



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 8.30am Aug 8th 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: Kay- Anna Lawson

Apologies: Administrator Nicola Hebb

Gallery:

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

Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of July 11th 2018

ACTION 1: The Isec, as Travel Coordinator, advised she had corresponded with the IDA Director of Conservation, the Deputy Governor and the Attorney General's office regarding accreditation for managing Pitcairn's artificial lighting.

ACTION 2: Cr K Young advised he had circulated a draft proposal to Council members for the utilisation of Taro Ground as an approved viewing and storage area for astro-tourism on Pitcairn.

ACTION 3: Cr K Young reported he has circulated the final proposal for Internet Costs and Data Management to all members.

ACTION 4: The Mayor reported he has not yet discussed general usage and management options with Ursys. He will not do so until the proposed pricing structure has been signed off by the PIO.

ACTION 5: The Mayor/reported he has not yet communicated downloading and high usage requirements to the community. He will not do so until the proposed pricing structure has been signed off by the PIO.

ACTION 6: The Deputy Governor has reported back to clarify whether GPI contracted staff pay for their own internet use.

ACTION 7: The Mayor reported he has explored gaining access to the historic material covered in the old photograph identification process, via Cambridge University. He noted that high res copies will be made available to the island and a display, to aid the identification process, will be organised.

	<p>It was noted Ms Pauline Reynolds will assist in having the photos printed and freighted to the island. Cambridge University has also agreed to share all related data with the island.</p> <p>It was agreed that holding a public display of the old photos to aid identification will be organised.</p> <p>All in favour/Carried</p> <p><u>ACTION 8:</u> Cr M Christian, as DM ECNRD, reported she has submitted a proposal to Council for her attendance at the 2019/2020 SPC AGM as the Pitcairn Islands support representative. It will be tabled at today's meeting.</p>
Approval of Minutes, as previously circulated, of Regular Council Meeting of July 11 th 2018	<p>MOTION: Cr S O'Keefe / Cr M Christian "That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 11th 2018, as circulated, be approved."</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
Cr D Griffiths – Letter to Council Notice of Leave Acknowledgement from Administrator Nicola Hebb – via email. Appointment of replacement Councillor	<p>The Mayor accepted Cr D Griffiths notice of leave from Council, for personal reasons.</p> <p>The Administrator thanked Cr Griffiths for her work as a Council member during her tenure as Administrator. Ms Hebb wrote that Cr Griffiths has worked tirelessly for the island, not just in her Council role, and she has been a great ambassador for the island - her temporary absence will be keenly felt.</p> <p>It was noted that Mrs Brenda Christian and Mrs Lea Brown were equal next highest polling candidates at the last election. Given Mrs Christian is currently off island the Mayor reported that he has spoken with Mrs Lea Brown and she is happy to take up the role of temporary Councillor, in Cr Griffiths; absence.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> The Mayor will advise Mrs Brown of this confirmation.</p>
On-going Production of the quarterly Council Bulletin	<p>It was agreed that Cr S O'Keefe will take up production of the Council Bulletin on Cr Griffiths' absence.</p> <p>All in Favour/ Carried</p>
Dialogue with HMG re proposed new passenger Shipping service.	<p>It was noted that on July 26th, the Deputy Governor provided the Mayor, Council and the community with an update on progress on new shipping service contract along with a proposed 2019 passenger/shipping schedule.</p> <p>In response Council submitted a list of questions relating to the new service on behalf of the Community. The Deputy Governor, the Administrator and the Financial Controller responded to the</p>

	<p>questions and advised that the deadline for further feedback will be extended until Monday 6th of Aug 2018.</p> <p>The shipping schedule, the Deputy Governor’s correspondence and the questions and answers were posted on the public notice board for further community input.</p> <p>It was agreed that Question & Answer set will be retained at the Isec Office as a record of consultation.</p> <p>All in favour / Carried.</p>
<p>Formal Approval Required - LTV Application - Pamilar King</p>	<p>MOTION: “That Council formally approve the Long Term Visitor Visa as previously circulated on 26th July.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried.</p> <p>It was noted that the Mayor contacted PIO to them of Council’s approval.</p>
<p>Formal Approval Required Settlement Application - Darcy Harding</p>	<p>MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr L Jaques “That Council accept the Settlement Application for Darcy Harding, as previously circulated and requests that the Deputy Governor submit the application to the Governor for final approval.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried.</p> <p>It was noted that the written summaries/character references submitted to Councillors for this applicant via email, by the Immigration Officer and the Administrator, were not be factored within discussions because this type of submission does not follow the agreed upon procedures for managing settlement applications at Council.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor will follow-up with the Administrator and Immigration Officer on the aforementioned matter.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor will advise the Immigration Office of Council’s acceptance of Mr Harding’s application.</p>
<p>Immigration Ordinance PART V— ENTRY CLEARANCE FOR SETTLEMENT Suggested Amendment</p>	<p>Councillor S O’Keefe drew Council’s attention to the Immigration Ordinance: PART V—ENTRY CLEARANCE FOR SETTLEMENT 12-3(e) which states one of the criterion for the Governor to grant a settlement entry clearance is that the applicant intends to remain permanently on the Island for the indefinite future without retaining a domicile in any other country.</p>

