

**MINUTES OF MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LARDIL STREET, GUNUNA
ON WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by Mayor Richard Sewter at 9:03am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Lardil people of Mornington Island and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We would also like to acknowledge the Kaiadilt, Yangkaal, Waanyi, Gangalidda and Garawa people who share our homelands.

3 PRESENT

Mayor Richard Sewter, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson (arrived at 9:29am), Cr Farrah Linden, Cr Renee Wilson and Cr Jane Ah Kit.

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer) and Skye Price (Director Corporate and Community).

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS**

A minute's silence was observed for loved ones.

Cr Jane Ah Kit observed and spoke about a significant day of remembrance for her family.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 29 JANUARY 2025****RESOLUTION 2025/16**



Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council held on Wednesday 29 January 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 4/0

Initial: _____

RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS REPORTS**11 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS****11.1 MAYOR & COUNCILLOR REPORTS****RESOLUTION 2025/18**

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council:

- 1) receive and note the Mayor and Councillors' verbal reports for February 2025;
- 2) resolve to attend the Indigenous Leaders Forum in Cherburg, 29 April 2025; and
- 3) Put signage in place advising that Sidney Island and Balaleah Roads are only open for local traffic, to ensure safety and wellbeing of road users.

CARRIED 5/0

Mayor Richard Sewter

Attended Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) meeting.

Assured by Michael Miller that all 17 indigenous communities have extra strength and support from TCICA, to lobby when working with the State and Federal government.

Met with Minister for Women/Women Security/ATSI Partnership, Fiona Simpson

Briefing considered housing and potential airport re-alignment, enquired why the funding was denied for the Splash Park and Community oval upgrade; and was offered support from her department.

Invited to Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council who will be hosting the LGAQ Indigenous Leadership Forum

Action item: Mayor to consult with Gulf Region Aboriginal Corporation (GRAC) and Gulf Regional Economic Aboriginal Trust (GREAT) about a potential meeting with Mornington Shire Council.

Action item: Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) structure requires review.

Deputy Mayor Bobby Thompson

Notice of Motion – Sidney Island and Balaleah Roads Roads to only be utilised by local traffic.

Action item: Deputy Mayor Bobby Thompson to confirm with Traditional Owners the roads to the outstations.

Councillor Farrah Linden

Calendar of community events currently being devised.

Council needs to mark the roads and repair potholes in town. Signage (stop signs and give way signs) need to be installed.

Action: The status of ordered signs is to be checked.

Initial: _____



Councillor Renee Wilson

Training and Education – meet and greet at the school.

Meeting also held with school Principal to re-integrate culture program back into the school curriculum.

Reported on *North West Weekly* article publication about communications and connectivity challenges at Gununa, Mornington Island.

Shared good news Story about son being awarded School Captain and delivering a leadership address to his school community.

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT JANUARY 2025****RESOLUTION 2025/19**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Councillors receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's reform program report for January 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

10:28am, Mayor adjourned the meeting

10:43am, Mayor reconvened the meeting

13 FINANCE**13.1 BANKING AUTHORITIES – WESTPAC FINANCIAL INSTITUTE****RESOLUTION 2025/20**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council endorse updated authorisations including signatories, administrators and approvers for Westpac bank accounts from 28 February 2025 to retain Gary Uhlmann and Skye Price; include Claire Mousa and Steve Graham; as well as remove Ian McCarthy.

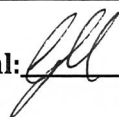
Signatories for all Westpac bank accounts held by Mornington Shire Council will include:

- Gary Uhlmann (no change)
- Skye Price (no change)
- Claire Mousa (new addition)
- Steve Graham (new addition)

Administrators and approvers for all Westpac bank accounts held by Mornington Shire Council will include:

- Gary Uhlmann (no change)
- Skye Price (no change)

Initial: _____



- Claire Mousa (new addition)
- Steve Graham (new addition)

Ian McCarthy will be formally removed as signatory, administrator and approver from all Westpac bank accounts held by Mornington Shire Council.

