Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Council Meeting 15 & 16 October 2025

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 15 & 16 OCTOBER 2025

Attendance

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

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

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

Leave of Absence – Cr Carla Fisher

Cr Carla Fisher has made a request for Leave of Absence from Council Meeting on 15 & 16 October 2025 due to parenting duties.

Resolution

Council resolves to grant a Leave of Absence to Cr Carla Fisher from council meeting 15 & 16 October 2025 due to parenting duties.

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

Motion No. 2856 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Councillor Obligations

Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflict of Interest

Nil

Register of Interest

Nil

Conflict of Interest – Cr Tom Langton

Cr Tom Langton has advised of a Conflict of Interest for upcoming Correspondence from Murri Watch as his brother Kenny Georgetown is employed by Murri Watch.

Resolution

That Council accepts Cr Tom Langton's declaration of conflict of interest for the Cherbourg Youth Hub Correspondence – as Cr Tom Langton's brother Kenny Georgwtown is employed by Murri Watch.

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

Motion No. 2857 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Memorial Pound - New Name

This was originally endorsed by Council to be named after Steven Hill. Unfortunately, his family is not in agreement and has asked that the pound not be named after Steven.

Council respected the family's decision and after discussion Council has decided to name the pound "The Cherbourg Memorial Animal Pound".

Resolution

That council name the animal pound "The Cherbourg Memorial Animal Pound".

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

Motion No. 2858 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Minute Approval

Council resolves that the minutes of the council meeting held on 17 & 18 September be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2859 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

MAYORS REPORT

UQ Research Ethics

Mayor has been working with University of Queensland to develop a Cherbourg Ethics/Research Protocol. Council to oversee and manage research that occurs in Cherbourg. All external research that occurs within the Cherbourg community will need to come through the Cherbourg Ethics/Research Council.

A draft Cherbourg Ethics/Research Council has been submitted for Council endorsement.

Council approved the Cherbourg Ethics/Research Council

Resolution

That council endorses the Cherbourg Ethics/Research Council, which provides a proposed approach for the Establishment of the Ethics/Research Council. It outlines the proposed process to oversee and manage the research process.

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

Motion No. 2860 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2861 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The CEO presented his report

Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Update

Council resolves that it receive and note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on 25 September 2025.

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

Motion No. 2862 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Council Audit 2024/2025 Management Report

CEO presented the Council Audit 2024/2025 Audit Management Report

Resolution

Council resolves that

A. ***Council Endorses the Audit management closing report for 2024/2025 Audit***
B. ***CEO and Finance manager implement the recommendations by QAO on three raised deficiencies.***
C. ***Council endorses the receipt of Audited financial statements 2024/2025.***

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

Motion No. 2863 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Christmas Gift Cards for Council Employees

Council has agreed to issue $100 IGA gift cards to all council employees, including casual and part-time staff, as a gesture of appreciation for their hard work and dedication. Card can be obtained locally from Murgon IGA, supporting our employees and local business community.

Resolution

Council resolves

1. ***That Council approves the distribution of $100 IGA gift cards to all council employees, including casual and part-time staff, as a Christmas gift in recognition of their contributions in 2025.***

2. ***That the gift cards be distributed in mid-December 2025, allowing employees to use them during the holiday season.***

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

Motion No. 2864 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

10.30am Brett De Chastel entered meeting via TEAMS

Brett was asked to present the Corporate Plan

After Brett presented the Corporate Plan, council endorsed it

Corporate Plan 2025-2026

Resolution

That in relation to the Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Council;

A. ***Adopt the new Corporate Plan pursuant to section 165 of the Local Government Regulation as the basis for its long-term planning for Cherbourg and the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council***

B. ***Authorise the CEO to make any minor changes (typographical/layout etc) prior to final printing;***

C. ***Provide copies of the adopted Corporate Plan to our key stakeholders; and***

D. ***Request the CEO to provide an annual report to Council in July/August each year on progress with achieving the Corporate Plan Goals***

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

Motion No. 2865 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Working with Related Persons Policy

A draft policy has been attached for council consideration and approval.

This policy is not appropriate as everyone in community is related to everyone in some sense.

Cherbourg Youth Hub – Murri Watch

Cr Tom Langton has declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting as Cr Tom Langton's brother Kenny Georgwtown is employed by Murri Watch.

Build Youth Hub

Murri Watch has secured an infrastructure grant to construct a youth hub in Cherbourg. Additionally, Murri Watch has reflected this partnership to apply for further funding to provide coordination and facilitation to consolidate the youth programs by co-locating them under one roof. The youth hub will provide seamless services for young people presenting in need and seeking coordinated services. This model was created as part of the co-design workshop held recently in Cherbourg and will provide Improve access to for services to youth, create opportunities for participation and leadership, strengthen cultural identity and community ties, enhance capacity for responsive support, pursue additional funding and partnerships.

