Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Council Meeting 17 &18 December 2025

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 17 & 18 DECEMBER 2025

Attendance

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

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

9.30 am ***Mayor Bruce Simpson Opened Meeting***
Welcome to Country – Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Sorry Business – 1 Minute Silence
Prayer – Uncle John Stanley

Councillor Obligations

Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflict of Interest

Nil

Register of Interest

Nil

Minute Approval

Council resolves that the minutes of the council meeting held on 19 & 20 November 2025 be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2911 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Bruce Simpson presented the Mayors Report

Mayors Leave

Mayor Bruce Simpson has sought Mayoral Leave from 19-25 January 2026.

Resolution

That Council approves Mayor Bruce Simpson's request for Mayoral Leave from 19-25 January 2026.

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

Motion No. 2912 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. 2913 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

10.19am ***Shane Bird & Jean Cobbo (DATSIP) entered meeting***

Shane advised that DATSIP would not continue to fund the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group however Jean would be available to assist with the Elders.

10.31am ***Shane Bird & Jean Cobbo (DATSIP) left meeting***

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The CEO presented his report

Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group – Meeting November 2025 Meeting

The Minutes of the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group Meeting held in November 2025 were presented to council.

Resolution

That in relation to the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group that Council:

1. ***Endorse the minutes of the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group meeting held in November 2025 , acknowledging the key discussions, actions, and recommendations made during the meeting***

2. ***Make the decision on the future of the running of the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group***

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

Motion No. 2914 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

With no Elders funding, council will meet informally with the Elders Advisory Group prior to its floater meeting

Audit & Risk Committee – Meeting

This meeting was held on 27 November 2025. Minutes were presented for council consultation.

Resolution.

In relation to Audit & Risk Committee's Annual Report, the council:-

A. ***Receives and notes the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025***

B. ***Notes the Queensland Audit Office final management report provided to Council following the successful 2025 audit; and***

C. ***Re-adopts the Audit and Risk Committee Charter without change, noting that the charter is reviewed by Council every two years***

D. ***Authorise the CEO to call for expressions of interest for two independent External members of the council's audit and risk committee to allow for a staged transition of the independent external members in 2006***

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

Motion No. 2915 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Fisher Street Marshall Plan Concept Drawing

Burrundi Design has presented its completed Fisher Street Master Plan – Concept Drawing for Council's review.

Council Approves this concept drawing.

Resolution

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the Fisher Street Master Plan - Concept Drawing as presented by Buurundi Design Studio. This endorsement will serve as the foundational step toward advancing the project into its next phases, including detailed design, costing , and implementation.

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

Motion No. 2916 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cultural Artwork

CEO has presented proposed cultural artwork for the Cherbourg Council Building – Front Entrance.

Council has requested more artwork by local artists to provide a selection of artwork to choose from – for the entrance of the Council Chambers.

Technical Working Group

The meeting was held in November 2025. The minutes of the meeting were provided for council perusal.

Resolution

That in relation to the Technical Working Group (TWG) that the Council:

1. ***Endorse the Minutes of the Technical working Group (TWG) held on Tuesday 25 November 2025, which include the discussions, decisions, and proposed actions outlined in the report.***

2. ***Approve the Actions and Recommendation contained within the minutes.***

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

Motion No. 2917 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council - Meeting Dates

The Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council 2026 Meeting Dates were presented for council endorsement.

Resolution

That in relation to Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council 2026 Meeting Dates that Council:

1. ***Approve the proposed meeting dates for 2026 as outlined in this report - with the exception of October Meeting which will now be changed to 14 & 15 October 2026 (to accommodate the LGAQ 130th Annual Conference which will be held in Cairns on 19-21 October 2026)***

2. ***Council make the decision on the future of running of the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group.***

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

Motion No. 2918Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Proposal – Lease of Beemar Yumba – 6 Ada Simpson Way

South Burnett CTC Inc (CTC) would like to propose a lease of the Beemar Yumba premises located at 6 Ada Simpson Way, Cherbourg for the purpose of continuing residential care services on behalf of the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (the Department).

