Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Council Meeting 17 September 2026

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Attendance

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

Apologies ***Cr Carla Fisher***

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

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

Leave of Absence – Cr Carla Fisher

Cr Carla Fisher has requested a Leave of Absence from the council meeting held on 17 September 2026 due to medical reasons.

Resolution

That Council grants Cr Carla Fisher a leave of absence from the Council Meeting held on 17 September 2026 for medical reasons.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 3140 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Councillor Obligations

Material personal interest

Cr Tom Langton – Murri Watch CEO Ken Georgetown is his brother.

Cr Tom Langton - Cherbourg Police Rangers – Cr Tom Langton serves as a PLO Assistant with the Cherbourg Police Rangers.

Resolution

Council accepts Cr Tom Langton's declaration of a material personal interest in relation to Murri Watch and the Cherbourg Police Rangers, noting that Murri Watch CEO Ken Georgetown is Cr Langton's brother and that Cr Langton serves as the Police Liaison Officer Assistant with the Cherbourg Police Rangers.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 3141 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Minute Approval

Council resolves that the minutes of the council meeting held on 20 August 2026 be adopted.

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

Motion No. 3142 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor presented his Report.

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 3143 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CHIEF EXECUTUVE OFFICER

CEO presented his report

1. LGAQ Website Management Services for our Council:

Council's approval sought to proceed with LGAQ's Website Management Services. The proposal will provide Council with a new website on the Granicus Open Cities platform, supported and managed through LGAQ, rather than continuing with the existing WordPress website arrangement.

Resolution

That Council:

1. ***Approve proceeding with LGAQ Website Management Services and the implementation of the Granicus Open Cities platform as Council's corporate website;***

2. ***Approve the initial implementation expenditure of $13,391.82 excluding GST;***

3. ***Approve the ongoing annual subscription expenditure of $16,337 excluding GST, noting that future annual pricing will be determined by LGAQ and is not necessarily limited to CPI increases;***

4. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise implementation arrangements with LGAQ, including migration requirements, existing functionality, URL/SEO redirects, administrator access, design and branding requirements, and Council's ability to export its content in future.***

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

Motion No. 3144 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

2. 2027 Council Meeting Dates including both Ordinary Council meetings and Floater meetings:

The 2027 Meeting dates were submitted for council endorsement.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Meeting Dates for 2027		
Month	***Floater Meeting***	***Ordinary - Monthly Meeting***
January	***January 6,*** *2027*	***January 21,*** *2027*
February	***February 3,*** *2027*	***February 18,*** *2027*
March	***March 3,*** *2027*	***March 18****, 2027*
April	***April 7****, 2027*	***April 15,*** *2027*
May	***May 5,*** *2027*	***May 20,*** *2027*
June	***June 2****, 2027*	***June 17****, 2027*
July	***July 7,*** *2027*	***July 15****, 2027*
August	***August 4,*** *2027*	***August 19,*** *2027*
September	***September 1****, 2027*	***September 16****, 2027*
October	***October 6****, 2027*	***October 14****, 2027*
November	***November 3****, 2027*	***November 18,*** *2027*
December	***December 1****, 2027*	***December 16,*** *2027*

Resolution

That Council

1. ***Adopt the 2027 Ordinary Council Meeting dates as listed in this report;***

2. ***Note the proposed 2027 floater meeting dates for additional meetings where required; and***

3. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the required public notification of the adopted meeting dates in accordance with the Local Government***

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

Motion No. 3145 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

3 : Memorandum of Understanding with The University of Queensland

Council is asked to endorse a Memorandum of Understanding with The University of Queensland to formalise the relationship between the two organisations.

The MOU will provide a framework for Council and UQ to work together on agreed activities and initiatives that support shared priorities.

The partnership is intended to identify opportunities that may deliver long-term benefits for the Cherbourg community. It is recommended that Council approve the MOU and authorise the Mayor to sign it on behalf of Council.