Murri Watch is now seeking a suitable site to build this new Youth Hub.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

1. ***Endorses the building of a youth hub in partnership with Murri Watch***

2. ***After discussion with our Community Services Team, recommend site to build is near the Sports Complex – on vacant land near the TAFE.***

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

Motion No. 2866 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the CEO's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2867 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORPORTATE SERVICES REPORT

The Corporate Services Manager presented his Report.

Resolution

Council resolves that the Corporate Services Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2868 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Economic & Community Development Manager presented his report

OPERATION DEPT REPORT

The Operation Manager presented his report.

Tender – 15T Excavator

Operations Manager has submitted 7 Tenders for the purchase of a 15T Excavator.

The Operations Manager recommends that the tender be awarded to Develon as it rated well on assessment requirements. Plus, it was reasonably priced at $204,000-00.

Council reviewed the submitted Tender documents and agreed that the Develon Tender was the best.

Resolution

that in relation to the purchase of a 15T Excavator, council awards the tender to Develon, as it rated well on the assessment requirement & it was reasonably priced at purchased price of $204,000.00.

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

Motion No.2869 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Operation Dept Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2870 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Community Services Manager presented her report.

Cherbourg Interagency – Terms of Reference

Endorsement is sought for the Cherbourg Interagency - Terms of Reference.

The Cherbourg Interagency is a collaborative partnership to lead, influence and facilitate change; to promote stronger support services to families in Cherbourg. Community Services Manager has submitted the Cherbourg Interagency Terms of Reference 2025/2026 to define the purpose, scope, and structure the group. To clearly outline the objectives, roles, responsibilities, and operational processes for the people involved to ensure a shared understanding of the goal and how it will be accomplished.

Resolution

that Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the Cherbourg Interagency Terms of Reference as submitted.

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

Motion No. 2871 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Sport and Recreation Facility Plan

Appendix 1: Cherbourg Agroforestry Initiative

The Community Services Manager has submitted an Appendix 1 (the Cherbourg Agroforestry Initiative) as an addition for the Cherbourg Sport and Recreation Facility Plan for endorsement.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the Appendix 1 Cherbourg Agroforestry Initiative be added as an addition to the Cherbourg Sport and Recreation Facility Plan.

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

Motion No. 2872 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Community Services Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2873 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

Cr Tom Langton declared conflict of interest and left the meeting as his brother Kenny Georgetown is employed by the Murri Watch organisation.

Resolution

that council accepts Cr Tom Langton declared conflict of interest and that he leaves the meeting, as his brother Kenny Georgetown is employed by the Murri Watch organisation.

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

Motion No. 2874 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Murri Watch

Advising that Murri Watch has secured $1,000,000 grant to build a Youth Hub Annex in Cherbourg.

Council has already decided that the Youth Hub will be built near the Sports Complex close to TAFE.

Resolution

That the Youth Hub be built on a vacant site behind the TAFE Building.

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

Motion No. 2875 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cr Tom Langton entered meeting

Wondai Art Gallery

Seeking Sponsorship for their upcoming Art Competition in October 2025.

Council has always supported the Art Competition and will sponsor $700 this year.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council provides a $700 sponsorship to the Annual Wondai Art Gallery art Competition.

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

Motion No. 2876 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Dept Main Roads

Progress update on the Department of Transport and main Roads (TMR) severe weather preparedness and road condition information sharing.

Darling Downs Health

Letter supporting the formation of the Health Council.

Green Planet Technologies

Renewal Energy Initiative

Ergon Energy

Empowering Cherbourg Project – a collaboration Cherbourg Council and Ergon Energy Retail will create collective impact, building the capability and understanding of the local community to take charge of their energy.

Jeanette Brown

Sharing some photos of the hall & Golden Oldies

Goomeri Show Society

Seeking sponsorship for the Annual Goomeri & District Society New Years Rodeo. Council has always sponsored this event as many local Cherbourg cowboys compete in this event each year.

Resolution

That Council provide a $500 sponsor to the Annual Goomeri & District Society New Years Rodeo Event.

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

Motion No. 2877 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

QPS Acting Inspector

Acting Inspector has suggested organising an end of year Golf Day between police, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, and Elders.

Council supports this initiative.

Lorelle Saltner

Lorelle Saltner is seeking financial support for her daughter Elvie Saltner to compete in the Qld Athletics Track and Field (13-19yrs Track & Field)

Approved

Resolution

That Council donates $200 for Elvie Saltner to participate in the Qld State Athletics Track and Field (13-19yrs Track & Field) in Townsville 16-19 October 2025.

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

Motion No. 2878 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Mark Saltner

Mark is seeking financial support for his son Kobe to compete in the Qld and State final Competition in Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton and Gold Coast in the upcoming months.