	<p>This generated general discussion. It was noted that this requirement has not been applied to all new migrants and it was agreed that the ordinance should be amended.</p> <p>ACTION: Cr M Christian will raise the matter with the Attorney General's office.</p>
<p>OT & EU Information:</p> <p>1) Foreign Affairs Committee: OT Submissions re the future of the UK Overseas Territories</p> <p>2) Letter from Dept. for Exiting EU to House of Lords European Union Committee.</p> <p>3) Information on Brexit</p>	<p>Cr L Jaques reported the HOC FAC has called a formal enquiry into the future of the UK overseas territories. He suggested that Pitcairn might make a submission however, the timeframes (Sept 3rd) are problematic. He added that the other OTs have similar concerns about the timeframes. They have suggested that it is pushed out to Dec.</p> <p>He requested Council approval that we take part in the process and that we will, with other OTs, request that the date for final submissions be pushed out to December this year</p> <p>All the Favours / Carried</p> <p>Cr L Jaques tabled the Letter from Brexit Minister Robin Walker to Lord Boswell acknowledging Pitcairn's issues of freedom of movement, the use of Mangareva as an International Port and the continued use of the hospital in Tahiti. It was noted that these issues have been investigated and there does not appear to be any barriers to these arrangements continuing post Brexit. This is good news for Pitcairn.</p> <p>It was noted that EDF11 funding is secure as long as Pitcairn meets its EU/EDF obligations.</p> <p>Cr L Jaques, as UKOTA Rep, spoke to correspondence and reports relating to Brexit. It was noted that contingency planning from both the UK and the EU should there be a no deal scenario is underway although it is hoped a deal satisfactory to both parties can still be reached.</p>
Draft Facilitator Person Specification – Via Administrator	The Mayor reported he has been in contact with the Administrator. The matter will be deferred until the incoming Administrator is on-island later this month.
Dark Sky Sanctuary Proposal Taro Ground for Astro Tourism Viewing Site & Accreditation requirements for managing artificial lighting on Pitcairn.	Cr K Young's previously circulated draft proposal to utilise the Taro Ground radio station and surrounds as a base for guided night sky tours was discussed at length.

	<p>It was agreed that the refurbishment of the Radio Station should not be unnecessarily conflated with astro-tourism requirements and access to public areas for night sky viewing.</p> <p>Rather than designate Taro Ground as Pitcairn’s only night sky viewing area it was decided that all public access areas on Pitcairn can be used by night sky astro-tourism guides and visitors as there are no restrictions for public access in place.</p> <p>It was agreed that once the Dark Sky Sanctuary is established protocols for managing night sky tours will be implemented to ensure good use of public viewing areas.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr S O’Keefe/ L Jaques “That Council approve astro-tourism/dark-sky activities being undertaken by dark sky guides, for visitors, within all public access areas on Pitcairn Island.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried.</p> <p>ACTION: The Tourism department will revise the Dark Sky Sanctuary application to reflect Council’s decision.</p> <p>ACTION: The DM Operations and Cr K Young will liaise to discuss requirements for the Taro Ground Radio station refurbishment, as a separate project.</p> <p>The Isec, as Travel Coordinator, reported that the IDA Director of Conservation advised that a good policy endorsed by the Government may be accepted for DDS accreditation purposes. She noted she had circulated a copy of the guidelines for Dark Sky Sanctuary accreditation applications to relevant parties and that the next step is for the relevant DMs to develop the Draft Policy for Council’s approval. She reminded Council that the deadline for submission is the end of August.</p>
<p>Pricing Structure and Data Management Proposal for Pitcairn - formal approval.</p>	<p>Cr K Young apologised for the late submission of the Draft Pricing Structure and Data Management Proposal.</p> <p>General discussion followed. It was agreed that visitor internet rates should be given further consideration. As such details relating to the visitor package will be developed going forward.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr L Jaques / Cr M Christian “That Council approve the final proposal, with the required amendment.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p>