CARRIED 5/0

13.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/21

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive and note the financial report for February 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

10:53 am, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson left the meeting

11:40 am, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson returned to the meeting

11:29am, Mayor adjourned the meeting

11:31pm, Mayor reconvened the meeting

14 HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

14.1 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/22

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the human resources report for January 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

Initial: _____



15 GOVERNANCE

15.1 2025 CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

RESOLUTION 2025/23

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council endorse Mayor Richard Sewter and Councillor Farrah Linden to participate at the 2025 Civic Leaders Summit, 12-13 March 2025, The Westin, Brisbane.

CARRIED 5/0

15.2 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HONORARY CATHERINE KING MP - INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITY LIST REFORMS

RESOLUTION 2025/24

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter
Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the correspondence dated 5 February 2025 from the Honorary Catherine King MP regarding Infrastructure list reforms.

CARRIED 5/0

15.3 INTERIM LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2025/25

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council:

- 1) Formally appoint Bereline Loogatha, Roxanne Thomas, Michael Wilson, Delena Juhel and Talaseah Thompson to the Local Thriving Communities Interim Advisory Committee;
- 2) Endorse Mayoral correspondence to be sent to each Local Advisory Committee appointee congratulating them for their new role; and
- 3) Engage the services of a reputable first nations facilitator to lead an initial workshop with Local Advisory Committee members and community.

4) CARRIED 5/0

12:13pm, Mayor adjourned the meeting
12:18pm, Mayor reconvened the meeting



16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES**16.1 QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TENANCY SERVICES UPDATE****RESOLUTION 2025/26**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the report related to Queensland Government Department of Housing Tenancy Services for February 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

12:54pm, Mayor adjourned the meeting

13:30pm, Mayor reconvened the meeting

13:30 pm, Cr Jane Ah Kit left the meeting

13:35 pm, Cr Jane Ah Kit returned to the meeting

16.2 FORWARD REMOTE CAPITAL FUNDING AGREEMENT**RESOLUTION 2025/27**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to endorse proposed non-financial variation(s) to the Queensland Government Department of Housing and Public Works Forward remote capital funding agreement. This will enable scope of works amendments from construction of five (5) new homes and four (4) 2-bedroom units (including infrastructure works for Lot 926 Lardil Street), to enable construction of four (4) 2-bedroom units (including infrastructure works for Lot 926 Lardil Street) and the construction of plug-ins with the remainder of funds, comprising 2-bedroom extensions.

CARRIED 5/0**16.3 ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY REPORT****RESOLUTION 2025/28**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive and note the report related to accommodation and hospitality for February 2025.

Initial:  

CARRIED 5/0

16.4 FORWARD REMOTE CAPITAL HOUSING PROGRAM – PRIORITY PLUG-IN CONSTRUCTION LIST

RESOLUTION 2025/29

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council select five (5) absolute priority plug-in sites for rollout (subject to funding availability during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years).

CARRIED 4/0

Cr Farrah Linden declared a Conflict of Interest for 16.4 – Forward Remote Capital Housing Program – Priority Plug-In Construction List. The Councillor abstained from discussion and voting.

16.5 YOUTH HUB REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/30

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive and note the Youth Hub report for February 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

17 HOUSING DEPARTMENT

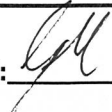
17.1 HOUSING & FACILITIES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/31

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

That Council receive and note the housing report for February 2025.

CARRIED 5/0



18 FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Nil

19 ENGINEERING

19.1 ENGINEERING REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/32

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Engineering division report for February 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

20 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Jane Ah Kit – Enquiry about a stolen vehicle from the workshop.

CEO advised that the police are investigating and there procedures related to security at the workshop have been reviewed and improved.

Cr. Farrah Linden – Request for installation of signage at the spillway near the dam to not dump rubbish. Request for mowing and vegetation management along Gununa streets. Advice that footpaths also require attention grass is long and thick.

21 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

22 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 26 March 2025.

23 CLOSURE

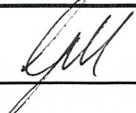

Mayor Sewter closed the meeting at 3:59pm.

Gary Uhlmann
Chief Executive Officer.

Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor 

Date: enter date 26/03/2025

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Gary Uhlmann
Chief Executive Officer



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