The Department is offering a 3 year contract to CTC to continue delivering residential care services in Cherbourg. Given the 3 year contract nature of the service, they seek formal tenure over the premises with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council for the duration of the contract, with possible options should the contract be renewed.

Proposed rent is $20,000 + GST per year, CPI Increase each year.

Resolution

In relation to a Lease of Beemar Yumba, that the council:

1. ***Approve the lease of the Beemar Yumba premises located at 6 Ada Simpson Way, Cherbourg to South Burnett CTC Inc. (CTC) for the purpose of continuing residential care services on behalf of the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety.***

2. ***Agree to a 3 year lease term aligned with the contract period offered to CTC by the Department, with the inclusion of options for lease renewal subject to the renewal of the Department's contract with CTC***

3. ***Set the terms of the lease in accordance with Council's standard leasing procedures, including rent and conditions, and consider any special terms (such as subsidized rent) given the social and community -oriented nature of the services provided.***

4. ***Authorize the CEO (CEO) to finalize and execute the lease agreement with CTC, including negotiating any specific terms or conditions, as necessary.***

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

Motion No. 2919 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Hornets

CEO has provided a quote for Cherbourg Hornets SS Polo Shirts as QMC Winners 2025.

Report Approval

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

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

Motion No. 2920 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 Carla Fisher***
Seconded: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Motion No. 2921 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Economic & Community Development Manager presented his report

Cherbourg Trustee

SP357153 Resolution

The Council is Local Government Authority and the Trustee of the Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) and holds the land in trust for the benefit of the Aboriginal Inhabitants and for no other purposes whatsoever.

As the Loal Government Authority and Trustee Council has the responsibility of deciding what is in the best interest of the community and we consider that subdivision of the DOGIT in Cherbourg will facilitate residential development opportunities for the community.

Resolution

Council as Trustee resolves to:

1. ***Work with the Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) to subdivide the DOGIT as shown on SP357153***

2. ***Support any land administration actions necessary to facilitate the lodgement and registration of this plan***

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

Motion No. 2922 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Shap Program - 10 Cobbo Street

Due to unsuitability of 9 Cobbo Street for a Shap (Plug in) – tenant of 9 Cobbo has relinquished tenancy and has moved to 10 Cobbo Street which can accommodate a Shap plug in.

Resolution

In relation to Shap Plug In at 10 Cobbo Street, Council endorses the Transfer of Shap (Plug In) and tenant from 9 Cobbo Street, to 10 Cobbo Street Cherbourg.

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

Motion No. 2923 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Streetlighting

Streetlight installation and repair $90K – Street kits have arrived, funding is spent; a variation is being sought from another W4Q project – footpath to enable the lights to be installed.

Resolution

that Council resolve that a variation be sought from another W4Q project (footpath) to enable the streetlights to be installed.

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

Motion No. 2924 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

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

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

Motion No. 2925 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Community Services Manager presented her report.

Additional Land

YAG Synthropic farm participants would like to expand into the farmland adjacent to the recycling plant. This spot is ideal as irrigation is already available.

Resolution

Council approved the expansion of the YAG Synthropic farm into the farmland adjacent to the recycling plant.

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

Motion No. 2926 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Community Services Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2927 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OPERATON REPORT

Operation Manager present his Report

Tender – Design Supply & Install Solar Lights

Operations Manager has called for Tenders for the Design Supply & Installation of Solar Lights for the community of Cherbourg.

5 Tenders were received and evaluated by operations manager and his team. Leadsun ticked all the boxes.

The Operations Team recommended the Leadsun Tender of $440K , Leadsun was the lowest tender, and they could also supply an additional 40 lights.

Council supported this recommendation.