Resolution

That Council:

1. ***Agree to enter into the proposed MOU with The University of Queensland and thank the University for partnering with Council on this initiative; and***

2. ***Authorise the Mayor to sign the MOU on behalf of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.***

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

Cr Tom Langton Motion No. 3146 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

4. Green Frog Vending - Proposed Vending Machine Locations

Council approval is sought for Green Frog Vending to install five vending machines across four Council-controlled sites.

Green Frog Vending is a 100% Aboriginal-owned business proposing to provide vending services in Cherbourg. In addition to vending services, the machines would display community information, health messages, local events and promotional material.

Each vending machine will be professionally wrapped with Council-approved artwork, branding and community messaging to support a consistent local presentation.

The proposed vending machine locations are:

Council Site	
Council Chambers	*1*
Works Depot	*2*
Recycling Facilities	*1*
Sports Complex 1	
Total Number of Machines	*5*

The Works Depot is proposed to have two machines due to the number of staff and operational activity at the site.

Resolution

That Council:

1. ***Approve the installation of five Green Frog Vending machines across four Council sites, being:***
2. ***Council Chambers - one machine; Works Depot - two machines; Recycling Facilities - one machine; and Sports Complex - one machine.***
3. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the Site Agreement with Green Frog Vending; and***
4. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to coordinate the installation, branding, site access and operational arrangements with Green Frog Vending.***

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

Motion No. 3147 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

1. *ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre - Al and Future Water Systems: Cherbourg council partnerships*

Council was invited to participate as a partner in the proposed ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre focused on Artificial Intelligence and future water systems.

The proposed Centre would bring together universities, water utilities and industry partners to develop practical AI applications and provide training for water operators, technical staff and managers. For Cherbourg, the project may support improved water quality interpretation, treatment and maintenance decision-making, cybersecurity and staff capability.

Council's participation would be through in-kind support, including staff time, operational input and participation in agreed site visits or local case studies. No direct financial contribution is proposed at this stage, and any future financial commitment would be subject to further Council approval.

Resolution

That Council:

- ***Approve Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council participating as a partner in the proposed ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre focused on Al and the future of water systems; and***

- ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to progress Council's participation and liaise with the project partners.***

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

Motion No. 3148 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

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

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 3149 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

R U OK March

Notice – R U OK March Details. – March is on 17 September 2026.

Jamie-Lee Wiley

Jamie is seeking council endorsement of her Confirmation of Aboriginality Form.
Approved

Resolution

Council resolves that it acknowledges Jamie-Lee Wiley's Aboriginality.

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

Motion No. 3150 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Sporting Assistance

Jamie-Lee Wiley submitted a Sporting Assistance Application seeking support for her son, Jeremiah, following his selection to compete in the 13–19 Track and Field State Championships in Brisbane from 15 to 18 October 2026.

Resolution

That Council approve Jamie-Lee Wiley's application and allocate $200 for Jeremiah to compete in the 13–19 Track and Field State Championships in Brisbane from 15 to 18 October 2026.

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

Motion No. 3151 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Joy

Suggestions on providing areas for alcohol parties in the community

Cr Tom Langton declared interest and left meeting

Murri Watch - Ken Georgetown is Cr Tom Langton's Brother
Qld Police Service – Cr Tom Langton is the PLO Assistant to the Cherbourg Police Rangers

Murri Watch Ken Georgetown

Ken has expressed Murri Watch's disappointment that council has decided to not continue with the Cherbourg Youth Hub.

Noted

Qld Police Service

Request for use of a bus for the Cherbourg Police Rangers.

Approved

Resolution

that Council organises a bus for the Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers for outings to the local Murgon Pool.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 3152 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cr Tom Langton Entered meeting

CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate Services Manager Presented his Report

Finance Report

Finance Officer presented the Finance Report.

