



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 10.00am Thursday 19th December 2019

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Michele Christian, temp Cr Lea Brown, Cr L Jaques, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Sue O'Keefe, Isec Heather Menzies

In attendance:

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu & Administrator Nick Kennedy

Welcome: The Mayor welcomed Council to the table and Cr L Jaques opened with a prayer.

Agenda Item	Tabled by
Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of 19 th November 2019	<p>Matters/Actions Achieved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cr K Young advised he posted all contributions to naming the ExoPlanet and Star on the public Notice Board. 2) The Mayor advised he did not meet with Cr L Jaques to initiate development of the terms of reference for SPC procurement. FURTHER ACTION Mayor and DM will meet today (Dec 19th 2019) to begin work on the TOR for the Renewable Energy Project. 3) The Administrator spoke with Evan Dunn and supplied written update on telecommunication developments for Council. See update below 4) The Mayor, Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu & Deputy Mayor Young did not hold a handover meeting before Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu departed the island. FURTHER ACTION The Mayor and incoming Deputy Mayor will meet for hand-over today (19th Dec 2019)
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 19 th Nov 2019, as previously circulated.	<p>Motion: Cr S O' Keefe / Cr L Brown "That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 19th Nov 2019, as previously circulated, be accepted."</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p>
Exoplanet/ Star Naming Competition Update	<p>Councillor K Young outlined the process that was undertaken for submitting names for the Expo-planet and Star naming competition. He advised the names Uklun (otherwise known as HD102117) and its planet Leklsullun</p>

	<p>(also known as HD102117b) have been officially chosen from Pitcairn's submissions. There ensued general discussion about the requirements for press releases.</p> <p>ACTION Cr K Young will compile materials for the press releases for media & Tourism.</p>
<p>Renewable Energy Project - Update</p>	<p>Cr L Jaques advised he and the Mayor will meet today to draft the terms of reference etc. for the Renewable Energy Project. The Mayor, as DM Operations will provide technical specifications for the draft.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion about the Renewable Energy Feasibility Study and its utility going forward. It was agreed past experience has proven it is essential that the successful applicants come to the island to fully assess needs before procurement is fully signed-off. It was agreed this requirement should also be included in the call for expressions of interest and tender document itself.</p> <p>ACTION Cr L Jaques, will ensure the requirement for the successful Renewable Energy applicants to come to the island, to fully assess needs, will be included in the call for expressions of interest and tender document itself.</p> <p>It was noted the British Government has underwritten all proposed and committed EU funding should a no deal Brexit occur early 2020.</p>
<p>Recommendations to the Governor for Changes to Government Fees and costs</p>	<p>In response to documentation and recommendations from Cr M Christian and the immigration Officer Council discussed both the draft revision of the GPI Guide for Visiting Vessels and related Government Fees. It was agreed the new information about the Dark Sky Sanctuary Dark Sky Info will be condensed for the Policy and that reference to a new Passenger Head Levy will apply to all new cruise ship bookings from April 1st 2020.</p> <p>It was also agreed that all government fees should be priced in NZ currency going forward and that Council will make this recommendation to the Governor Clarke, as is required.</p> <p>MOTION: Mayor S Christian / Cr M Christian "That, from April 1st 2020, all government fees will be priced in NZ currency on approval of the Government." All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>There was general discussion about landing fees for all islands in the Pitcairn Islands group being changed from</p>

