



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in The Square - Public Hall
Commencing at 10.30am on Thursday 12th Nov 2015
Regular

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Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Acting Deputy Mayor Cr Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr David Brown,
Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Acting Councillor Melva Evans and
Administrator, Alan Richmond
Temp Island Secretary – Heather Menzies

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Brenda Christian

Gallery: None

Opening Prayer: Cr Charlene Warren-Peu. The Mayor

Welcome: Mayor Shawn Christian

Item	Discussion
Minutes	Motion: Mayor / Cr Griffiths “That the Council minutes and the Public Meeting notes of Oct 21 st 2015, as electronically circulated and approved, be recorded as true and correct.” All in favour
Record of Motion Nov 4 th 2015 – re extension of Compassionate Grant	Record of Motions: Mayor / Cr Warren-Peu “That Daphne Warren will retain her compassionate grant entitlement until a berth is available on the Feb/March 2016 ship or on the next available ship thereafter” Mrs Warren’s request that her late husband’s flights and Claymore II booking be transferred to a family member however was declined. “That Council accept and agree with the content of the letter of response to Mrs Warren, as drafted by the Mayor.” All in favour Carried ACTION: The letter for Mrs Warren will be forwarded to PIO by the Mayor
Health Policy Update	It was agreed that the following amendment will be added to Point 1. Of the Health Policy. “Travel bookings confirmed by PIO are to remain in place with no variation unless specifically agreed by Council. Any other costs will be met by the individual.” All in favour Carried ACTION: The amendment will also be noted on page 4 of the Health Policy under the heading ‘For Permanent Residents’.
Revision of record of motion Nov 4 th re approval of GPI	The Mayor conveyed that the following amendment was made to the GPI Approved Representation statement previously approved at the Council workshop of Nov 4 th . Motion: Mayor “That the following amendment to the statement be accepted as final: If you have a legitimate interest in representing Pitcairn Islands in any forum you must first seek permission from the Government of Pitcairn Islands in writing, addressed to the Mayor and Island Council.”

	<p>All in Favour Carried.</p> <p>The Mayor reported the 'Give a Little' crowd funding site had received the representation statement and the non-government repopulation campaign, advertised on their site, has already been disabled.</p>
Cultural Advisor – Memo to Council	Deferred until next meeting
Terms of Reference for Technical Assistance EDF11	The PIO financial controller has requested that Council attend a video conference with Mark Watson to discuss EDF 11. The Terms of Reference for Technical Assistance has been circulated. Incoming Councillor Lea Brown will be asked to attend the meeting. The date and time for the meeting will be confirmed by the end of the week.
Letter from the Governor	The Letter of Nov 11 th as circulated was read. The Mayor has responded to Governor Sinclair.
Change of Residence for the Administrator	The Mayor conveyed that the school teacher's residence (at Pulau) will become the Administrator's residence in the coming year. The school teacher will be housed at the Hostel.
JMC update	<p>Cr Jaques conveyed that he will be attending the JMC and other related meetings with the Deputy Governor Kevin Lynch from Nov 30th to Dec 3rd. He has spoken with FCO personnel and briefed on events prior to travelling to London. He will deliver interventions on child safety and pensions and will send the proposed addresses to Council for consideration prior to delivery.</p> <p>The Child Safeguarding debate is regarded as one of the most important for Overseas Territories. The debate on pensions will be chaired by the Minister of State for Pensions. The Deputy Governor and Councillor Jaques have been granted a bi lateral meeting with Minister Duddridge, Minister of State at the FCO and will also meet with Peter Hayes and senior DFID representatives. Councillor Jaques will also be attending a private dinner with Minister Duddridge and Minister Swayne.</p> <p>Mr Jaques concluded that the above activities represent progress for Pitcairn and involvement in the child safeguarding debate shows how far the Island has come.</p>
MPA Update	The Administrator referred to a letter from Pew and the Bertarelli Foundation which confirmed intention to support MAP surveillance development and technologies. If all goes to plan it is anticipated the British Government will formally announce the establishment of the Pitcairn Islands MAP in the Autumn of 2016.
LTV Approval	<p>Motion: Mayor</p> <p>“That Council accept and approve the Nash family's Long Term Visitor Visa Applications.”</p> <p>All in favour Carried.</p> <p>It was noted for the record that the Deputy Governor has already interviewed the Nash family, with regard to their application to visit Pitcairn on behalf of their child and that he has recommended their applications be approved.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor/Immigration Officer will notify PIO and the Nash Family of Council's decision.</p>
BEST Concept Brief: Best-Pitcairn and University of St Andrews 11.11.15	<p>Michele Christian, as DM Natural Resources, discussed the concept document which had been previously circulated. Due to a pending deadline Cr Christian asked that Council approve the concept in principle so that she can continue discussions with St Andrews.</p> <p>Motion: Mayor</p>

	<p>“That Council approve the concept document and asks the DM Natural Resources to follow-up with St Andrews with regard to next steps. 1 Abstain (as DM Natural Resources) 5 in favour Carried</p>
Record of Approval of Amended Council Policies within the Council workshop of Nov 4 th 2015	<p>1) GPI Budgetary Aid Policy 2) GPI Employment Guidance 3) GPI Employment Policy 4) Code of Management for Pitcairn Public Service 5) Occupational Health and Safety Policy 6) GPI Procurement Policy 7) Loan documents have been modified and removed from Policy list 8) Store Policy remains and will be removed from Policy list</p> <p>Motion: Mayor “That the policies as amended and noted at the November 4th 2015 Policy Workshop be approved.” All in favour Carried</p>
Island Council Guiding Principles, Order & Conduct document.	<p>Following on from the Nov 4th workshop Council finalised further required amendments, in session. Motion: Mayor “That Council approve, as final and correct, the new Island Council Guiding Principles, Order & Conduct - Edition 1.” All in favour Carried. The Administrator acknowledged the good work undertaken by Council in reviewing its policies. It was noted that the Guide lines for Visiting Vessels will also need to be amended to reflect further changes.</p>
General Business	
Caledonian Sky	<p>It was noted that the Caledonian Sky has been given pre approval to land on the Western side of the island, should weather not permit safe landing on the North beach.</p>
Approval of the Repopulation Steering Group’s recommendation Section 10: The Safeguarding Children statement for the new Immigration website	<p>Motion:: Cr Michele Christian/ Cr Griffiths “That Council accepts the child safeguarding statement in its entirety and supports the RSG initiative.” All in favour Carried.</p>

Council meeting adjourned to enter into RSG workshop: 11.50am
Council meeting resumed at: 1.15pm
Council meeting closed: 1.30pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: 18th November 10.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

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