HR Report

HR Officer presented her Report

The People, Safety and Compliance Team has continued progressing WHS compliance actions, policy reviews, workforce development initiatives and recruitment activities. Key priorities include implementation of the Drug and Alcohol Management Framework, consolidation of the WHS Management System, Blue Card compliance activities, workforce planning initiatives and support for the Cherbourg Careers Expo.

Council endorsement is sought for the Drug and Alcohol Management Policy and Procedure, senior management position renaming proposal and Green Frog Vending Agreement.

The following were submitted for Council review and endorsement.

Drug and Alcohol Management Procedure

The Drug and Alcohol Management Policy and Procedure Policy was presented for council endorsement.

Resolution

That council resolves to endorse the Drug & Alcohol Management Policy and Procedure Policy.

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

Motion No. 3153 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Snr Management Position Titles

Request for Resolution to Review and Amend Senior Management Position Titles

The purpose of this proposal is to provide a clearer distinction between management-level positions and executive leadership positions within the organisation.

The adoption of the title Director for executive-level positions would:

- *Clearly delineate executive leadership roles from operational management roles.*
- *Better reflect the strategic responsibilities, authority, and accountability of senior executives.*
- *Improve organisational clarity for employees, Councillors, external stakeholders, government agencies, and community members.*
- *Align Council's executive structure with the terminology commonly utilised across local government organisations and other public sector entities.*
- *Support improved governance, reporting lines, and organisational understanding of executive decision-making responsibilities.*

Resolution

That Council endorses, in principle, the adoption of the title "Director" for executive-level positions.

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

Motion No. 3154 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Green Frog Vending Agreement

Endorsement sought for the submitted Green Frog Vending Agreement.

Resolution

That Cherbourg endorses the Green Frog Vending Agreement.

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 3155 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

That Council adopts the Corporate Report.

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

Motion No. 3156 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic & Community Development Manager presented his report.

Cherbourg Café

3 applications have been submitted for the Cherbourg Cafe Premises

1. Hope and Future Project
2. Averil Gray
3. Cherbourg Hornets

Council has requested further information before making a final decision on the Cherbourg Café.

Building Report

25 Broadway St- Lot 2/SP357153

New dwelling building work assessment against the relevant benchmark P1 of Queensland Development Code MP 1.2- Design and Siting Standard for Single Detached Housing- on Lots 450sqm and over, triggers a requirement to vary the front setback requirements due to encroachment-see attached appendix A - Referral Agency Application PA26-21307 in section 10. Appendices

Resolution

That Council seek a variation to the assessment benchmark P1 of Queensland Development Code MP 1.2- Design and Siting Standard for Single Detached Housing- on Lots 450sqm and over, approving the reduction in front setback from 6 metres to 5 metres for the proposed new dwelling at 25 Broadway St Cherbourg.

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

Motion No. 3157 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

9 Bell Street – Lot 1/SP357153

A building work assessment for the proposed new dwelling has been undertaken against the relevant benchmarks P1 and P2 of the Queensland Development Code MP 1.2 – Design and Siting Standard for Single Detached Housing on lots 450sqm and over. The assessment identifies a requirement to vary the front and rear setback provisions due to the proposed encroachment. Refer to Appendix B – Referral Agency Application PA26-21308, included in Section 10: Appendices.

Resolution

That Council seeks a variation to the assessment benchmarks P1 and P2 of the Queensland Development Code MP 1.2 – Design and Siting Standard for Single Detached Housing on lots 450sqm and over and approves the reduction of the front setback from 6 metres to 4.9 metres and the rear setback from 1.5 metres to 1.482 metres for the proposed new dwelling at 9 Bell Street, Cherbourg.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 3158 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

23 Broadway Street

Refurbishment Option

An engineering report prepared by Engineers Plus has confirmed the structural adequacy of the existing concrete stumps and hardwood sub-floor. This supports the option of refurbishing the upper dwelling elements.

A comprehensive costing exercise has been completed for the following scope of works:

Following completion, the dwelling is expected to provide a further 50-year design life, with amenity and running costs comparable to a new home.

