



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 12.15am Wednesday July 11th 2018

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Sue O'Keefe, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Kevin Young, Cr L Jaques, Cr Michele Christian and Island Secretary, Heather Menzies.

In attendance:

Apologies: Administrator Nicola Hebb, Deputy Governor Robin Shackell

Gallery:

Welcome: The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

<p>Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of June 13th & June 20th 2018</p>	<p><u>ACTION 1:</u> Cr K Young advised he circulated the draft Internet Pricing and Data Management proposal to all members as requested.</p> <p><u>ACTION 2:</u> The Mayor advised he circulated the Administrator's paper on Internet Pricing and Data Management as requested.</p> <p><u>ACTION 3:</u> Cr M Christian reported that Council's response to PEW's request for a letter of support has been forwarded to Mr Briggs as requested. The Deputy Governor acknowledged Council's diligent consideration of PEW's request.</p> <p><u>ACTION 4:</u> Cr M Christian reported that she circulated more detailed information, from Mr Gene Spinelli, about the proposed National Antarctic Scientific Centre's Ducie Island research as requested. Cr M Christian will request formal approval at today's regular Council meeting.</p> <p><u>ACTION 5:</u> The Isec reported that copies of the compiled future of Pitcairn workshop notes are available from the Isec Office as requested.</p> <p><u>ACTION 6:</u> Councillors have provided Cr M Christian with emailed provisional approval of the previously circulated Gift Policy as requested.</p> <p><u>ACTION 7:</u> Via the IS, the Administrator reported she has discussed factors relating to the currently vacant Island Police Officer roles as requested. No further action is required at this time.</p> <p><u>ACTION 8:</u> Councillors have provided Cr O'Keefe with feedback on the Youth Forum proposal as requested. She will liaise with the new Administrator when he arrives on island in August.</p> <p><u>ACTION 9:</u> Via the Island Secretary, the Administrator advised that the executive summary of the 2017 Child Safety Report is available from the Isec office as requested.</p>
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	<p><u>ACTION 10:</u> Cr M Christian advised she has forwarded Council's decisions regarding amendments to the Local Government Ordinance Part II – Island Officers to the Assistant Attorney, as requested.</p>
Approval of Minutes, as previously circulated, of Regular Council Meeting of June 13 th & June 20 th 2018	<p>MOTION: Cr D Griffiths/ Cr L Jaques “That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 13th & June 20th 2018, as circulated, be approved.” All in Favour/ Carried</p>
Appointment of new teacher - 2019	<p>On behalf of the Administrator, the Mayor confirmed that the incoming Administrator's partner, Ms Poly Pantelides, has been appointed as the 2019 school teacher.</p>
<p>Dark Sky Sanctuary (DDS) Application Draft for Provisional Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial Lighting Ordinance development 	<p>Cr L Jaques asked Tourism Travel Coordinator, Heather Menzies, to speak to the application document previously circulated. She reported that a Stage 1 funding application has been made to the Office of Astronomy for Development (OAD) for astronomy equipment for Astro Tourism on Pitcairn.</p> <p>She also advised that the application draft had progressed well and there are two or three key actions which need to be undertaken prior to submission. These include drafting and approving an Artificial Lighting Ordinance for Pitcairn Island (led by DM Operations) and developing the Taro Ground viewing site proposal for Pitcairn's Astro Tourism ventures (led by Cr K Young).</p> <p>The Deputy Governor noted that an ordinance is probably not required to manage Pitcairn's artificial lighting requirements going forward, He suggested that a local policy, approved by the Government, might suffice. There ensued general discussion about the requirements of the DDS application and it was agreed the Travel Coordinator will discuss the Deputy Governor's suggestion with the IDA Director of Conservation and the Attorney General's office and report back to Council. In the Interim, Cr L Jaques asked that Council provisionally approve the application as previously circulated.</p> <p>Motion: Cr L Jaques/ Cr M Christian “That Council provisionally approve the Pitcairn Islands Group Dark Sky Sanctuary application as previously circulated.” All in favour/ Carried</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Travel Coordinator will advise Council of developments following discussions with the IDA Director of Conservation and the Attorney General's office.</p>
Dark Sky Sanctuary - Astro Tourism Viewing Site Proposal	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Cr K Young will circulate a draft proposal to Council members for the utilisation of Taro Ground as an approved viewing and storage area for astro tourism on Pitcairn.</p>
Pricing Structure and Data Management Proposal for Internet Use.	<p>The Mayor invited comment from the Deputy Governor regarding the internet service improvements, Council's end-user pricing recommendations and possible data management options going forward.</p>

