Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Council Meeting 18 February 2026

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2026

Attendance

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

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

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

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 21 & 22 January 2026 be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2946 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

MAYORS REPORT

Mayors presented his Report.

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2947 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The CEO presented his report

Procurement Policy 2026

CASC Procurement Policy 2026 - Updated.

Approval sought for the CASC Procurement Policy 2026 Updated - outlining the purpose, objectives, and key principles that underpin this policy. The Policy has been reviewed and updated to ensure alignment with the Local Government Act 2009 (LGA) and Local Government Regulation 2012 (LGR). The primary aim of the policy is to provide clear guidelines for the procurement of goods and services, ensuring transparency, fairness, and compliance with relevant legislation.

Value for Money

Ensuring that Council's procurement decisions consider the total cost of ownership, including factors such as quality, efficiency, and long-term benefits, not just the upfront cost.

Open and Effective Competition

Ensuring transparency in procurement activities by encouraging broad participation from suppliers, giving equal opportunity to competitive bids, and reducing the risk of corruption or conflicts of interest.

The Development of Competitive Local Business and Industry

Supporting and promoting local businesses and industries in the Cherbourg region by giving priority where possible to local suppliers, fostering economic growth and sustainability within the community.

Environmental Protection

Incorporating sustainability and environmental considerations into procurement processes, including the evaluation of the environmental impact of goods, services, and construction projects.

Ethical Behaviour and Fair Dealing

Ensuring that all procurement decisions are made ethically and transparently, with a commitment to fairness, accountability, and maintaining the trust of the community and stakeholders.

Resolution

That in relation to Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Procurement Policy 2026 Update Council;

A. ***Approves the updated CASC Procurement Policy 2026, as presented, and implementation across all Council procurement activities.***

B. ***Delegate the CEO to ensure staff training and implementation of the policy and report progress back to Council in [six months or specific timeframe].***

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

Motion No. 2948 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Remuneration for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors of Queensland local governments 2026/2027:

On 28 November 2025, the Local Government Remuneration Commission (the Commission) concluded its determination regarding the remuneration levels for Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Councillors of Queensland local governments, excluding Brisbane City Council. This determination, as required by section 177(c) of the Local Government Act 2009 and Chapter 8, Division 1 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, includes the Remuneration Schedule which will apply from 1 July 2026.

This report is to inform the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (CASC) of the remuneration categorization assigned to CASC and other local governments in the region, as well as to highlight the specific remuneration levels for our Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors. This determination will affect the Council's budgetary planning and should be considered for future financial planning and allocation.

As per the Commission's determination, local governments in Queensland, including Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, have been classified into categories based on various factors, including the size of the local government area, population, and other demographic and economic considerations.

For Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, the remuneration category assigned is Category Al. This category impacts the remuneration levels for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors.

Key Remuneration Levels for CASC (Effective from 1 July 2026):

Mayor (Category Al): $128,509
Deputy Mayor: $74,139
Councillor: $64,253

Resolution

Remuneration for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors from 1st July 2026

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council:

1. ***Acknowledge the remuneration categorization and updated remuneration levels determined by the Local Government Remuneration Commission.***
2. ***Incorporate these updated remuneration levels into the Council's budget for the 2026-2027 financial year.***
3. ***Ensure appropriate communication of these changes to all elected representatives to allow for adequate preparation ahead of the new financial year.***

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

Motion No. 2949 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Hornets Club Sponsorship Request Overview

The Cherbourg Hornets Club has requested financial support for their ongoing programs, which include youth sports initiatives, community events, and health promotion activities.

By becoming a sponsor, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council would contribute to the club's mission of closing the gap between cultures and supporting healthier choices for the community.

The Cherbourg Hornets Club has provided the following sponsorship levels:

Platinum Sponsor:	***$10,000 per year***
Gold Sponsor:	***$7,500 per year***
Silver Sponsor:	***$5,000 per year Bronze***
Bronze Sponsor:	***$2,500 per year***
Sponsor Contribution:	***$500 - $1,000 per year***

The sponsorship funds would be allocated towards enhancing the club's outreach efforts, supporting local youth programs, and improving community health initiatives.

Resolution

Sponsorship for Cherbourg Hornets Club

That Council approve the Gold Sponsorship of the Cherbourg Hornets Club at $7,500 per year. This sponsorship level will provide substantial exposure for CASC while maintaining a more manageable financial commitment.

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

Motion No. 2950 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Hope & future

Presents an overview of the Hope and Future Project, a community-focused initiative aimed at supporting Indigenous families in the Cherbourg region. The project is dedicated to addressing food insecurity and fostering long-term food sovereignty through practical food support, hands-on learning, and community-driven programs.