	<p>ACTION: Cr K Young will amend the proposal to reflect Council's thoughts and submit it to the Financial Controller and the Deputy Governor as previously agreed.</p>
Commonwealth Games 2020 team proposal	<p>There was general discussion about correspondence, previously circulated by Cr Griffiths and the Administrator, relating to Mr. Filip Vachuda's proposal to put together a representative Pitcairn islands team for the 2019/2020 Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr S O'Keefe / Cr L Jaques "That Council reject the proposal for Mr. Vachuda to organise a Pitcairn representative team for the 2020 Commonwealth Games. And that he is asked to inform the diaspora members he has contacted, to advise them that he nor they have Council's permission to form a team."</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried ACTION: The Mayor will advise the Administrator of Council's decision and request she contact Mr Vachuda.</p>
Appointment of Community Police Officer & FCA 2019-2020	<p>The Administrator has advised that the 2019/2020 Community Police Officer and FCA have been appointed. They are Constable Kay Anna Lawson (PO) and Fran Smith (FCA) – both incumbents.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor will forward the Administrator's correspondence to all Councillors.</p> <p>It was noted that Sergeant Bill Crow has been appointed as temporary Community Police Officer when the incumbent takes leave in November 2018.</p>
Upcoming Council Meeting with Emily Hardman - Proposed 20 th August 8.30am	<p>It was agreed that Council will meet with Ms Emily Hardman, from the Blue Belt Project, Sunday 19th August at 8.30am.</p>
Bringing boarding school children come home for Christmas	<p>Cr M Christian outlined her intention to circulate a concept proposal to Councillor which will recommend bringing the 4 boarding school children home to Pitcairn for Christmas this year. She added that the concept has the full support of the FCA.</p> <p>ACTION Cr M Christian will circulate the concept document to all Councillors, via email.</p>
Aug/Sept Official Visitor Arrivals	<p>Council acknowledged the memo, previously circulated, from the Administrator regarding Official Visitor Arrivals/ Departures for Aug/Sept 2018 rotations.</p>
Approval of DRAFT Ordinance for the Protection of Artefacts	<p>The previously circulated Draft Ordinance for the Protection of Artefacts was discussed.</p>

	<p>It was noted that the Ordinance must cover the protection of historical artefacts across all islands in the Pitcairn Islands Group. It was agreed that reference to cross gender searches should be included in the ordinance.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following point should be added to Part III: Amendments to Summary of Offence (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any relic of any ship in the Pitcairn Islands Groups waters. <p>MOTION: Deputy Mayor C Warren-Peu / Cr S O’Keefe “That Council approve the Ordinance, with the recommended, amendments.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>ACTION: Cr M Christian will respond to the Governor and the Attorney General’s Office to convey Council’s recommendations and approval.</p>
General Business Matters	
Date for first workshop & Regular Council Meeting with incoming Administrator.	<p>The Mayor noted the incoming Administrator, Mr Nick Kennedy, will be invited to attend the next regular Council meeting on the 5th of September 2018 at 8.30am.</p> <p>It was agreed the Regular Council Meeting will be preceded by an opening workshop.</p>
Approval for Cr M Christian, as DM ECNR, to attend the 2019/2020 SPC AGM.	<p>Cr M Christian, as DM ECNR, tabled a letter of request that Council approve her attendance at the 2019/2020 SPC AGM, as previously discussed at the meeting of July 11th 2018.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr Sue O’Keefe / Cr L Jaques “That Council approve Cr M Christian, as DM ECNR, attending the 2019/2020 SPC AGM Conference in Noumea”</p> <p>All in favour/ Carried</p>
Token Of Appreciation for staff and management of the Royal Tahitian Hotel.	<p>Cr M Christian advised she is briefly travelling to Tahiti for personal reasons. She recommended that Council use this opportunity to present staff and management of the Royal Tahitian with a Bounty Model by way of appreciation of the hotel’s excellent service to the PIO and Pitcairn Islanders over the past few years. There ensued general discussion and it was agreed this will take place.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr L Jaques “That Council approve gifting a Bounty Model to the Royal Tahitian by way of acknowledging the excellent service the hotel has provided to Pitcairn Islanders and the PIO.</p>

	<p>All in Favour / Carried ACTION: Cr M Christian will arrange the purchase of the model and will provide the Miscellany with a short article and photos of the presentation which will be offered on behalf of GPI Council and the people of Pitcairn.</p>
<p>New shipping Service</p>	<p>It was noted there has been no change as to the proposed notification date for sign-off of the new service. Council is awaiting confirmation from the PIO and the Deputy Governor.</p>

Meeting Closed: 1.30pm

Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday 5th September 2018 – 8.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

Date: 13 / 9 / 2018



Approved