The Deputy Governor thanked Cr K Young for the previously circulated draft proposal. He noted that the internet service is a big improvement on what it was before noting that any agreed upon pricing structure will need to deliver at least the same amount of money (some NZ\$47,000) as previously generated by the old system. He went on to say that accessible internet use, during work days and business hours, must be a priority for all users and that all internet usage must be undertaken in a legal way.

In response – Cr K Young asked the Deputy Governor to confirm whether HMG contracted staff pay for their internet use as opposed to those costs being included in their employment contracts. He added that the draft pricing proposal was based on the assumption that they did pay for the service and, with this in mind, the number of billable accounts, able to pay for internet services, totals 25.

The Deputy Governor said he will seek clarification as to whether HMG contracted staff pay for their internet use or not and report back to Council.

Cr K Young reported that following Council's Internet Pricing Structure and Data Management workshop of July 10th the following decisions had been made with regard to proposed end-user rates:

Data Use:

Two pricing brackets will apply for resident users:

1. High User Bracket: Unlimited - \$120 per month – plus \$25 Phone and internet connection fee – proposed total monthly cost: \$145.
2. Low User Bracket – capped at 10 Gb - \$50 – plus \$25.00 Phone and Internet connection fee – Proposed total monthly cost \$75.00

Connection Fees:

Two pricing brackets will apply for resident users:

1. Monthly Residential Telephone and Internet Connection: \$25.00 per month, applicable across residential, HMG contracted staff and government departments – plus calls based on NZ International call rates.
2. Monthly Residential Telephone Only Connection Fee: \$15.00 - plus calls based on NZ International call rates – applicable for residential homes only.

Non Residential / Visitor User Rates:

Cost \$120: Includes returnable mifi device - \$80.
Includes \$40 connection fee and 1 GB of data.
Further data can be purchased at \$40 per 1 GB

The Deputy Governor asked that the proposal and associated costings be forwarded to he and Evan Dunn, Financial Controller, for further discussion.


	<p>There ensued general discussion about managing data usage and it was agreed that the Community will be asked to refrain from downloading and high usage during work day / business hours so as to avoid congestion and a general slowing down the system.</p> <p>The Mayor noted that the number of devices on island and their updating requirements have not previously been factored into data usage and this needs to be further explored with the service provider.</p> <p>ACTION: Cr K Young will circulate the final proposal to all members, via email, for formal approval, before submitting it to the Financial Controller and the Deputy Governor for further discussion.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor will liaise with the Ursus, the internet service provider, to discuss general usage and management options going forward.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor/Council will ask the Community to refrain from downloading and high usage during work day / business hours.</p> <p>ACTION: The Deputy Governor will seek clarification from the Financial Controller as to whether HMG Contracted staff pay for their internet use and report back to Council.</p>
Portrait Identification request – Cambridge University	<p>This item was deferred.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor will undertake background research before suggesting a proposal for accessing the historic material covered in the historical photograph identification process.</p>
Ducie Island Scientific Research proposal	<p>MOTION; Cr M Christian/ Cr L Jaques</p> <p>“That Council approve the Ducie Island Scientific Research proposal, as previously circulated.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
Letter to Council Notice of Leave - Cr L Jaques	<p>Cr L Jaques spoke to his, previously circulated, letter to the Mayor and Council, regarding his notice of leave, for personal reasons from September 2018 to January 2019.</p> <p>Cr L Jaques’ letter to Council also included a recommendation that he work from the PIO on EU/ EDF matters, in his role as Councillor for International relations, whilst away, and that he attend the 2018 JMC, on behalf of Council.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion followed. The Mayor accepted Cr Jaques’ notice of leave from Council, for personal reasons and approved his attendance at the 2018 JMC. The Mayor added, matters relating to Cr Jaques undertaking EU/EDF related work whilst off-island will be discussed at a later date, prior to the next regular Council meeting.</p> <p>The Deputy Governor advised he would continue to reflect on the matter and points raised.</p>

