



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Public Meeting Notes
Teleconference with Governor Jonathan Sinclair
Held at the Public Hall - 1.00pm Monday 2nd Oct 2017**

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian and Councillors: Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Brenda Christian, Cr Michele Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu & Island Secretary Heather Menzies, Cr Leslie Jaques. Governor Jonathan Sinclair, Deputy Governor Robin Shackell, Administrator Nicola Hebb.

Apologies: None

Gallery: Detective Sargent William Crowe, Dave Brown, Vaine Warren-Peu, Jayden Warren-Peu, Melva Evans, Mike Warren, Jay Warren, Carol Warren, Dr Jack Dascula & Novalea Crowe, Kevin Young, Sarah Abbott, Pawl Warren, Sue O'Keefe, Turi Griffiths, Meralda Warren, Jayden Warren-Peu, Pearl Christian, Royal Warren, Dennis Christian, Simon Young, Mike Lupton-Christian, Kerry Young.

The Governor and Deputy Governor joined the meeting via teleconference / skype and the Mayor welcomed all those present.

The Governor opened the gathering thanking the community and Council for their unreserved welcome of Acting Administrator Nick Kennedy and wife Polly during their recent time on Pitcairn. He noted the success of the INTEGRÉ Jewellery for Recycled Glass project and the high level of community consultation around the facilitated child safe-guarding workshops. He said he was deeply impressed with progress on child-safeguarding matters and thought the proposed memorial an excellent step in the process.

The Governor also acknowledged Council's two community consultation surveys, currently in circulation (one being about the next steps for the proposed memorial site and the other being about the Future of the Pitcairn Island Community). It was noted that though responses to both survey had not yet been received community engagement has been favourable. The Governor said the survey responses and a upcoming Child Safety Review in November, will reorient the island's future refocus and he hoped everybody will continue to play their part the crucial work regarding the future of the Pitcairn community which Council is undertaking.

The Mayor then outlined progress on the following projects:

- Telecommunications and the requirements for the new system, as submitted by Bill Haigh
- INTEGRÉ, where the focus, given the funding ends in January, is now on the Botanical Garden
- Construction of shelter buildings for the heavy machinery.
- Progress on the new store build

He added that the roading project has gone as far as it can for the time being until aggregate and cement are sourced and freighted - within budget. The Administrator added that there is a lot going on and expressed her thanks to all those involved. She noted everyone is very much looking forward to getting the new tele communications system in place.

The Deputy Governor reported that two EU representatives will be visiting Pitcairn in 2018, tentatively scheduled for May/June 2018. He added that he and Financial Controller, Evan Dunn will be attending the EU meeting in Noumea to progress Pitcairn's case for securing EDF10 regional funding etc.

The Mayor reported that the contract for the design and building company for the new ship to shore vessel has been drafted and is currently with the Attorney General's office.

The Governor acknowledged Melva Evans for her work as past Editor of the Miscellany. Ms Evans has recently resigned from the position which has been taken up by Simon Young.

The Governor reported that his successor, Ms Laura Clark, is very keen to get started in the role. He said he will be finishing in NZ on the 9th of December. Between then and the middle of Jan 2018 Robin Shackell will be Acting Governor. The Administrator will post the letter from the Minister about Ms Clark's appointment and her CV on the public notice board.

The Administrator acknowledged the care the community had extended to one its elder members who had recently been ill. The health and wellbeing of the person concerned is now much improved.

Meeting Closed: 1.45pm

Mayor Shawn Christian:  Date: 10./10./2017



Approved