



**MORNINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL**

Minutes

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday 23 April 2026**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Richard Sewter opened the meeting at 9.09am.

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

Mayor Richard Sewter, Deputy Mayor Robert 'Bobby' Thompson, Cr Farrah Linden, Cr Renee Wilson and Cr Jane Ah Kit.

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer) and Matthew Fox, Director Corporate and Communications, Julie Larsen (Executive Assistant)

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Cr Jane Ah Kit gave notice in the meeting about a prescribed conflict of interest under Section 150EI Local Government Act 2009 (Qld).

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 March 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/42

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - 25 March 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted with an amendment on page 6 required to change name from Cr Farrah Wilson to Cr Farrah Linden (typo).

CARRIED 5 / 0

8 DEPUTATIONS

Simone Jackson, Executive Director, First Nations Capital Delivery- Department of Housing and Public Works with Greg Summers – Director Remote Regional Department of Housing and Public Works

General meet and greet with council. Overview of Department of Housing and Public Works current status and future initiatives. Advisement of new role Executive Director Remote Indigenous Capital Delivery.

Deputation commenced at 9:10AM and concluded at 9.40AM.

Cr Jane Ah Kit left the room at 9.37 entered at 9.46

9 ACTION SCHEDULE

- Resolutions list tabled in the meeting.
- Director Corporate & Communications to circulate electronic copies of Register of Interests forms to Councillors.
- CEO to investigate Salvation Army requirements for the sale of goods.
- CEO to review Youth Hub participants, in particular infants and babies using the service.

10 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 Mayor and Councillor Verbal Reports

Mayor left the room at 9.44 entered at 9.46

Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson Joined the meeting at 9.50.

RESOLUTION 2026/43

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

That Councillors receive and note the Mayor and Councillors’ verbal reports for March 2026.

CARRIED 5 / 0

Mayor Richard Sewter

- TCICA – Discussions about land tenure, native title issues in communities. Assertion and buy back housing scheme issues including costs of maintenance and repairs for the home owner.
- NWROC Delegation in Brisbane. Productive meeting.
 - Spoke with Housing Minister
 - Spoke With Robbie Katter

- Advocated for recreation funding for splash park.
- Pacific Leaders Forum
 - Mayor raised the issue of duplication of funding for services in Community and discussed core business of Local Government.
- DGs Visit
 - DGs feedback was positive.
 - The attendance from community was great.
 - Feedback from the community was that time was very limited. DGs said they would return and spend more time with community.
 - Mayor raised the requirement for a Men's Shelter on island and issues around recidivism and community members returning to island after incarceration.

Follow up reports or summaries from the meeting have been requested. (Cr Farrah)

Cr Jane Ah Kit

- Cr Ah Kit requested ensure that all elected members are included in the planning and agenda creation for documents for advocacy meetings.
- CR Jane - Review of the budget for councillors has been requested. Would be beneficial for all elected members to travel with mayor for advocacy purpose, i.e. Pacific Leaders Forum.
- Cr Jane – provided feedback on the colour run. Was an enjoyable event and wonderful to see community members have fun.

Cr Farrah Linden

Commented on the Colour Fun Run & Walk, it was really well coordinated and everyone enjoyed the day. Great to see different organisations participate. Was a really good opportunity and looking forward to growing the event for next time.

Expressed interest in exploring options from the community fund for equipment and devices to support funerals.

Cr Renee Wilson

- Advised that Women's Football team is going well. Tuesday and Thursday attendance is great. Wednesday cookups occurring for fundraising.
- Cr Renee raised concerns about funding and costs of Women's footy team.
- Dance meetings are underway and well attended with approximately 50 community members. Hoping to make it a regular event.

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

11.1 Chief Executive report - March 2026

Cr Jane Ah Kit left the room at 10.15 entered 10.16

Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson left the room at 10.28 bobby entered at 10.38

RESOLUTION 2026/44

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

Meeting recessed for morning Tea at 10.34

Meeting recommenced at 10.47

12 FINANCE

12.1 March 2026 Financial Report

RESOLUTION 2026/45

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

12.2 Financial Statements and Final Management Report 2025

RESOLUTION 2026/46

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the Final Management Report and signed Financial Statements for the Financial year 2024/25.

CARRIED 5 / 0

12.3 Procurement Policy Annual Update

Mayor Sewter left the room at 11.19 entered 11.22

RESOLUTION 2026/47

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That the Council approves the updated Procurement Policy and further directs the CEO to provide training and resources to council staff to ensure effective implementation of the revised Procurement Policy.

CARRIED 5 / 0

12.4 Register of Prequalified Suppliers – Trade Services

Cr Jane Ah Kit gave notice in the meeting about a prescribed conflict of interest under Section 150EI Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) relating to interests in Carpentaria Electrical and left the room at 11.56.

RESOLUTION 2026/48

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

CARRIED 4 / 0

That Council:

- a) accepts the recommendation of the evaluation panel;
- b) resolves to appoint the successful suppliers listed in Table 1 to Council's Register of Prequalified Suppliers of Trade Services (MCS-2025-005); and
- c) delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and enter into contracts with the successful suppliers listed in Table 1 as provided for in the request for tender (as amended by agreement between the parties).

13 COMMUNITY

13.1 Community Report – March 2026

Cr Jane Ah Kit entered the room at 12:05PM

RESOLUTION 2026/49

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the Community Report for December 2025 to March 2026.

CARRIED 5 / 0

Meeting break for lunch at 12:40PM.

14 CORPORATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting recommenced 13:57PM.

14.1 Corporate & Communications Report – March 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/50

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.2 DA2026_002 Sweers Island Resort Development Approval Exclusion

RESOLUTION 2026/51

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

Council as the Local Government Authority resolves to approve (subject to conditions) the application lodged with Council for Exemption Certificate (Development of additional ecotourism accommodation cabins) as prepared RILIPO.

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.3 Investigation Policy

RESOLUTION 2026/52

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Farah Linden

That Council adopts the Mornington Shire Council Investigation Policy.

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.4 Model Meeting Procedures

RESOLUTION 2026/53

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

That Council adopts the Model Meeting Procedures developed by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers for Local Government and Standing Committee meetings.

CARRIED 5 / 0

15 HUMAN RESOURCES

15.1 Human Resources report - March 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/54

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

16 HOUSING AND FACILITIES

16.1 Housing and Facilities Report – March 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/55

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

17 ENGINEERING and Infrastructure

17.1 Engineering and Infrastructure Report - March 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/56

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

18 Hospitality and Accommodation

18.1 Hospitality and Accommodation Report – March 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/57

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS

Women's Rugby League Team Participation in the Gulf Cluster Competition

RESOLUTION 2026/58

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

That Council approves in principle support for sponsorship for both the Men's and Women's Rugby League teams with delegation and decision making provided to CEO.

CARRIED 5 / 0

20 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

21 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27 May 2026 at 9:00AM.

22 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 15:33PM.