Approved

Resolution

That Council donates $200 for Kobe Saltner to participate the Qld and State Basketball final Competition in Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton and Gold Coast in the upcoming months.

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

Motion No. 2879 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

National Indigenous Australian Agency

Congratulation and acknowledgement of Cherbourg Day and continuing collaboration between NIAA and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Member of Nanango

Advising that the South Burnett Communities Health Oversight Committee will be finalised in the coming months and that the Draft Terms of Reference for the committee includes a representative of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council in its membership.

12.42 pm ***meeting closed***

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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

9.31 am ***Mayor Opened Meeting***
Welcome to Country – Cr Daniel Weazel
Sorry Business – I mins Silence

9.45am ***Elvie Douglas entered meeting***

Elvie gave an update on the Café explaining the delay in opening. She is currently working with Many Rivers and is seeking funding for 6 workers.

She anticipates the café opening on 23 October 2025.

9.56am ***Elvie Douglas left meeting***

10.04am Entered Meeting Via TEAMS - Theresa Bower
- Kai Marnane

Theresa & Kai from Burundi Design presented their final Cherbourg Built – Form Design Principles for Social Housing and are seeking council endorsement for the document.

Council approved the Form Design Principles for Social Housing.

<u>Resolution</u>

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Trustee and Council Resolution

The Council is the Local Government Authority for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire area and the Trustee of the Cherbourg Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT). As the Local Government Authority, Council as duly elected representatives of the community, through local decision making has the responsibility of deciding what is in the best interest of the community, advancing a thriving community.

It is considered that approving the Cherbourg Built-Form Design Principles for Social Housing Report is of benefit to and representative of the aspirations of the Cherbourg community.

Council as the Local Government Authority and Trustee of the DOG IT resolve to endorse

- ***The Cherbourg Built-Form Design Principles for Social Housing Report***

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2880 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

10.29am Left Meeting Via TEAMS - Theresa Bower
- Kai Marnane

10.32am ***Entered Meeting BPAC*** ***– Paul Dawson***
- Patricia Bond
- Eileen Cobbo

Cr Daniel Weazel declared a conflict of interest & left meeting as Cr Daniel Weazel is Chairman of BPAC & Eileen Cobbo is his sister.

<u>Resolution</u>

That Council accepts Cr Daniel Weazel's declaration of conflict of interest as he is the Chairman of BPAC and Eileen Cobbo is his sister.

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

Motion No. 2881 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

BPAC is seeking council permission to hold a Ranger Information Day next Monday 27 October 2025 in Wakka Wakka Park at 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Council approved that BPAC hold a Ranger Information Day in Wakka Wakka Park on 27/10/25.

10.32am ***Left Meeting BPAC*** ***– Paul Dawson***
- Patricia Bond
- Eileen Cobbo

11.01am ***Entered Meeting -*** ***Via TEAMS***
- Craig Ingram
- Johnathon Watson
- Andrew

First Nations Housing Homelessness Team - Craig and team presented an update of

- ***Cherbourg's draft Housing Implementation Plan***
- ***Engagement and Partnerships PowerPoint presentation***
- ***A table of draft actions to help support Council's Housing Implementation Plan review***

Council agreed with the First Nations Housing Homelessness Team - Housing Implementation Plan and endorsed it.

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It is considered that approving the Cherbourg Housing Implementation Plan for is of benefit to and representative of the aspirations of the Cherbourg community.

Council as the Local Government Authority and Trustee of the DOG IT resolve to endorse

- ***The Cherbourg Housing Implementation Plan***

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

Motion No. 2882 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

11.27am ***Left Meeting*** ***Via TEAMS***
- Craig Ingram
- Johnathon Watson
- Andrew

11.27am ***Entered Meeting*** ***- Adam Sarota***
- Scott Summers

Adam is the Manager of Bridgeman and Scott is the CEO. Bridgeman is a construction & metal manufacturing company and is committed to ensuring that they provide leadership, support, opportunity and encouragement to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. They have recently built a new Administration Building and Home Economics Building in the Palm Island Bwgcolman Community School. They have built many projects with government departments, Education, Correction, Youth Detention Centres, Defence, Hospitality etc.

Bridgeman is interested in a partnership with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

12.05pm ***Left Meeting*** ***– Adam Sarota***
- Scott Summers

1.01am ***Entered Meeting Ergon Energy***
- Danielle Hart
- Amanda Mather
- Karina Hooke

Danielle and Team presented the Empower Cherbourg Project. Their aim through collaboration with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and Ergon Energy Retail is to create a collective impact, building the capability and understanding of the local community to take charge of their energy.

1.01am ***Left Meeting*** ***- Danielle Hart***
- Amanda Mather
- Karina Hooke

1.30pm ***Meeting Closed***