



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 11.am Monday 21st November 2016**

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Brenda Christian, Administrator Nicola Hebb, Island Secretary Heather Menzies.

Apologies: Cr Leslie Jaques.

Gallery: None

Opening Prayer: Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu

Welcome: Mayor

<p>Council gathered to review and discuss Pitcairn's approved EDF11 activities in preparation for the formulation phase of the 11th EDF. Cr Leslie Jacques, currently in New Zealand had sent his notes pertaining to this discussion via email. These were circulated, along with relevant correspondence to all Councillors in preparation for an EDF11 Formulation Phase video conference with Macro, Sectoral & Governance Economist Consultant Mark Watson, FCO Evan Dunn, Deputy Governor Kevin Lynch & Cr Leslie Jaques.</p>	
ACTIVITY	DISCUSION
Airport feasibility study	It was unanimously agreed that there is little justification for funds for an Airport Feasibility Study and that the funds would be better spent on a desk based feasibility study for improving the Islands Communications needs. It was agreed that this should be noted in the Pitcairn Islands Sustainable Tourism Master Plan (STMP) Appendix A as Phase 1 with the implementation of any approved recommendations as Phase 2.
Further Development of Tedside and Bounty Bay landing facilities.	It was noted that plant propagation and the beautification of the alternative harbour area and roads was factored under EDF10. It was clarified that Bounty Bay requirements are as listed in Appendix A of the STMP.
Shelters and information centre.	It was this work reflects work already undertaken under the 9 th and 10 th EDF infrastructure development and should be clarified in the discussion with PI. As noted in Appendix A of the STMA
Construction of an arts and cultural centre/upgrade museum	It was noted that the upgrade of the Museum project will dove tail with construction of the Cultural Centre. Both activities relate specifically to improving visitor experience and both build upon the work undertaken under the 9 th and 10 th EDF - as noted in Appendix A of the STMP.
Upgrading of current tourism facilities.	It was noted that the Artisan Gallery and Tourism facilities will be housed in a single space/building – possibly using an existing building i.e. the old medical centre building once the upgraded medical centre has been completed.
Improved access to historic	It was clarified and unanimously agreed that this activity did not

sights.	<p>entail beautification or roads work etc. Rather it relates to providing improved visitor experiences and safe activities for tourism - adding to the work undertaken under the 9th and 10th EDF.</p> <p>Given Pitcairn's rough terrain it was agreed that this activity must be guided by a contracted feasibility study so as to review and assist the Island in providing enhanced and entirely safe access to many of its historic sights and natural attractions - many which are currently high risk i.e. Down Rope, The God, Christian's Cave.</p> <p>It was noted that the island's aging population has resulted in fewer and fewer locals being fit enough to traverse some of the existing tracks and to safely guide tourists. As such access must be made safe or denied – these decisions being guided by appropriate assessments. It was agreed that the feasibility study component of this activity should be noted as Phase 1 in Appendix A of the STMP and implementation of agreed recommendations noted as Phase 2.</p>
Upgrading of communication system greater capacity/bandwidth /cell coverage	<p>It was noted that this activity will contribute to high end tourism telecommunication expectations, visitor risk management, and health and safety (given the island's remote location). It will also support Pitcairn's repopulation strategy. See above instructions for noting this activity in Appendix A of the STMP i.e. Feasibility study captured as Phase 1 and implementation of approved recommendations as Phase 2</p>
Upgrading of medical facilities	<p>It was noted that the initial consultation phase of this activity is already underway – and the costed breakdown is in development. The Division Manager and the Administrator will liaise with PIO to ensure the first draft is submitted as soon as possible. It was noted that upgrading the medical facilities will contribute to Pitcairn being able to deliver an improved level of medical assistance to visitors (despite the island's isolation). It also supports the repopulation strategy and Pitcairn local population.</p>
NOTE: External workforce procurement -	<p>It was unanimously agreed that it will be useful to recruit job specific work teams (to undertake specific builds and projects) in order to meet prescribed construction deadlines. This would then complement the externally recruited general labour workforce and the internal local labour teams. Such an approach is sensible and practical for a variety reasons i.e. Health & Safety, quality control, liability, insurance and speed. This aspect will be discussed at the Video conference and costs will need to be factored the specific construction costs should the option be available from suppliers.</p>
Video conference Postponed	<p>A telecommunications malfunction resulted in the video conference being postponed until Wednesday 23rd. However, the Draft minutes of Council's preliminary discussions were circulated at end of business so as to inform discussion at the next meeting.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS – Settlement Application Approval.	<p>Cr B Christian advised Council that the Settlement Application from Mr Thomas Jakobs has been approved by the Governor. ACTION: Cr B Christian will follow up with Deputy Governor to ascertain who will provide the applicant with formal confirmation</p>

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Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: Dec 7th 2016 8.30pm
Date if proposed video conference: Nov 23rd 2016 – 12.40 pm.

Meeting Closed: 2.00pm

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

Date: 29 / 11 / 2016



Approved