Subject to funding approval from First Nations Housing and Homelessness, the refurbishment is expected to be achievable within a timeframe of more than six months, at an estimated cost of $934,525.51 excluding GST.

Demolition and Future Rebuild Option

If demolition is pursued, support would be required from First Nations Housing and Homelessness to include 23 Broadway Street in the current Strategic Capital Delivery Plan.
Demolition works could be completed within a period of less than six months.
Given Council's current construction commitments, the site is likely to remain vacant for at least two years before a rebuild could commence.

The estimated total cost for demolition, disposal fees, site preparation and construction of a new four-bedroom CBFDP brick veneer dwelling in 2028 is approximately $1.5 million to $1.6 million.

Council consideration is required for the options of refurbishment vs demolition/rebuild to inform FNHH of Councils preference.

Resolution

That Council resolves to demolish the existing dwelling at 23 Broadway Street and construct a new four-bedroom dwelling.

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

Motion No. 3159 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

10 Cobbo Street

Due to site constraints of an existing over height non-structural retaining wall & no driveable access the only workable option to deliver a SCU is to use a transportable building.

The Building Dept. has worked with a local supplier with remote capital delivery experience Asset Cabins to design a 2 bed SCU that incorporates the Cherbourg Built Form Design Principles plus all accessibility, durability, security, & maintenance minimizing features equivalent to our current brick veneer construction projects.

This solution differs substantial from State Government MMC housing.

Resolution

Council resolves to endorse the concept design version 2- 30.07.2026 from Asset Cabins & approves submission to FNHH for formal design review.

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

Motion No. 3160 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

5. QuickStart Demolition & Rebuild Sites

3a/b Oak Ave

The Building Dept. has worked with our design team & prepared the concept design for a 2-bed duplex attached as appendix D at section 1O. Appendices and snips below:

2 Bedroom Platnum Standard

That Council endorses the August 26 3a/b Oak Ave concept designs Platinum Standard from Bark Architects & approves the Building Dept. advancing the design to construction stage plans for submission to FNHH for formal design review

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

Motion No. 3161 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

3 Jerome

The Building Dept. has worked with our design team & prepared the concept design for a 5-bed house attached as appendix E at section 10.

Resolution

That Council endorse the August 26 3alb Oak Ave & 3 Jerome St concept designs from Bark Architects & approves the Building Dept. advancing the design to construction stage plans tor submission to FNHH for formal design review

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 3162 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

10/11 Jerome Street

10/11 Jerome St was identified as a priority site for demolition & rebuild under the Strategic Capital Plan. The existing houses were demolished earlier enabling rebuild on the sites. The Strategic Capital Plan identifies the site as an opportunity to provide 4x 2-bed platinum villa style accommodation for elders & community members with mobility issues. Council has indicated a preference to construct 2x 4-bed dwellings on the site.

Site Details:
11 Jerome St -1049m2 10 Jerome St- 845m2 Total-1894m2

Buildability:
4x 2bed villas - workable, but requires extensive variations to setbacks to achieve a good siting outcome & yard for 4 villas

2x 4-bed dwellings - workable, ideally requires reconfiguring of lots to achieve 2x 947m2 even size lots, yards, & street frontage for a professional outcome.

After deliberations council has decided to opt for the 2x4 bedroom houses.