	<p>US\$ to NZ\$ and appropriate rates. It was agreed all islands will incur a landing fee of NZ\$100 per person /per island.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Council will recommend the adjusted fee of NZ\$100 per person for Pitcairn Island will include the Landing Fee, the Museum entry a Pitcairn MPA Conservation contribution.</p> <p>MOTION: Mr Christian / Cr L Jaques “That, from April 1st 2020, landing on any of the 4 islands in the Pitcairn Islands group will incur a landing fee of NZ\$100 per person / per island.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr L Brown / Cr L Jaques “Council will submit the above recommendation to the Governor’s office in the new year.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>ACTION The Isec and Cr M Christian will compile the recommendations and submit the final draft to Council for the first Council Meeting of 2020 (Jan 15th 2020)</p>
<p>Council/ Division engagement in recruiting and interviewing contracted staff</p>	<p>The Administrator advised, via memo, that from now on the Administrator will be part of the panel interviewing for the recruitment of Teacher, Doctor and FCA positions. In this way the Administrator will act as a bridge between Council and HMG, feeding in Council views and priorities into the process and prioritising candidates who are a strong fit with the vision outlined in the Strategic Development Plan.</p> <p>It was noted this action will require consistency across Administrators going forward.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion about Council’s roles in recruiting and interviewing contracted staff and it was agreed the matter will be discussed in more detail when the incoming Mayor and Administrator are back on Island in Jan 2020.</p> <p>ACTION Council will discuss its role in recruiting and interviewing contracted staff in more detail when the Administrator and incoming Mayor are on island in the new year.</p>
<p>Update on Stamps representative coming to the island.</p>	<p>The Administrator advised, via memo, that Councillor & DM Finance, Leslie Jaques, has been invited to meet with the new stamps & coins providers. He added that he, PIO,</p>

	<p>and the Deputy Governor agree that Council needs to be able to feed views in to the process.</p> <p>ACTION Cr L Jaques will document and implement Council requirements as requested.</p>
EDF Update	<p>Cr L Jaques noted that Christophe Wagner, EU Minister and Head of Co-operation with the Pacific, has advised our submission for the final focal sector tranche under EDF 11 of Euro's 1 Million is with Brussels, they are at the question and answer stage and awaiting sign off. All going to plan this will happen by end of December.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS	
Communications between HMG & Council	<p>There was general discussion about a number of on-going issues relating to communications between HMG and Council regarding the Henderson Plastics project.</p> <p>ACTION It was agreed the Mayor will convey these concerns to the Governor in writing.</p>
Law Review Timetable	<p>Cr M Christian advised a law Student intern has been engaged to assist the AGs office with the forthcoming law review. The intern is currently working on information pertaining to the proposed 2020 archaeological research. The assistant Attorney General will continue to liaise with Cr Christian as work progresses.</p>
Terms of Reference for Child Matters proposed visit in 2020	<p>It was noted that the Administrator had advised Council that Child Matters will visiting the island to undertake a review of child safeguarding policy and procedures in 2020. There ensued general discussion about the terms of reference for this work and it was agreed that the Community Development Divisional Manager will contact PIO to request a copy of the terms of reference.</p> <p>ACTION The DM Community Development will contact PIO to request a copy of the terms of reference.</p>
Proceeds from the end year Gift Register Auction & the DM Community Surplus Items Auction	<p>It was noted that proceeds from the Council Gift Register Auction will go to the Entertainment Committee fund. And, proceeds from the DM Community Division surplus items auction will go to GPI. Both will be paid into the Government Treasury Office.</p>
Christmas/holiday Payment	<p>There was general discussion about GPI Employees not being paid with Christmas and Holiday pay despite the fact that many employees will continue to work throughout the holiday period. It was agreed the Mayor (for Council) & Divisions Manage will manage this as appropriate.</p>

<p>USAF space/satellite monitoring programme community communications.</p>	<p>It was noted that Council circulated the memo from Administrator Nick Kennedy about the USAF space satellite monitoring programme at the Public Meeting of 18th Dec. 2019. It was agreed there are a number of ongoing questions and community concerns about this proposal and Council will continue to work with HMG so as to provide the community accurate information going forward.</p> <p>ACTION It was agreed an information sharing workshop/teleconference on this matter is required early next year. A date will set for a VTC in the new year.</p>
<p>Council Wrap Up</p>	<p>The out-going Mayor, Shawn Christian, acknowledged outgoing Councillor Ms Sue O'Keefe and thanked those present for their efforts over the past 6 years and their on-going commitment to local governance. Council welcomed incoming Councillor Ariel Harding.</p>

Meeting Closed: 12.15am

Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday Jan 15th 2020 9.00am

Special Council / Public Meetings

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

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