



Pitcairn Islands Special Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 11 January 2023 – Open (concluding Council Workshop)

Commencing 11.20am 11 January 2023

Minutes

Present:

Mayor Simon Young, Deputy Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Heather Menzies, Cr Torika Christian, Cr Kevin Young, Administrator Fiona Kilpatrick.

Apologies: Nil

In attendance: Shelley Paniora (temp ISEC), Stephen Townsend

Agenda	
Minutes from Regular Council Meeting 19 December 2022	Carried over to Regular Council Meeting
Minutes from Special Council Meeting 1 January 2023 (Note: correction in spelling of Administrator's surname)	Carried over to Regular Council Meeting
Temporary Migrant Accommodation	<p>Motion: Mayor Simon Young / Cr Michele Christian "That in consultation and agreement with the DM Community Services, Mayor and Administrator as the head of the Public Service, the teacher's residence be temporarily made available to new migrant Mr Sid Gould;" and "That Sid Gould may make application to rent the residence on a six-month fixed tenancy agreement at a cost of NZ \$500 per month in advance, plus utilities".</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Electricity to be charged at the local rate.2. That a bond of NZ \$500 be paid, which is refundable on termination of the contract, satisfactory to an inspection of the property being carried out. <p>In Favour / Carried</p> <p>Discussion was had on utilities and that the Remand Centre not be offered or used as Temporary Migrant Accommodation as it is not fit for purpose.</p>

<p>Flag on Longboat</p>	<p>Motion: Mayor Simon Young / Cr Heather Menzies "That our Pitcairn Island Flag be flown on our longboat as we approach and depart from cruise ships" In Favour / Carried ACTION: ISEC to source suitable flag.</p>
<p>Plaque</p>	<p>Motion: Mayor Simon Young / Cr Michele Christian "That a commemorative plaque be purchased Commemorating our Pitcairn Islanders who served their country during the wars." In Favour / Carried Action: Cr H Menzies will look to action this when she is next in NZ this year.</p>
<p>Meetings attending remotely</p>	<p>Motion: Mayor Simon Young / Cr Torika Christian "That a council member temporarily off island may attend council meetings remotely, interacting and voting as though physically in the room once this has been discussed and agreed by the Attorney General " In Favour / Carried The mayor gave the background to this current motion. The question was raised around the legality around this. The mayor will seek clarification around this with the Attorney General. Action: Mayor to write to AG for response Action: Mayor to adjust guiding principles around this motion.</p>
<p>Health Care</p>	<p>Information and discussion regarding our current Health system The mayor discussed that he recently raised at the overseas territories meeting with our Minister and the Director for OT, an alternative model for Health Care. There is the potential to incur huge debt for some Pitcairn Islanders in seeking health care. Councillors agreed that a different model for health care, especially for pensioners, in order to curb large debts being incurred to access adequate health care be looked at.</p>

	<p>Councillors also felt there is a section of the community not wishing to go into debt for health care and therefore not seeking medical intervention when they may need it.</p> <p>Cr M Christian does not believe that amount of assets be included and would like this removed from Island Health Forms.</p> <p>The Administrator advised that there is not a large enough population to have a fully funded health scheme on Pitcairn based on insurance premiums.</p>
<p>Longboats</p>	<p>Condition and Crewing of Island Longboats</p> <p>Longboat Condition</p> <p>Recommendations have been made to PIO around the condition of the longboats. More information will likely be available and a potential decision at the next Council meeting. Deputy Mayor S Christian advised that the longboats condition is also being looked at in the DM Operations level as well as at the Engineering level. Will come to this on 18 January Regular Council meeting.</p> <p>Longboat staffing</p> <p>Some thought around loss of eligible crew and how to staff the longboats. Will come to this on 18 January Regular Council meeting.</p>
<p>General Business</p>	
<p>JMC / Kings Coronation</p> <p>Bill Haigh Retiring</p> <p>Dark Sky Sanctuary</p> <p>Governors Visit</p> <p>Doctor Bruce Dixon</p>	<p>JMC / Kings Coronation – Kings coronation to occur 6 May 2023. We are anticipating an invite to this for Pitcairn. The mayor is provisionally booked to leave the island at the end of April and returning start of June 2023. The only JMC scheduled for this year will also be in May.</p> <p>Bill Haigh Retiring – Raises opportunities when this occurs at the end of March 2023.</p> <p>Dark Sky Sanctuary – Report due 13 January 2023.</p> <p>Governors Visit – Postponed from January 2023 due to short turn around with the Silver Supporter arriving late due to bad weather</p> <p>Dr Bruce Dixon – has had a medical issue arise meaning he will need to leave the island on the next available ship. Arrangements are in train</p>

	to ensure he can leave at first available opportunity. Cr T Christian asked around the expedition berths and the effect of this with the Doctor to shortly exit the island.
Meeting closed:	12.30pm
Date of Next Meeting	18 January 2023 – 9am
Minutes Approved 21 / 02 / 2023	Mayor: 

