



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held at the Town Square
Commencing at 12.49pm - 28th November 2023

Present:

Mayor Simon Young, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Heather Menzies, Cr Charlene Warren, Cr Kerry Young, Deputy Mayor Shawn Christian, Administrator Fiona Kilpatrick, Cr. Melva Evans, William Gordon (Island Secretary)

Gallery: Stephen Townsend

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Items	
1. Opening of the Meeting of 28 th November 2023	Meeting Opened: 12.49pm
2. Welcome	The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and a moment of private reflection was taken.
3. Freight Policy for New Settlers	<p>The Mayor sought clarity from Council about what sort of exemption was requested at the last Regular Council Meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed by Council that whilst the policy should not be changed, a letter should be written to the Governor to seek i) a possible exemption, ii) clarity for other prospective new migrants and iii) expectations in terms of value and volume.</p> <p>It was further agreed that any exemptions to the policy should be accompanied by a written agreement, executed by the applicant.</p> <p>Action: The Mayor to write to the Governor seeking a possible exemption.</p>
4. Budget Timeline	<p>The Administrator advised that PIO have still not advised when the budgets are expected.</p> <p>It was agreed that the budget planning this year will be more complicated due to the Starlink Proposal / Communications budget.</p>
5. Stamp Designs	<p>Significant concern was raised about the designs advanced by Tower Mint. Council felt that they are lacklustre, repetitive and not as good as they could be – something which was agreed as being important for marketability. It was agreed that looking into a contract review would be a good first step forward. Cr. Melva Evans wished to note her strong objection to the designs.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Cr. Charlene Warren Motion: <i>“That the designs from Tower Mint be approved”.</i></p>

<p>6. Capital Expenditure</p>	<p><u>Starlink</u> The Administrator raised concerns as to how PIO would manage multiple user accounts, in respect of payments. Cr. Kerry Young advised that he has discussed the matter with SpaceX who have given assurances that it is very possible to do easily. A general discussion followed about the number of units needed (initially 44 with a few in reserve).</p> <p><u>Generators</u> The Administrator advised that the funds for the generators could not be recouped as the MOU cannot be backdated.</p> <p><u>Medical Equipment</u> Application is well underway and the Doctor has been in touch with the WHO for advice on the various complexities involved in the procurement procedures.</p> <p><u>Firefighting Equipment</u> The Administrator advised that Senior Constable Gavin Cyprian is currently preparing the required information.</p> <p><u>Marine Science Base</u> The bid has gone ahead only for the safety equipment, to be operated by the Health Centre on behalf of the Marine Science Base.</p> <p><u>V.H.F. Radio Repeater</u> The radio repeater is to use CH-80, and there are complexities involved in having a second repeater at Ship's Landing Point. A general discussion followed about perhaps using U.H.F. instead.</p>
<p>General Business</p>	
<p>7. Shipping Schedule</p>	<p>The Administrator reported that the Governor is keen for Council to be actively involved in the shipping schedule discussions.</p> <p>Cr. Heather Menzies gave Council a lengthy overview as to why the proposed changes, away from the January Freight Voyage to New Zealand, are ill-founded and demonstrative of a lack of communication and consultation between the Deputy Governor and the Island Council. The Administrator reported that she doesn't know who made the decisions about FV101, and agreed that it is wrong for the Island Council to not be involved in the decision making process for the scheduling of the Marine Expedition. The Administrator was asked who would have the authority to remove FV101 from the schedule, and she advised that it would be the Deputy Governor.</p> <p>Moved: Cr. Heather Menzies / Mayor Motion: <i>"That the Island Council reject the proposed new schedule in favour of returning to FV101 as advertised".</i></p>

	The Council Meeting close and went into Council-in-Committee.
Meeting Closed –	14.19
Meeting Approved Mayor: <i>Simon Gray</i> Date: 13/12/2023	

