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PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 8.30am Wednesday 12th Sept 2018

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian Cr Sue O’Keefe, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Michele Christian and Temp Cr Lea Brown, Island Secretary, Heather Menzies and Administrator, Nick Kennedy

In attendance: Kay- Anna Lawson,

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr L Jaques

Gallery:

Welcome: Mayor welcomed Incoming Administrator, Nick Kennedy to the Council

Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of Aug 8th 2018

ACTION 1:

The Mayor reported he had spoken to Mrs Lea Brown regarding Council’s request for her to take up the temporary Councillor position and she had accepted. He welcomed her to the table.

ACTION 2:

The Mayor reported he had spoken to Administrator Hebb and Ms B Lupton-Christian (Immigration Officer), regarding their submission of letters of recommendation to Council for the last Settlement Application.

ACTION 3:

The Mayor reported he had advised the Immigration Officer (Ms B Lupton-Christian) of Council’s acceptance of Mr Harding’s Settlement application.

ACTION 4:

Cr M Christian reported she had submitted Council’s question about the requirement for settlement Applicants to not retain a domicile in any other country, to the Attorney General’s office and will report back.

ACTION 5:

The Travel Coordinator reported she had revised the Dark Sky Sanctuary application to reflect Council’s decision regarding utilising not only Taro Ground and the old ham radio station for night sky observations.

ACTION 6:

The DM Operations and Cr K Young reported they have not meet to discuss the requirements for the Taro Ground ham radio station refurbishment, as a separate project.

	<p>ACTION 7: Cr K Young reported he had submitted the revised and approved proposal for Pitcairn's Internet Pricing and Data Management to the Financial Controller and the Deputy Governor as requested.</p> <p>ACTION 8: The Mayor advised he will refer Council's decision regarding the proposal to send a Pitcairn Representative team to the 2019 Commonwealth Games to the incoming Administrator for action and request that he contact Mr Vachuda.</p> <p>ACTION 9: The Mayor reported he had circulated correspondence relating to the appointment of the Community Police Officer & FCA 2019-2020 to all Councillors.</p> <p>ACTION 10: Cr M Christian reported she had circulated a proposal to have the Pitcairn boarding school children come home for Christmas to all Councillors.</p> <p>ACTION 11: Cr M Christian reported she had conveyed Council's approval of the Draft Ordinance for the Protection of Pitcairn Artefacts to the Attorney General's Office.</p> <p>ACTION 12: Cr M Christian reported that, on behalf of Council and the people of Pitcairn, she had gifted a Bounty model and letter of appreciation to the owners and staff of the Royal Tahitian, whilst in Tahiti in August as agreed.</p>
Approval of Minutes, as previously circulated, of Regular Council Meeting of Aug 8 th 2018	<p>MOTION: Cr S O'Keefe / Cr M Christian "That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Aug 8th 2018, as circulated, be approved."</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
Notice of Appointment of Registrars	<p>The Island Secretary reported that formal notification of the appointment of the Island Secretary as Pitcairn Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages has been received from the Attorney General's office. She advised that the Island Secretary Job Description has since been revised and approved to reflect the job requirements of the Registrar.</p>
Update on DDS Application & Outdoor Lighting Management Policy	<p>The Island Secretary, as Travel Coordinator (TC) advised that she had informally submitted the revised DDS application, which reflected Council's decision to not limit night sky observation locations to Taro Ground, to John Barantine of the IDA. Further feedback relating to the draft Outdoor Lighting</p>

	<p>Management policy, dark sky education and outreach and the need to develop and maintain a lighting inventory was received and these matters will be dealt with and submitted to Council for consideration in due course.</p> <p>There was general discussion about the need to ensure that current and future outdoor lighting on Pitcairn is both discreet and warranted going forward. It was agreed that the TC will liaise with the relevant Division Managers to discuss the development of a warranting statement for the Outdoor Lighting Management policy.</p> <p>There was also general discussion about the IDA requirement for Outdoor Lighting Management policy to be enacted by law. The Mayor noted that Council can have the policy enacted as a Regulation and recommended that this step be taken as soon as possible.</p> <p>ACTION: The TC will meet with the relevant Division Managers to develop a 'Warranting' statement for the Outdoor Lighting Management Policy and circulate a concept document for Pitcairn's Dark Sky Education and Outreach Programme</p> <p>ACTION: The Mayor and Cr M Christian will liaise with the TC and review requirements for having the Outdoor Lighting Management Policy approved as a Regulation.</p>
Update on School Holiday proposal	<p>The Administrator agreed that it was important for children to be able to come home to see their parents. HMG wanted to help, and would do so when three logistical problems were overcome: financial arrangements, clarity that the children would be accompanied by an adult for the parts of the journey where this was necessary, and ensuring that the education of the children did not suffer. The most practical time to bring the children home will be once the new shipping service was in place as this would enable the children to come and go from Pitcairn without having to unnecessarily miss school.</p> <p>There was general discussion about Council the Governor's Office being better equipped to appropriately balance meeting the psycho-emotional and cultural needs of the children (i.e. making sure they no longer have to be away from their homes and loved ones for extended periods of time) and their educational needs.</p> <p>It was agreed that the new shipping service will significantly improve the situation. However, it was noted that the intention of the proposal before Council was to bring the children home for Christmas with their families on the Nov/Dec 2018 ship.</p>

