

CORRESPONDENCE

Carla Fisher

Advising that she will be stepping down as Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group due to additional commitments and increased family responsibilities.

Resolution

That Council accepts Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher's resignation from the Local Disaster Management Group and be replaced by Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge on the LDMG.

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

Motion No. 3012 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Bella Watcho

Bella was seeking funeral escort assistance for family members to attend the Late Lenore Georgetown's funeral. Assistance from Council was not required.

Barambah Local Justice Group

The BLJG is seeking office space for the next 2-3 years (donga premises located behind the radio station). They are prepared to pay a rental amount of $1000 per month and pay 2 years rent in advance.

BLJG will be invited to the next Council Meeting to discuss office space further.

Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge declared interest and left the meeting as he is a representative of the Wondai Country Golf Club

Wondai Golf Club

The Wondai Country Golf Club is seeking sponsorship for their inaugural Naidoc golf day. They are proposing to make the NAIDOC Golf Day an annual event.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council sponsor $500 to the Wondai Country Golf Club NAIDOC Golf Day.

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

Motion No. 3013 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge entered meeting

Selwyn Button

Info - Regional Insights for Indigenous Communities AIHW RIFIC
ATSI Affairs Qld Parliaments

Levi Joel Tamou

Levi has provided a briefing - Cherbourg x AMP
Corporate Partnership Opportunity
Food Security. Social Enterprise. One Community

Levi is seeking Council endorsement of the conversation – to introduce council to Stuart at AMP so that a dialogue can begin between Council and their Foundation team. He will facilitate the introduction and be present throughout the process.

Resolution

Council resolves that it

1. ***Endorses the introduction to AMP for dialogue between Council and their Foundation Team regarding a Corporate Partnership Opportunity (Food Security Social Enterprise. One Community.***

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

Motion No. 3014 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

LGAQ

Thank you letter for CEO Zala's contribution to the LGAQ 2026 Civic Leaders Summit – Productive Workforce Panel

2.02pm ***Meeting Closed***

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Cr Tom Langton
Cr Daniel Weazel

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

9.33am ***Mayor opened meeting***
Welcome to Country – Cr Daniel Weazel
Sorry Business – 1 Mins Silence

9.36am ***Entered Meeting*** ***YAG Bush School***
- ***Neal Simpson***
- ***Bob Davidson***
- ***Scott***
- ***Julian Saltner***

Scott explained the Cherbourg Food Security Strategy – a Program to create food security while regenerating country. Teaching skills along the way, creating employment and purpose, engaging the asset of youth to direct vital energy towards the wellbeing of all via the creation of impactful roles. Passing knowledge and wisdom to build leaders of tomorrow. There is potential to provide much more produce for the community

9.40am ***Entered Meeting*** ***- Edwina Stewart & Wawida Collins***

Bob added that this was the foundation that they were building for future generations here on Cherbourg. To be self-sustainable was the goal.

9.53am ***Cr Carla Fisher entered meeting***

Edwina added that the YAG Bush School needed more promotion to foster more community inclusion. Will be looking at encouraging school and other interested groups to participate.

10.05am ***Left Meeting*** ***YAG Bush School***
- ***Neal Simpson***
- ***Bob Davidson***
- ***Scott***
- ***Julian Saltner***

10.09am Michael Salbro entered meeting

Michael is a Representative from ADA- Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia (ADA Australia) is a not-for-profit, independent, community based advocacy and education service in supporting and improving the well being of older people and people with disability.

They provide advocacy services to older people and people with disability in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities across Queensland. The services are free, confidential and client focused.

Michael advised that he jumped at the chance to provide a liaison with Cherbourg. ADA Will be employing 2 positions in Cherbourg to assist with support and provide awareness and referral for clients on NDIS.

Council welcomed Michael and ADA as there are many residents on NDIS Packages that are not receiving full services or are aware of necessary support.

10.30am Michael left meeting

10.41am Colin Fewquandie entered meeting

Colin advised that he has applied for a Plant Operator, Farm position and got no reply, no response. He gave a history of his employment and that he had many certificates in heavy machinery and trucks.

10.55am Colin Fewquandie left meeting

10.55am Entered Meeting

- ***Dol Ranabhat***
- ***Sean Nicholson***
- ***Matt Bock***
- ***Warren Collins***
- ***Anne Maree Walsh***
- ***Koby Douglas***

<u>Amended 2025/2026 Annual Budget & Long Term Financial Plan</u>

Dol presented the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Amended 2025-2026 Annual Budget & Long-Term Financial Plan for council approval.

<u>Resolution</u>

That Council endorse the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Amended 2025-2026 Annual Budget & Long-Term Financial Plan.

Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 3015 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Uniform Policy

Anne-Maree presented the Council Uniform Policy.

It is proposed that Council Employees receive

- *3 Shirts*
- *1 new shirt every year*
- *Effective from July 2026*

Koby made a presentation with sample employee shirts.

Resolution

that council endorses the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Uniform Policy which includes;

- ***3 Shirts***
- ***1 new shirt each year***
- ***Effective from 1 July 2026***

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

Motion No. 3016 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

11.50pm ***Left Meeting***

- ***Dol Ranabhat***
- ***Sean Nicholson***
- ***Matt Bock***
- ***Warren Collins***
- ***Anne Maree Walsh***
- ***Koby Douglas***

11.53am ***Meeting closed***