Resolution

Council resolves to approve

- ***the building of 2x4 bedroom houses on 10 & 11 Jerome Street***
- ***a variation to the Strategic Capital Plan to include (2x4 Bedroom Houses- instead of the 4 x 2bed villas)***

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

Motion No. 3163 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

19-20 Barambah Ave

The commercial building at 19-20 Barambah Ave has a clerestory style roofing system installed that features inadequate box gutters with no overflow provision & some rust dilapidation present. The clerestory roofing system also encourages roosting of pigeons & other pest bird species under its upper eaves plus provides a vulnerable point of break & entry to the building through the upper windows

The clerestory roofing system is most likely a legacy design choice to enable good convection cooling to the spaces below but is not compatible with current energy efficient air handling equipment & commercial office/shop environments

In 2023/4 the box gutter overflowed into Lenas shop due to not having a compliant overflow system installed. The Building Dept. implemented emergency measures cutting in a rough overflow & cutting the blocked leg off the downpipe. The roof has not overflowed since but leaks via the rust holes are still present Limited W4Q funding is available to approach the problem

Resolution

That Council endorses Option 3,

- ***the current W4Q funding is sufficient to implement temporary repairs,***
- ***carry out structural assessment of the building for re-engineering of the upper structure,***
- ***plus all engagement & design work required.***

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 3164 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

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

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 3165 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Operations Manager Presented his Report

Report Approval

That Council resolves that the Operations Dept Report be adopted.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 3166 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

1.00am meeting adjourned for lunch
1.25pm meeting recommenced

1.30pm Presentation – Brett De Chastel
2.00pm Edwina Stewart & Wawida Collins

Edwina & Wawida presented a Community Agency Group update.

Edwina Stewart then presented the Community Services Report

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Community Services Report be adopted.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel

Motion No. 3167 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

2.20pm Edwina Stewart & Wawida Collins left meeting

CORRES CONT.

Rayden Quakwoot

Requesting the next Yarn Up Event in Cherbourg be on 23-24 February 2027.

Council agreed

Resolution

That the next Yarn Up Event be held in Cherbourg on 23-24 February 2027.

Moved: Cr Tom Langton
Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel

Motion No. 3168 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Hornets

Cherbourg Hornets is seeking council financial support to pay a bus invoice incurred by the club in sending supporters to the Womens Grand Final Match in Maryborough.

Following due consideration, Council resolved not to approve payment of the invoice. Council is of the view that meeting expenses on behalf of external organisations is not appropriate, as such action may establish a precedent for similar requests in the future.

LGAQ

LGAQ Digital Services and Granicus OpenCities Platform.

LGAQ Digital Services supports 51 Queensland councils to deliver modern, reliable and accessible websites and online services. Our offering continues to evolve with changing technology, community expectations and the growing need for councils to provide services online.
After deliberation council approved the LGAQ Digital Services and Granicus OpenCities Platform.

Wide Bay Burnett Resource Recovery MOU

The Wide Bay Burnett Resource Recovery – Memorandum of Understanding was presented for endorsement Between:

Bundaberg Regional Council
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
Fraser Coast Regional Council
Gympie Regional Council
North Burnett Regional Council
South Burnett Regional Council

Resolution

That Council endorse the The Wide Bay Burnett Resource Recovery – Memorandum of Understanding Between:

Bundaberg Regional Council
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
Fraser Coast Regional Council
Gympie Regional Council
North Burnett Regional Council
South Burnett Regional Council

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 3169 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

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Kate Wharton

NBN Update

Minister State Dev, Infrastructure, Planning & Industrial Relations

LG Remuneration Commission

State Government

Qld Government – Grants Commission

Grants Commission Deputations at LGAQ Conference 2026

LGAQ

Young Councillor Cohorts attendance at the 2026 LGAQ conference

Uni Qld

Thank you letter from Professor Deborah Terry AC – Vice Chancellor and President Uni Qld for warm welcome and generosity shown during their visit to Cherbourg.
Noted

LGAQ

Voting entitlements for LGAQ Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting.

Delegate Voting Entitlements

Council agreed that Mayor Simpson and Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge will be Council's voting delegates at the 2026 LGAQ Annual General Meeting and Conference.

Resolution

That council appoints Mayor Bruce Simpson and Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge as their voting delegates at the 2026 LGAQ Annual General Meeting and Conference.

Moved: Cr Tom Langton
Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel

Motion No. 3170 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

2.35pm meeting closed