Resolution

In relation to Hope & the Future that Council approve support for the Hope and Future Project in the form of:

A. ***Partnership in program development and delivery.***
B. ***Promotion of the project through CASC's communication channels.***

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

Motion No. 2951 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

LGAQ Climate Resilience Alliance Funding - Decision to Opt Out of the Regional Alliance Group:

The Wide Bay Climate Resilience Group is a collective of regional councils collaborating on climate resilience initiatives through funding from the LGAQ Climate Resilience Alliance. The group aims to address regional climate resilience challenges and share resources, best practices, and support for local climate action plans.

While this initiative offers significant opportunities for large regional councils, the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council has limited resources and staff capacity, which has impacted our ability to be an active and contributing member of the group.

After careful consideration, there are two main challenges that lead to the recommendation for withdrawal from the Wide Bay Climate Resilience Group:

Resolution

Based on the current resource constraints and the limited benefits to CASC, that the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council withdraw from the Wide Bay Climate Resilience Group and discontinue participation in the LGAQ Climate Resilience Alliance for the time being.

This decision will allow council to:

A. ***Redirect resources to more impactful local initiatives focused on the specific needs of the Cherbourg community.***

B. ***Focus on climate action at the local level, where we can achieve tangible outcomes more suited to our capacity and priorities.***

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

Motion No. 2952 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Councillor Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Cr Tom Langton informed the meeting that he had a prescribed conflict of interest in Proposed Youth Centre in Cherbourg as (his brother Kenny Georgetown is CEO of Murri Watch) As a result of his conflict of interest, Cr Tom Langton decided to leave the meeting room while the matter was considered and voted on.

Cr Tom Langton left the meeting room

Proposed Youth Centre in Cherbourg- Murri Watch

Approval is sought to formalise the endorsement of the proposed concept design for the new Youth Centre in Cherbourg and to commence the tender process for the construction of the facility.

The Youth Centre project (to be built by Murri Watch) has been a priority for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging space for young people in the community. The Centre is designed to foster a sense of belonging, promote positive mental health, and offer educational, cultural, and recreational activities to enhance the overall well-being of our youth.

Resolution

Council resolves that in relation to the proposed Youth Centre that it

a. Endorse the proposed Youth Centre concept design as presented, acknowledging the efforts of the stakeholders involved in the design process.

b. Approve the commencement of the tender process for the construction of the Youth Centre.- Murri Watch will look after the tender process.

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

Motion No. 2953 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cr Tom Langton re-entered the meeting

Report Approval

Council resolves that the CEO's Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2954 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORPORTATE SERVICES REPORT & Finance Report

The Corporate Services Manager presented his Report.

Report Resolution

Council resolves that the Corporate Services & Finance Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2955 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Community Services Manager presented her report.

Interagency Model

Approval is sought to proceed with the New Interagency Model to prevent unproductive meetings, duplication of services and lack of accountability.

Resolution

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that it endorses the New Interagency Model and that the Community Services Manager activates the New Interagency Model.

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

Motion No. 2956 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. 2957 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OPERATON REPORT

Operation Manager present his Report

Introduction of Green Waste Bin Collection

The Operation Manager recommends the introduction of a dedicated Green Waste Bin Collection Service to improve waste management efficiency, reduce landfill volume, and support environmentally sustainable practices. The project involves the procurement and rollout of green waste bins and the establishment of a regular collection schedule.

The total cost to roll out the project is $15,660. This investment is expected to result in long-term operational, environmental, and community benefits.

Resolution

Introduction of Green Waste Bin Collection

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council approves the introduction of Green Waste Bin Collection Services to the Cherbourg Community.

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

Motion No. 2958 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Introduction of Speed Bumps in Marshall Street

Approval is sought for the installation of 2 Speed Bumps in even locations down Marshall Street to slow traffic not only for the stolen vehicles but as this is around the school it would also serve as traffic calming for the school zone. Estimate cost is $40 000. This project currently does not have funding to complete but propose that project be budgeted for out of the FAGS funding.

Resolution

Council resolves that 2 Speed Bumps be installed in Marshall Street to provide safety for Marshall Street Residents.

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

Motion No. 2959 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Removal of Dilapidated Basketball Court

Approval sought to safely remove the dilapidated outdoor basketball court that no longer meets safety, functional, or aesthetic standards. The works include decommissioning and removal of surfacing materials, sub-base, posts, backboards, hoops, fencing (if any), line-marking residues, and associated infrastructure, followed by site rehabilitation to a safe, clean condition.

