



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in The Square - Public Hall

Commencing at 8.30am on Wednesday July 8th 2015

Regular

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Brenda Lupton-Christian, Cr David Brown,
Cr Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Administrator Alan Richmond
Island Temp. Secretary – Heather Menzies

Apologies: Cr Leslie Jaques

Gallery: None

Opening Prayer: Cr Charlene Warren- Peu

Welcome: Mayor Shawn Christian

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Matters Arising: None

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Item	Discussion
Improved Access to Island Administrator	<p>Following the recent VTC with the Governor and the growing understanding that the current passenger shipping service will not promote economic growth moving forward, the administrator reported that preliminary discussions have begun in London. The Claymore II contract is due for renewal in March 2017 and it is clear that the current shipping service/accessibility is not enough for a sustainable Pitcairn. Therefore it is important to begin discussions now. The following points were tabled for Council’s consideration and thought. The Administrator requested that Councillor provide feedback over the next week for future inclusion in the overall tender requirements. It was noted that this is the first step and discussion regarding community consultation will follow this preliminary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the preferred frequency for freight services ● What is the minimum volume freight requirement ● What is the preferred frequency for the passenger service ● What is the ideal number of visitor/tourist berths ● What should be the pricing for tourists, residents and non-resident Pitcairners ● What about the standard of accommodation i.e. Do we need to look for something better than the existing service and if there is a higher standard in mind would passengers be

	<p>prepared to pay more e.g. more of a cruise than a freighter voyage</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Isec will post the list for council's consideration comments.</p>
<p>Visa Applications</p> <p>Long Term Visitors</p> <p>Settlement Application</p> <p>LTV application:</p>	<p>The submitted and circulated RSPB Long Term Visitor Visa Applications were unanimously approved.</p> <p>General discussion ensued regarding Councillors being unable to view/access full PDFs documents on the last approval round - it was noted that all pages must be viewable for as important information is contained within the documents.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Isec will review the previously posted LTVs to assess the problem and review scanning procedures prior to uploading future PDFs.</p> <p>The Settlement Application forwarded to Council by PIO was not dealt with as there was general discussion regarding the correct approval process for active applications.</p> <p>Cr Brenda Christian noted that Pitcairn Law states that Council is required to review active applications, make recommendations as necessary and then submit the application to the Governor's Office for actual approval.</p> <p>There ensued further discussion regarding both the on and off island procedures for managing active immigrations applications. This included querying the role the DM Community had in the process and some agreement that best practice should reflect lawful requirements. It was agreed the matter required further liaison with HMG.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Administrator and Cr Brenda Christian will liaise with the Deputy Governor to clarify the management process for active settlement applications.</p> <p>Further to this discussion the mayor added that he would be interested to know who or what department actually undertakes background checks on those applying for visas. The administrator clarified that HMG is responsible for undertaking background checks, not PIO.</p> <p>The Long Term Visa Application forwarded to Council by PIO was not approved as its proposed timeframes i.e. an intended visit in Aug 2016, was beyond the usual timeframes for approval.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Immigration Officer will contact the applicant to convey that that the application's submission is outside of the usual frame for approval. She will request that the applicant re submit it once his voyage dates have been confirmed and closer to time.</p>
<p>Policy for Safeguarding Children</p>	<p>The CRS Adviser reported that the overall policy has been substantially trimmed and electronically reviewed by all Councillors. Independent consultant, Mike Sheath, also approved the changes, recommending that</p>

Final version	<p>Pitcairn rename “The FCO Child Protection Programme” to “The Child Safe Guarding Unit” which reflects consistency over all overseas territories.</p> <p>In workshop, Council reviewed and unanimously approved the revised Safe Guarding Children Policy and attachments.</p>
<p>GPI Health Policy A Final version GPI Health Policy Annex A Final version</p>	<p>In workshop Council reviewed and unanimously approved the changes to both the GPI Health Policy and Annex A, ‘Fees and Charges’.</p> <p>In workshop, Council also reviewed and unanimously approved Doctor Fletcher’s recommendations of which will incorporate within the Clinic operational Manual.</p>
GPI Protection of Artefacts final version	In workshop Council reviewed and unanimously approved the GPI bridging policy, “Protection of Artefacts”.
Fiscal responsibility	<p>The Administrator reported that it had come to his attention that PIO had recently given NZ\$500 to support Bounty Day Celebration in Wellington. He enquired as to whether Council wishes to continue or stop this practice given its fiscal responsibilities. General discussion resulted and the matter was put to vote: Motion - Mayor Christian:</p> <p>Council will stop funding Bounty Day celebrations in Wellington.</p> <p>For: 5 Against: 1 - Motion: Carried.</p>
NGO Communications	<p>The Mayor stressed that there is need to ensure that communications and management of NGO relations continues to be managed within the existing government structure. The Administrator confirmed it is the role of the DM Natural Resources to manage all (primarily Environmental) NGO communications and that this task does not fall within the scope of ‘International Relations’.</p> <p>It was further noted that all previously held Council portfolios had removed from the current council structure and this included the International Relations Portfolio.</p>
Electronic Communications	<p>The Mayor reported that he is reviewing all existing private electronic email addresses which relate to previously held Government positions. There are a number of obsolete addresses still in circulation and many are no longer relevant. All unnecessary addresses will be cancelled.</p> <p>Mayor Christian added that he intends to introduce revised Council protocols to better manage and safeguard Council information and communications.</p> <p>Cr Brenda Christian suggested that the same protocol be applied to using government equipment as well as email addresses.</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor will undertake the review and contact all relevant</p>

	email recipients to warn that all redundant government addresses will be cancelled.
Drone Usage	<p>Mayor Christian reported that local feedback regarding the intrusive use of filming drones clearly indicates a need for regulation going forward. It was general agreed that this is an appropriate response and Mayor Christian will draft a document for Council's consideration.</p> <p>ACTION: The Administrator provided a summary of the UK regulation for Council's reference.</p>

Next Council Meeting:

Next Regular Council Meeting: 22nd July 2015 10.30am

Meeting Closed: 9.30am

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