Resolution

That in relation to the Tender – Design Supply & Installation of Solar Lights in Cherbourg, Council endorsed the recommendation to award the tender to Leadsun as their quote was the lowest, they ticked all the boxes and they could supply an additional 40 lights.

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

Motion No. 2928 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Operations Manager's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2929 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

Bronwyn Barry

Thank you for Christmas Card from Wujal Wujal Council.

Dept Education

Draft Cherbourg State School Master Plan for Community Feedback

Carla Fisher

Community Concerns – Vigilante Groups

Qld Reconstruction Authority

Council to Council - Disaster Response & Recovery Activities

Dept Women ATSI Multiculturalism

New Opportunities for ATSI Businesses

Minister Emergency Management Regional Dev LG & Territories

Terms of Reference for the Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability.

Minister LG Water Fire, Disaster Recovery & Volunteers

Changes to Qld Disaster Management Arrangements through the Disaster Management Amendment Regulation 2025 (Amendment Regulation).

Qld Family & Child Commission

Qld's Child Safe Organisation System

TWG

RILIPO 2025-2026 TWG Meeting Schedule

Qld Police Service

Appointment as State Disaster Coordinator and the 2025-2026 Higher Risk Weather Season Commanders Intent

Uni Qld

Advice - Cherbourg Visit to progress the establishment of the Cherbourg Research/Ethics Council

Qld Govt

Draft Wide Bay Burnett Reginal Plan and Infrastructure Plan

Dept Women ATSI Multiculturalism

Closing the Gap Priorities Funds

Qld Police Services

Police First Nations Mayors Working Group

Merciful Servants

Seeking Sponsorship for the Hope in the Heat initiative.

Council will support this initiative and make a donation.

Local Govt – WBBCQ Team

Training Opportunities for Councillors.

12.30pm ***meeting adjourned for lunch***
1.00pm ***meeting recommenced***

1.00pm ***Presentation – Brett De Chastel***

1.30pm ***Hone & Shontelle Hughes entered meeting***

Hone & Shontelle presented their Hope for the Future Project – a Community Food Sovereignty & Empowerment Initiative 2026 that will remain culturally safe, community-led and sustainable.

Seeking council space to establish a base on the community for this program.

2.00pm ***Hone & Shontelle Hughs left meeting***

2.15pm ***Meeting Closed***

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Cr Carla Fisher
Cr Tom Langton
Cr Daniel Weazel

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

9.31 am ***Mayor Bruce Simpson Opened Meeting***
Welcome to Country – Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Sorry Business – 1 Minutes silence

9.37am ***Jason Erbacher, Errol Simpson, George Fisher CTC entered meeting***

Jason, Errol and George provided a brief update on CTC and their current programs operating here in Cherbourg.

CTC is also seeking to lease the Beema Yumba Building for the continuing residential care services on behalf of the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (the Department).

10.20am ***Jason Erbacher, Errol Simpson, George Fisher CTC left meeting***

10.39am ***Emanual Klimantis CBA entered meeting***

Emanual was promoting the CBA, advising what banking services are available and the work he has done on other indigenous communities. CBA currently provides a bank in Murgon and was seeking council's interest in possibly changing banks.

Changing costs and lack of incentives make this an unattractive proposal.

10.58am ***Emanual Klimantis CBA – left meeting***

11.00am ***Brad Beetson, Donald Malone, Kia Bowen, Nicole Lacey Zac Smith Mick (Arthur Beetson Foundation) entered meeting***

Brad advised that the Arthur Beetson Foundation has operated the Legends of League for while and has taken the program to most indigenous communities.

Nicole added that the Legends of League works in partnership with communities using Rugby League as the driving force. It is a collaborative effort that addresses issues such as mental health, health and fitness, school attendance etc whatever issues facing the communities. There is also a mentoring and construction component to the program as well.

11.45am ***Brad Beetson, Donald Malone, Kia Bowen, Nicole Lacey Zac Smith Mick (Arthur Beetson Foundation) left meeting***

11.50am ***meeting closed***