



**PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall**  
**Commencing at 9.00am 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Present:**

Mayor Charlene Warren, Deputy Mayor Shawn Christian, Administrator Colin Leeman, Cr Torika Christian, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques and Cr Simon Young, Nadine Faulkner, Island Secretary

**Apologies:**

**In attendance:**

**Welcome:** The Mayor welcomed Council and temporary Administrator Colin Leeman, and the permanent ISEC back to the table. She also thanked Cr's Jaques and Menzies for stepping in to cover the Island Secretary position temporarily.

A moment of private reflection was taken.

Agenda Item	Tabled by
ACTIONS / Matters Arising from Regular Council Meeting of 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<p data-bbox="671 920 1305 958">Actions from the last council sitting: - 13th April 2022</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="671 994 1299 1137"><p data-bbox="671 994 1299 1061"><b>1. Request for update on approval of divisional budgets.</b></p><p data-bbox="715 1066 1267 1099">Budgets circulated to Councillors and with PIO</p><p data-bbox="715 1104 932 1137"><b>Action: On-Going.</b></p></li><li data-bbox="671 1173 1382 1384"><p data-bbox="671 1173 1382 1207"><b>2. Preparing for re-opening of borders 31 March.</b></p><p data-bbox="715 1211 1382 1279">Cr M Christian to contact SPC re the availability of C-19 related community posters and report back to council. Paperwork circulated to Councillors and the Doctor and awaiting permission to go ahead.</p><p data-bbox="715 1350 932 1384"><b>Action: On-Going.</b></p></li><li data-bbox="671 1420 1078 1630"><p data-bbox="671 1420 1078 1453"><b>3. Internet Band with Issues.</b></p><p data-bbox="715 1489 1406 1597">The internet issues have gotten better, the school is now able to go online during school hours. Ongoing monitoring.</p><p data-bbox="715 1601 932 1635"><b>Action: On-Going.</b></p></li><li data-bbox="671 1671 1362 1881"><p data-bbox="671 1671 1362 1704"><b>4. Photo ID Cards for Pitcairn Islanders.</b></p><p data-bbox="715 1709 1362 1843">Cr M Christian will provide Council with costings and a proposal for further consideration. Two quotes have been received, but querying some points, and once received will onforward to Councillors</p><p data-bbox="715 1848 932 1881"><b>Action: On-Going.</b></p></li><li data-bbox="671 1917 1374 2022"><p data-bbox="671 1917 1374 1951"><b>5. Remote meeting participation for councillors.</b></p><p data-bbox="715 1955 1374 2022">Mayor to work with AG's office re possible amendment of ordinance to make this possible.</p></li></ol>

	<p><b>Action: On-Going.</b></p> <p>6. <b>GPI Employee leave entitlement settlement proposal.</b> A response is awaited to Councils letter of 8 March 2022. Administrator to give update during the Agenda section. <b>Action: On-Going.</b></p> <p>7. <b>Planting and establishing Aranui Breadfruit trees.</b> Cr M Christian and Cr H Menzies will organise plaques for each location and report back to Council. Items circulated to Councillors and awaiting feedback. Once decided the planting will begin. Mayor and DM Operations to meet to decide clearing of the are in readiment. <b>Action: On-Going.</b></p>
Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<p><b>MOTION;</b> Cr Torika Christian / Deputy Mayor Shawn Christian. "That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 as previously circulated, be approved. All in favour / Carried</p>
Matters arising from minutes of 13 <sup>th</sup> of April 2022	Nil
EDF Funds for Solar System	<p>Cr Simon Young asked the Administrator where he thought HMG/PIO was going in relation to the funds allocated to this project. The project was funded \$450,000 Euro to supply Solar Power to Pitcairn. This funding now sits with SPC and will be released to fund the project. All Councillors sitting around the table stated that all the community must have their electricity needs met regardless if they have Tron Units as electricity costs is a financial burden that needs to be eased.</p> <p>Administrator advised Solar Units are already being shipped up to be installed on Off-Islander / Contractor housing are funded by HMG, not EDF. EDF funding was firstly considered to be for a community solar energy farm project however this after further investigation would be too expensive – costs in the millions for example. So we are now considering a smaller PIO implemented project of panels on buildings, or a smaller community solar farm jointly still using the generators. Either way we will continue to need the generators.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Administrator to advise the community of the progress of the EDF Solar Power project.</p>
<p>Policy Review Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Share Out Policy</li> </ul>	Cr Simon Young asked for approval for the Community Share Out Policy. Council discussed a small change the PRC had made to the Policy, and approved as tabled with small