Formal Approval of GPI Gift Policy.	Motion: “That Council formally approve the Gift Policy, as previously circulated. “ All in Favour / Carried
Update on Births, Deaths and Marriages Project (BDM)	Cr D Griffiths reported Steady progress has been made on the BDM Project. All marriage entries have been digitised and added to the electronic spreadsheet – reflecting all hardcopy information from Registers and loose documents. She is currently working on the last register for Births. The challenge has been in interpreting hand-written, photo copied entries. Following recommendations from the Assist Attorney General a process of cross referencing is in play. This will entail sighting the photocopied entries and comparing these with local information and unofficial registers etc. A list of entries which cannot be easily interpreted will be compiled for discussion with the Registrar and Assistant Attorney General. It is envisioned the project will be fully completed, working on a continued part-time basis, before the end of the year. Council acknowledged the work done to date and thanks Cr Griffiths.
AGM of the SPC (CRGA) – Deputy Governor	<p>Speaking to his previously circulated paper, the Deputy Governor reported he attended the 48th AGM of the SPC (CRGA) in Noumea, from 26-28 June, as the representative of the Pitcairn Islands. He advised he made a well-received statement on HMGs plans for a scientific expedition to Henderson Island to evaluate plastic pollution. His statement covered the scope of the expedition, the science involved and the expected outputs and he has promised to information share with SPC for their new PCCO portal as a resource for members. It was well received, and gratifying to be able to offer something back to SPC.</p> <p>The Deputy Governor stated that the SPC will be an important source of funding for Pitcairn post EDF 11 and advised that Pitcairn will assume the role of Vice-Chair of CRGA in 2019 and Chair in 2020. He will also attend the AGM for the next two years and that for the 2020 meeting, we will need someone from the Island to sit in the Pitcairn seat.</p> <p>He reported that he has spoken with the Deputy Director, Mr Cameron Diver, about Pitcairn accessing a possible funding gap on our renewable energy project under the regional EDF 11 funding. In response Mr Diver advised this would require a costed proposal, but they would be willing to look at the detailed plan once it was available.</p> <p>It was noted that going forward SPC will be focusing on ten key priorities going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries science • Plant and crop genetics • Education standards and quality • Public health surveillance • Ocean management and governance • Climate change and DRR/DDM • Regional data management • Human rights, gender equality, youth and culture

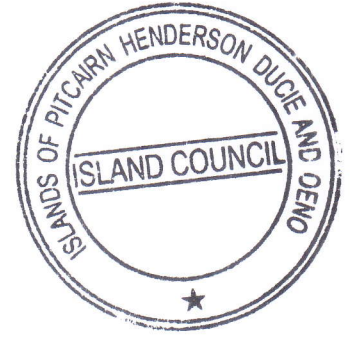
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional data management • Human rights, gender equality, youth and culture • Energy • NCD's <p>Cr M Christian outlined the background of Pitcairn's work with the SPC in relation to Environment, Conservation and natural Resource initiatives and there ensued general discussion about the positive value the SPC has in the region.</p> <p>Given her past working relationship with SPC, as DM ECNR, Cr M Christian advised that is happy to put her name forward as the Pitcairn Islands support representative for the upcoming 2019/2020 SPC meetings. It was agreed that a would formal recommendation for this will be submitted to Council.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> A Formal recommendation for Cr M Christian to attend 2019/2020 SPC meetings, as Pitcairn Islands support representative will be submitted to Council.</p> <p>A copy of the Deputy Governor's report is available from the ISec Office on request.</p>
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Meeting Closed: 2.30pm

Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday August 8th 2018 – 8.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

Date: 9 / 8 / 2018



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