



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 10.30am 9th May 2018**

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Sue O’Keefe, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Michele Christian, Temporary Island Secretary Nadine Christian, Administrator Nicola Hebb, Cr L Jaques

In attendance:

Apologies:

Gallery:

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

<p>Future of Pitcairn Workshop - findings and suggestions</p>	<p>The Administrator provided a paper documenting findings and suggested next steps, drawing information from the four workshops already had. It was thrown open for those around the table to comment on.</p> <p>Noted on, by Councillor Jaques, was at the last workshop people were more open in their feelings, and honesty of the community was welcomed.</p> <p>Also pointed out was the fact that there were some people that did not attend at all for different reasons, and their views were not aired. Council noted that the reason they sit is to reflect the total of the community, not just those who don’t turn up to meetings, however all views are appreciated and wanted.</p> <p>Councillor O’Keefe spoke on the fact that she understood that people in the community are eager to know ‘what comes next?’</p> <p>It was asked if funding is available for a facilitator and the Administrator confirmed that funding would be found. The idea of a facilitator/mediator was supported by all, however, the area of work where such a facilitator will concentrate on needs to be decided beforehand.</p> <p>It was suggested that guidance could be immediately gained from speaking with the current FCA in what was required.</p> <p>The councillors worked through the points, discussing and making suggestions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Councillors should role model themselves the actions they wish others to have. “Lead by example”.- Having a pastor or religious figure on island would be a positive influence.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worries spoken on referring to migrants being put off by the community 'attitude'. "Is it too late to change?" A long conversation was had around this subject, what could change, what should change. - A survey suggested to measure whether people did truly want to leave, and what their expectations were around this. Were they expectation help from HMG to resettle? What were their plans or wishes? The feeling around the table was people would be more honest and open about their take on "stay or go". Honest questions need to be asked – why do you want to leave? What would make you stay? - A long conversation around what resettlement would mean for those who would seriously opt for leaving the island was had – including diplomatic and financial issues that may impact that decision. - Also discussed was the alternate living conditions on Pitcairn – even with limited wages, basic amenities etc. is a better standard than living off island. - Important things other than attitude change, is accessibility. Noted that most people could not afford to leave the island unless they are medevac'd out. - Migrants – who should the island be targeting to come to the island – those who are interested in a simpler life, slower. Councillor Warren-Peu noted that if we had had a better marina the last few yachties would have loved to have stayed longer, and they were of the younger generation.
EU Budget request	<p>Eight thousand Euro budget could be requested from the EU to do a short promotional video on island of the developments/projects completed due to EU financial support. It would not only promote work done but Pitcairn Island and tourism.</p> <p>Counsellor Jaques to write proposal for on island team to apply to produce such a video.</p>
	<p>Due to a medical emergency the meeting was broken up and put on hold to reconvene for the meeting with Governor Laura Clarke.</p>
	<p>The meeting reconvened on time at 1.30pm. Cr S O'Keefe sent her apologies due to the medical emergency as did Cr D Griffiths as the community nurse. Councillor Griffiths managed to catch most of the phone call with the Governor after her medical duties were complete.</p>

	<p>Governor Laura spoke on her upcoming visit and her hopes for that time. Her main objective is to get to know people and the island, its challenges and opportunities. Governor Clarke is coming with an open mind and hope to have not only public and council meetings, but one on one meetings with those who wish to meet.</p> <p>The Mayor and council reiterated their pleasure on her visit and advised her that a programme will be arranged for her including a public dinner.</p> <p>Governor Clarke suggested a short video on her journey to Pitcairn and her visit in the line of a positive promotional film. This could be put on the visitpitcairn website and on social media if the council was happy with the end product.</p> <p>Council as a whole supported this idea as a positive opportunity to capture the island and its community at its best.</p> <p>Councillor Jaques thanked the Governor for her representation at the recent New Caledonian conference regarding conservation in the Pacific. The morning's discussion around the future of Pitcairn was briefly related to the Governor and advised her of further planning to commit to a firmer and positive community base.</p> <p>Administrator Hebb advised she was hoping to get the child review report by the end of April. It has not been received at yet but is understood to be in hand shortly and then the Governor will on-forwarded to the Mayor and Council within the fortnight.</p> <p>Council thanked the Governor for her call and looked forward to seeing her at the end of May.</p>
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Meeting Closed: 2pm

Date of Next Council Meeting: Friday, 25th May 2018 9:00am

Mayor Shawn Christian:

Date: 19 / 6 / 2018

