



**MORNINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 27 May 2026

UNCONFIRMED

1 OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting opened by Mayor Sewter at 9.07am.

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 (via Teams – left meeting at 1.38pm) and Cr Jane Ah Kit.

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer) and Jacinta Olds (Executive Officer)

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Nil.

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 - 23 April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/59

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting – 23 April 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 5 / 0

8 DEPUTATIONS

Thawathu Men's Advisory Group provided an overview regarding the Men's Space. – **1PM.**

Deputation commenced at 1.07pm – 1.38pm

Cr Jane Ah Kit left meeting room at 1.07pm and returned 1.41pm

Department of Housing and Public Works will provide an update on the Healthy Housing Pilot Program. – **1.45PM.**

Deputation commenced at 1.41pm – 2.20pm

CEO advised: Department of Housing Funding – Healthy Homes Project has been withdrawn from Council. No explanation after initial planning was done.

- Action from Department of Housing – Jacinta McKewen
 - Delivery meeting to be organised. How many inspection lists have been done – conversation to be had with Property and Tenancy teams.

9 ACTION SCHEDULE

The items below have been added to the action schedule:

- Salvation Army issue with Sale of Goods.
 - Salvation Army advised minimal sale or give away of goods. Not manned by Salvation Army, not beneficial to community.
- CEO – policy and procedures from Council for burials, funerals, sorry business. Follow up with DG for assistance.
- Manager Communities – NAIDOC funding for Council – if received, what is it being used for.
- CEO – to set up meeting with Councillors and Chris Bradley from Department of Transport.
- CEO – Department of Housing – organise to attend next council meeting to discuss tenancy for new builds in community.
- CFO - to distribute list of damaged machinery / equipment to Mayor.

10 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 Mayor and Councillor Verbal Reports

Mayor Richard Sewter

- Land Tenure meeting – RILIPO office. Concerns of office being closed. Gives communities some power for land tenure.
- GRAC / CLC – Rangers, Cemetery.
- Black lipped oyster study – funding from GREAT (\$50k) and Commonwealth (\$50k).
- IBA, NIAA & Infrastructure Department – to purchase a Mt Isa Motel for patient accommodation for Gulf Communities.
- Mayor will be out of community for meetings in June for 1 week.
 - QPS – meeting with police for any community issues.

Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

- Roads
 - Birri Road – works near completion.
 - Emergent works being done on Ballaleah Road.
 - Equipment / Machinery – aged / outdated – audit to be done on equipment / machinery.

Cr Jane Ah Kit

- Stronger Smarter conference – pathways for our children. Partnership approach with community. School age to pathways to employment.

Cr Farrah Linden

- 7 pending funerals. Community services to visit with families.
- Cemetery – Tech Services – burial paperwork received.
 - Drone images of cemetery
 - White ants in burial plots – better service and maintenance of cemetery.
- Public Trust – cost of funerals, burial assistance. Invoice not issued until after funeral. Support from Council around funerals / sorry business.
 - Council - policy and procedure to be done for sorry business and funerals/burials.
- NAIDOC – working with Director Communities to organise / contribute to day for community. Council to work with the Arts Centre as well around cultural activities etc.
- Calendar of Events – to be put around community for all community to able to see.

Cr Renee Wilson

- Met with architects – recreation masterplan, ideas from Art Centre.
- NAIDOC Day – program coming together. Sorry Business may be in the middle of NAIDOC week. Anything scheduled on that day will be moved.
 - No grants received from government.
 - Any money Council receives will be used and spent for NAIDOC. Community funds can also be used.
- REX LFS booking system – being able to book flights is problematic.
 - Chris Bradley visiting community around 10 June. Training to be done for Council employees to be able to book local fares through Council.
- ANZAC memorial – for next year.

Mayor Richard Sewter left the room at 10.09am returned 10.10am.

Meeting recessed for morning tea at 10.28am

Meeting recommenced at 10.39am.

Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson returned 10.41am

RESOLUTION 2026/60

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

10.2 Chief Executive Officer report - April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/61

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Councillors receive and note the Chief Executive report for April 2026.

CARRIED 5 / 0

- Cr. Jane Ah Kit - Wangi Close – substantial drop in bitumen, needs repairing.
- Mayor Richard Sewter – CFO to distribute list of damaged machinery / equipment

11 FINANCE

11.1 April 2026 Financial Report

RESOLUTION 2026/62

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

11.2 Interim Audit Report – 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/63

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the 2026 Interim Audit report.

CARRIED 5 / 0

11.3 Additional Signatures to Bank Accounts

RESOLUTION 2026/64

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

The Council resolves to update the authorised signatories for the bank accounts by Council and directs the Chief Executive Officer to notify the banks of this resolution and provide any necessary documentation to effect these changes.

CARRIED 5 / 0

12 Project Management Office

12.1 Projects Office – Postal Numbering of Lot 926 Lardil Street

RESOLUTION 2026/65

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council approve the allocation of house numbers 136A, 136B, 136C, and 136D Lardil Street for the development of Lot 926.

CARRIED 5 / 0

12.2 Projects Office – Masterplan Monthly Update - April

RESOLUTION 2026/66

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

That Council receive and note the periodic Capital Projects Office Masterplan overview for April 2026.

CARRIED 5 / 0

Meeting break for lunch at 12.01pm

Meeting recommenced at 1.04pm

13 Community

13.1 Community Report – April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/67

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

That Council receive and note the Community Report for April 2026.

CARRIED 5 / 0

Mayor Richard Sewter left the room at 2.32pm – 2.34pm

Cr Jane Ah Kit left the room at 2.32pm – 2.37pm

14 CORPORATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

14.1 Corporate & Communications Report – April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/68

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Corporate & Communications report for April 2026.

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.2 Policy Adoption – Information Privacy Policy

RESOLUTION 2026/69

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

That Council adopts the Mornington Shire Council Information Privacy Policy.

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.3 Policy Adoption – Data Breach Policy

RESOLUTION 2026/70

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council adopts the Mornington Shire Council Data Breach Policy.

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.4 Policy Adoption – Right to Information Policy

RESOLUTION 2026/71

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council adopts the Mornington Shire Council Right to Information Policy.

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.5 DA2025_028 Material Change of Use Kuba Natha – Staff Accommodation

RESOLUTION 2026/72

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Council as the Local Government Authority resolves to approve (subject to conditions) the Development Application lodged with Council for Material Change of Use (Retirement Facility – Staff Accommodation).

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.6 DA2021_021 Lot 925 SP270889 – Extension of Currency Period

RESOLUTION 2026/73

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

It is recommended that:

1. Council notes the decision no. 14.7 of 17 November 2021.
2. Council approve the currency period of the Development Application for a period of 6 years as from November 2025.

CARRIED 5 / 0

14.7 Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 – 3rd Quarter Update

RESOLUTION 2026/74

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Mornington Shire Council Operational Plan 2025 – 2026 3rd quarter updates.

CARRIED 5 / 0

15 HUMAN RESOURCES

15.1 Human Resources & Payroll Services Report - April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/75

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

Short Break commenced 3.13pm recommenced 3.20pm

16 HOUSING AND FACILITIES

16.1 Housing and Facilities Report – April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/76

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

17 ENGINEERING

17.1 Engineering and Infrastructure Report - April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/77

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council receive and note the Engineering and Infrastructure report for April 2026.

CARRIED 5 / 0

18 Hospitality and Accommodation

18.1 Hospitality and Accommodation Report – April 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/78

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

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

CARRIED 5 / 0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Citizenship Ceremony Proposed Date is 16 July 2026 (pending Mayor's availability).

20 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

21 NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled ordinary council meeting will be held on 24 June 2026.

22 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 4.18pm.