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19 Policy</li> </ul>	<p>change. After change made to be put on the Community Notice Board.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Cr. S Young / Mayor Charlene Warren That the Community Share Out Policy be approved with small amendment. All in favour</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Cr Simon Young to put on the Community Notice Board the updated policy.</p> <p>Cr Simon Young asked for the revised Covid-19 Policy be approved. Council agreed to approve.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Cr. Torika Christian/ Cr Leslie Jaques That the revised Covid-19 Policy be approved. All in favour</p>
<p>Holiday Pay Entitlement</p>	<p>The Administrator spoke briefly on this challenging problem. The Administrator advised that he now has all the necessary paperwork to write formally to Council and requested a special council meeting the following week to discuss with the Council.</p> <p>Councillors noted that the issue is wider than the administrator may realise – such as some employees do not have contracts and asked if they are being included in consideration.</p> <p>The Administrator agreed that there are issues which he has not investigated as yet, but will do so to ensure he can present the best information possible back to the Council.</p> <p>He noted that in the Special Council meeting he will have documents to support discussion and hopefully progression of the Holiday Pay Entitlement and GPI contract problems. These will include a letter from the Governor, a new draft GPI contract and a letter from the Administrator to be tabled at this Council sitting to work through. Documents to be circulated by the end of the week.</p> <p>Special Council to sit 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.</p>
<p>Report on Public Service</p>	<p>The Administrator spoke on the months' work in the PPS. He added that he appreciated the welcome he's been giving and had enjoyed working with the community so far.</p> <p>Finance and Economics Division</p> <p>Pitcairn Island Store: Audit of the Store has been completed.</p> <p>Tourism: Visitors have already begun to arrive with visits of Yachts. Head of Tourism has attended a conference in</p>

Florida – and work continues across almost all divisions to prepare for further tourists.

#### Community

Issues with Healix are being worked on as there have been problems with patients send out for care. These are close to being resolved and were largely a communications issue.

Noted that patients going to Tahiti can get a three-month visa for entry on a medical basis. If an extension is required due to ongoing medical treatment then PIO and HMG will take it forward with the Tahitian authorities.

An updated MOU needs to sought on entry into Mangareva for passengers to and from Pitcairn is being worked on. At present entry and departure is being sought on a case-by-case basis to support patients going for emergency care. We hope to have clarity on this soon.

Museum has been cleaned inside, outside to be done as it has been delayed due to weather.

Temporary Assistant at the School has been employed.

FCA has not returned, and alternate models are being considered to ensure employment and supervision of a better suited candidate.

#### Natural Resources Division

Training in Bio-Security on- going on to protect the eco-system on island – for PPS staff and others such as Silver Supporter.

Project Blue in contact with school for an Oceans day education event.

Marine Science Presentation with previous administrator.


#### Operations Division.

Marine Science base work is continuing

Ship to Shore vessel sitting in NZ – waiting for plans for the Boat House and access to the wharf that would need to be changed before deciding on next steps.

The Administrator recognised the strength of feeling on various Ops projects, but also spoke on the need for people to work on sites for projects to be completed.

	<p>Stephen Thwaites to replace Colin in July. A gap in August/ September and then Simon Bull for October/ November. The Administrator recognised that temporary positions were not ideal but with many staff working on the Ukraine war response it was challenging to find people. Hopefully a longer-term administrator will be found soon.</p> <p>Cr Simon Young requested a written report in future so the Councillors may be informed beforehand.</p> <p>Governor Laura departure is set for early July.</p>
Queens Jubilee	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2022 is the date set to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.</p> <p>Beacon has arrived and will be readied for use.</p> <p>A Public dinner suggested to kick off the celebration before lighting the Beacon later in the evening.</p> <p>Lighting of the Beacon at the Public Square requested to be at 9.15pm</p> <p>Council approved the suggestion of a Public Dinner.</p>
Land Court Date Request	<p>Cr Simon Young, as Alternate Land Court President, requested from council permission to hold land court at 9am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.</p> <p>All in approval.</p>
<b>General Business Matters</b>	
Settlement Application	<p>Council was given an Application for Settlement from a Mr Lloyd Gould. Recommended that the application progress to the next step.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Immigration Officer to be advised that the application be forwarded to the Deputy Governor. Island Secretary to advise appropriate department of Council approval.</p>
Public Meeting with the Governor	<p>Notice to be put up to advise the community closer to the time, but date set at 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.</p>
Vaccination vs Unvaccinated and Travel.	<p>Question raised on vaccinated or non-vaccinated issue upon entry to places such as Tahiti, NZ and around the world.</p> <p>Noted that on Pitcairn, yachts may arrive with unvaccinated crew/passengers.</p> <p>At present there are many countries that do require vaccination to be granted entry.</p> <p>This will of course be monitored by Council and Policy modified to reflect any changes.</p>
Covid-19 Prevention Posters	<p>Councillors approved posters regarding Covid-19 prevention supplied for review.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Cr Michele Christian to laminate and put up on community noticeboards.</p>
Meeting Closed	Meeting closed at 11.40 am

Next Meeting.	Next Special Council 9am 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022. Next Regular Council meeting set for 9.00 am Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2022. Public Meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Approved <i>2/7</i> 2022.	 Mayor Charlene Warren.