This Removal will eliminate safety hazards and a visual eyesore to community. The Facility has reached end-of-life and is no longer fit for purpose, posing risks to users and visitors. Removing the court mitigates liability, improves site amenity, and enables strategic asset planning aligned with current recreation needs.

Resolution

Council resolves that the dilapidated old outdoor basketball court next to the hall be removed as it is a safety hazard and eyesore.

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

Motion No. 2960 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Mens Mental Health Yarning Lunch

Approval is sought to host a Men's Mental Health Yarning Lunch, designed to support the wellbeing, resilience, and morale of the men within our workforce. The initiative is inspired by the successful men's yarning event held at the lookout last year and aims to create a relaxed, private, and culturally safe environment where men can take time away from work pressures, connect with one another, and access information about support services.

The main goals of the Men's Yarning Lunch are to:

- *Provide a safe space for men to talk openly about challenges they may be facing.*
- *Improve mental health awareness and highlight available supports.*
- *Encourage connection, humour, and shared stories to build stronger relationships.*
- *Offer a meaningful break from work to help reduce stress and improve morale.*
- *Create an environment that feels comfortable, informal, and free from workplace or community pressure.*

Resolution

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council approves the proposed Yarning Men's Lunch to support wellbeing, resilience and morale of the men in Council's workforce.

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

Motion No. 2961 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Purchase of Tilt Tray

Approval sought for the Acquisition of a Used Tilt Tray Truck for Container Transport and Vehicle Breakdowns

This vehicle will support Council's operational and disaster-response requirements associated with the transport and placement of shipping containers and vehicle breakdowns in remote areas. Cost is Under $200,000 .

Resolution

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council resolves that it purchases the Used Tilt Tray Truck for Disaster Response Requirements associated with Container Transport and Vehicle Breakdowns.

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

Motion No. 2962 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

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

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

Motion No. 2963 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 and Community Development Report be adopted.

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

Motion No. 2964 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

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

Barry Fisher

Barry is requesting the installation of speedbumps in Marshall Street to improve safety of our community.

Council has already approved this request and will consider appropriate speedbumps.

Sylvia Cobbo

Sil Co Group has submitted their Proposed Areas of Collaboration and Council Support for council consideration.

Council has decided that it will provide letters of support and has nominated CEO Zala as Council's Contact Officer to progress further discussions with Sil Co Group.

Resolution

That in relation to Sil Co Group's Regional Training Hub & Employment Pathways, Council will;

- ***Provide relevant letters of support***
- ***Nominate CEO Zala as Council's Contact Officer to progress further discussions with Sil Co Group***

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

Motion No. 2965 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Sarraart

Sarra Artwork recently painted the Clock Tower Artwork and is happy to return to Cherbourg and be involved with other artwork projects (Roundabout) in the community,

Resolution

That Sarraart be considered for future artwork projects in Cherbourg.

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

Motion No. 2966 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OZTAG Qld

Seeking Council sponsorship for the OZTAG challenger series on the 21st February, cost is $4800, (Cherbourg Men's & Women's Team Fees).

Resolution

That Council sponsors the OZTAG challenger series for $4800, taking place on the 21st February to support this community event to make a positive impact on the community.

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

Motion No. 296 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Dept Local Govt Water & Volunteers

Advice – Round 2 Closing the Gap Priorities

Qld Govt

Info – Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) Councillor Complaint Snapshots

Esme Fewquandie

Request for date change for Barambah Gospel Event. New date is 22-24 May 2026 as BGE requires more time to fund raise to travel to Cherbourg.

Resolution

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council approves the Cherbourg Barambah Gospel Event's new date of 22-24 May 2026.

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

Motion No. 2969 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Hope & Future

Shonny Hughes seeking council approval to use council logo on Hope & Future Weight Loss Challenge Flyer.

Denied due to liability issues.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council denied the use of Council Logo on Hope & Future Weight Loss Challenge Flyer due to liability issues.

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

Motion No. 2970 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

2.07pm ***Shadow Minister for Education and the Early Years, Youth Justice, Di Farmer Entered meeting***

Di advised that she was in the South Burnett area and wanted to make a quick visit to Cherbourg. She was interested in Cherbourg and progress being made in the community. She indicated that she would like to visit Cherbourg for a proper meeting with Council and a tour of the community.

2.15pm ***Shadow Minister for Education and the Early Years, Youth Justice , Di Farmer Left meeting***

2.16pm ***Meeting Closed***