	<p>The Administrator reiterated the importance of ensuring that the children's educational needs would not be compromised. It was agreed that Councillors M Christian and K Young will continue to explore travel options for the proposal and report back to Council</p> <p>ACTION: Councillors M Christian and K Young will continue to research travel options for bringing the school children home for Christmas this year and report back at the next Council meeting.</p>
RSPB Concept Note for Darwin Plus Project – formal approval required	<p>MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr K Young. “That Council approve the RSPB Concept Note for the Darwin Plus Project as previously circulated.” All in Favour / Carried</p>
Internet Connectivity Priority listing	<p>The Mayor and Administrator circulated the prioritisation list which was provided by Speedcast. There ensued general discussion about how the prioritisations operate and it was agreed a more comprehensible list and FAQs will be circulated to Council and then community to aid understanding of how the system operates. It was agreed the Administrator will go back to Speedcast for further input.</p> <p>Timeframes for the PIO's anticipated approval and implementation of Council's internet costings proposal were discussed and it was noted that the community will need to be informed as to progress as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Administrator will contact the Financial Controller for an update on the proposal's approval.</p> <p>ACTION: The Administrator will contact Speedcast to request a more comprehensible version of the prioritisations list for circulation to Council and the community.</p> <p>ACTION: The Administrator will ask the Financial Controller for an update on the proposal's possible acceptance and report back at the next Council meeting.</p>
Letter of request from Nigel Jolly seeking approval to undertake a clean-up of Henderson Island in Dec.	<p>There was general discussion about Mr Jolly's previously circulated proposal to undertake a clean-up of Henderson Island at the end of 2018.</p> <p>It was noted that Mr Jolly's proposal had also been submitted to Evan Dunn (PIO) and the Deputy Governor. The Mayor read a proposed response to Mr Jolly, as provided by Evan Dunn, which explained GPI/HMG's position on the Henderson Island clean-up project and its preference that the previously approved</p>

	<p>PEW scientific project to be undertaken. It was agreed that the response, as read, was appropriate.</p> <p>MOTION: Mayor / Cr K Young “That Council supports the PIO’s response to Mr Jolly and requests that it is forwarded to him at the earliest opportunity.” All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>Further discussion ensued and it was noted that Mr Jolly’s offer was very kind and worthy of acknowledgement. It was suggested that though his request to clean-up Henderson would be declined Council could suggest the project be moved to a clean-up of Oeno Island. It was agreed this idea was worthy of further exploration and Council asked the Administrator to discuss the matter with the PIO and the Deputy Governor.</p> <p>ACTION: The Administrator will discuss the Oeno clean-up option with PIO, the Deputy Governor and PEW and report back to Council</p>
Letter from Dr Dascalu: Farewell & support for clinic rebuild project	The Mayor reported that Dr Dascalu had written a farewell email leaving his contact details for anyone wishing to stay in touch. He also offered to be of assistance, if needed, with the new clinic build which will take part under EDF 11.
Notice of Leave Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu	<p>Council acknowledged receipt of Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu’s notice of leave.</p> <p>MOTION: Mayor / Cr M Christian “That the Deputy Mayor will continue to undertake her role as it relates to EDF project planning whilst off-island. And, the Mayor, as Harbour Master, will handle visiting yacht calls and landings in Ms Warren-Peu’s absence.</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
Update new shipping service contract	The Administrator reported the he anticipates being able to confirm sign-off of the new shipping service very shortly.
GENERAL BUSINESS	
The Morrison Journal gift to Pitcairn	<p>A copy of the Morrison journal was recently gifted to the island. It will be held in the library. It was agreed that the journal will be noted in the Gift Register and that it will be digitised with the original copy being held the museum.</p> <p>ACTION: Cr L Brown will register the gift with the Island Secretary and Cr K Young will assist in digitising the document.</p>
Date for Workshop to discuss Terms of Reference for the facilitator	It was agreed that next Future of Pitcairn workshop will be held on 26 th September 2018 at 8.30am

Response to Letter about Bar Code bike Registrations	<p>It was agreed that Cr M Christian will respond to Mr Sebestyén Fiumei to let him know that the art project registration plates have been circulated.</p> <p>Cr M Christian will also convey that the registration plates will not be treated as legitimate or official registrations and that they should not be promoted as such. Cr M Christian will also advise that it is not possible for Council to ask individuals to attach the plates to their vehicles or to ask them to agree to having photographs taken.</p>
Royal Tahitian Acknowledgement	<p>Cr M Christian reported that she and a few other community members gifted a Bounty model and letter of appreciation to the owners, management and staff of the Royal Tahitian. The gifts were happily received and appreciated. Cr M Christian has photos to share with anyone interested and she has submitted a brief overview of the ceremony to the Miscellany editor for publication.</p>
Contracted Staff Reports Not Required by Council.	<p>MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr S O'Keefe. "That Council rescind any prior instruction that the Administrator provide Council with regular contracted staff reports." All in Favour / Carried.</p>
The Protection of Pitcairn Islands Artefacts Ordinance in effect.	<p>The Mayor advised that the Governor has signed the Protection of Pitcairn Islands Artefacts Ordinance. It was posted on the Public Notice Boards on the 14th August 2018 and is now in effect.</p>

Meeting Closed: 11:15
 Date of Next Workshop: Sept 26th 2018.
 Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: Oct 10th 2018

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

Date: 27 / 9 / 2018

