



**MORNINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL**

Minutes

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday 25 March 2026**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Farrah Linden opened the meeting at: 9:38 am

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 Garrawa people who share our homelands.

3 PRESENT

Cr Farrah Linden, Cr Renee Wilson and Cr Jane Ah Kit.

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer) and Matthew Fox, Director Corporate and Communications.

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Richard Sewter – Civic Leaders Forum

Deputy Mayor, Robert “Bobby” Thompson

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Cr Jane Ah Kit declared a conflict of interest for item 12.4.

6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS

A minute’s silence was held for lost loved ones.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - 25 February 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/32

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - 25 February 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 3 / 0

8 DEPUTATIONS

13:00 PM – Sarah Darly, Principal Planning Officer, Department of Education: The deputation relates to the Department of Education masterplan and formal community consultation requirements.

9 ACTION SCHEDULE

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:45 am and recommenced at 12:33 PM. Matthew Fox joined the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 13:35 and recommenced at 13:50.

Deputation from 14:40 to 15:40

Resolutions list tabled in the meeting.

10 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 Mayor and Councillor Verbal Reports

RESOLUTION 2026/33

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Councillors receive and note the Mayor and Councillors' verbal reports for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

There is widespread grief in the community due to recent deaths, and this is having impacts on behaviour, families and the workforce.

Concerns were raised that the ambulance service is very slow when going through 000 and often going to the wrong place.

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

11.1 Chief Executive report - February 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/34

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Councillors receive and note the CEOs report for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

12 FINANCE

12.1 February 2026 Financial Report

RESOLUTION 2026/35

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Financial Report for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

12.2 Projects Office - Masterplan Monthly Update January

RESOLUTION 2026/36

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Masterplan Monthly Update - January

CARRIED 3 / 0

12.3 Procurement Policy Annual Update

Procurement Policy Annual Update was deferred until the April ordinary meeting.

12.4 Register of Prequalified Suppliers – Trade Services

Cr Jane Ah Kit declared a conflict of interest. No quorum remained to reach a resolution. Agenda item to be tabled at next meeting.

13 CORPORATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 Corporate & Communications Report – February 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/37

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Corporate and Communications Report for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

14 HUMAN RESOURCES

14.1 Human Resources report - February 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/38

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Human Resources report for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

15 HOUSING AND FACILITIES

15.1 Housing and Facilities Report – February 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/39

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

That Council receive and note the Housing and Facilities report for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

16 ENGINEERING

16.1 Engineering and Infrastructure Report - February 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/40

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Engineering division report for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

17 Hospitality and Accommodation

17.1 Hospitality and Accommodation Report – February 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/41

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Hospitality and Accommodation report for February 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Frontline services seeking accommodation for respite services. There is a 4 bedroom house seems vacant. Tess, Respite services, 4 bedroom house, suggested for respite care.

- Security witnessing incidents and not calling it in.
- LFS Scheme review required. Community losing LFS status after a period of time and are unable to travel back community.

19 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

20 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 April 2026 – Moved from 29th April due to attendance at the Indigenous Leaders Forum.

RESOLUTION 2026/42

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded Cr Jane Ah Kit

CARRIED 3 / 0

21 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 4.40