



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 8.30am June 13th 2018

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Sue O’Keefe, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Kevin Young, Cr L Jaques, Cr Michele Christian, Island Secretary Heather Menzies & Administrator Nicola Hebb.

In attendance:

Apologies:

Gallery:

Welcome: The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

<p>Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of May 9th 21st 2018: ACTION 1 – Youth Forum – Administrator</p>	<p>The Administrator reported that an initial meeting had been held with the school children, the teacher and FCA on April 24th to explain the concept of the Youth Forum connections with Pitcairn youth currently attending boarding school in NZ. She noted further support will be required to move things along. There ensued general discussion as to the best way for Council to garner input from Pitcairn’s off-island youth. It was agreed that the creation of a Youth Forum is, primarily, a Council initiative which could be progressed via Cr Sue O’Keefe who is the appointed Child Safety Advisor to Council.</p>
<p>ACTION 2: Cruise Ship Protocols Update - Cr M Christian</p>	<p>FURTHER ACTION - Cr S O’Keefe will develop a draft outline for Council approval at the next regular meeting. The brief will explain the concept of the Youth Forum, invite participation, describe its desired outcomes and explain how engagement will take place.</p>
<p>ACTION 3. Coordinating Teleconference with Governor Clarke. - Administrator</p>	<p>Cr M Christian reported the Tourism Department has been tasked with developing an internal policy for managing Trading Table allocations. Though it could be utilised by Council if required, the Policy will be submitted to Council as information only.</p>
<p>ACTION 4: Freight Charges between Mangareva and Pitcairn Island. - Administrator</p>	<p>It was noted the teleconference with Governor Clarke took place on 8th May 2018.</p>
<p>ACTION 5: Circulation of the Child Safe Guarding Review Report – Administrator</p>	<p>The Administrator reported she discussed freight charges with PIO as they relate for the voyages between Pitcairn and New Zealand as requested and a revised public notice has been posted accordingly.</p> <p>The Administrator reported the unabridged version of the Child Safe Guarding Review report has been circulated to Councillors and relevant</p>

<p>ACTION 6: Exploring options for appointing a temporary Island Police Officer – Administrator</p>	<p>personnel. The document and the Governor's response to it will be discussed at today's Regular Council meeting (June 13th 2018).</p> <p>The Administrator reported that, as requested, she had met with the Community Police Officer to discuss future proofing the temporary the Police and Immigration role, on a temporary basis, when required. She noted that the idea of developing a cadre of potential candidates was not feasible given the confidentiality requirements of the role.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion regarding the value of the local police officer role given it has been left vacant and its tasks adequately fulfilled by the Community Police Officer.</p> <p>It was noted that having local representation, within law enforcement on Pitcairn, is a constitutional matter which should not be undermined and, given Pitcairn's isolation and accessibility GPI employees are entitled to up to 6 months leave from a position without that role being permanently filled.</p> <p>It was agreed and acknowledged that the current situation i.e. that the position has not been filled, is a result of unforeseen, extenuating circumstances, beyond the incumbent's control. It was emphasised that discussion about the usefulness of the role related only to the practicalities of the job itself and did not reflect upon the incumbent's performance or current circumstances.</p> <p>The Administrator advised the incumbent would not be able to return to the island until at least Aug/Sept if not later, and communication continues.</p> <p>FURTHER ACTION - The Administrator will liaise with the incumbent Island Police Officer discuss the situation going forward. She will report back to Council at the next Regular meeting.</p> <p>Cr M Christian reported she had not received any further recommendations from Cr K Young as previously. However, a near final draft has been circulated to all Councillors for provisional approval. There ensued general discussion regarding which GPI employees the guidelines are intended for and minor amendments were suggested. Formal approval and sign-off will be sought at the next Regular Council meeting.</p>
<p>ACTION 7: Progressing Gifting Policy - Cr. K Young & Cr. M Christian</p>	<p>MOTION: Cr D Griffiths/ Cr M Christian, "That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 13th 2018, May 9th 2018 & May 25th as circulated, be approved." All in Favour/ Carried</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes, as previously circulated, of Regular Council Meeting of April 13th 2018, May 9th 2018 & May 25th</p>	<p></p>

	<p>The Mayor expressed Council's appreciation of Nadine Christian's services to Council as temporary Island Secretary.</p>
Local Governance Ordinance: Elections	<p>Cr M Christian provided Council with an over-view of the history of the draft recommendation which had been awaiting further discussion since 2015. It was agreed that the recommended amendment to Part 111 - Elections of Officers, Section 15 Nominations of Candidates will not be approved, given that the current administration of Council and Mayoral elections is transparent and well run.</p> <p>Cr L Jaques noted his dissatisfaction with the rational provided for amending Part II – Island Officers, Island Council: re the Election of the Mayor and the proposal that the Mayor will be eligible to run for office beyond the current 2 terms.</p> <p>It was agreed that the rational for such an amendment should simply state: That point 3- (1) (ii) and (4) be removed given the size of the population, and the small number of persons interested and eligible to be elected.</p> <p>It was noted that some members of Council believe the Ordinance should revert to its previous reading which did not limit the number of terms a Mayor can run and hold office.</p> <p>It was agreed that the proposed amendment should be shared with the community for input and consideration however</p> <p>Council will need to discuss and come to agreement beforehand.</p> <p>It was agreed that the matter any other proposed amendments will be discussed in more detail at the forthcoming Future of Pitcairn workshop.</p>
EU Annual Implementation Report 2017	<p>Cr L Jaques – reported the EU Annual Implementation Report 2017 has been written and will be going to the EU by Friday 15th May. He acknowledged all who had assisted with developing the paper. The Administrator acknowledged the work done by Cr L Jaques.</p>
Gift Policy – Provisional approval required	<p>As noted above Cr M Christian advised that a final version has been circulated to all Councillors. Provisional approval, via email, is sought and formal approval will be requested at the next regular meeting.</p> <p>ACTION - Councillors will feed any further recommendations for the Gift Policy to Cr M Christian who will revise as required.</p>
Dark Sky Sanctuary - Update	<p>Cr L Jaques asked the Travel Coordinator (TC) to report on progress on the Dark Sky Sanctuary Application and related matters. The TC reported a submission has been made to an independent funding body that promotes astronomy world-wide, for funds to purchase the necessary astronomy equipment for Pitcairn Astro Tourism ventures. Additionally there has been an offer to gift a telescope to the community from an interested person in USA.</p> <p>The draft Dark Sky Sanctuary Application has been completed and will be submitted to the DM F&E and DM ECNR for further discussion</p>

	<p>before being submitted to Council for final approval. The TC is currently waiting on further dark sky measurement data from Cr K Young and also his proposal for utilising Taro Ground for storage (in the on-site building) and as a primary viewing site for Pitcairn's Astro Tourism ventures.</p> <p>The TC will liaise with the DM Operations re drafting a Lighting Ordinance for Council's consideration and community consultation. Ideally the Lighting Ordinance will be at least-in process by the time the Dark Sky Sanctuary Application is submitted in early August 2018.</p>
<p>Repopulation Report - update requested: Immigration/Administrator</p>	<p>Administrator Hebb tabled a Repopulation Report for April/ May. A copy of the report is available from the Island Secretary.</p>
<p>Future of Pitcairn – next steps</p>	<p>Due to unforeseen circumstances the last workshop was postponed. It was agreed that the proposed next steps, as outlined in the Administrator's previously circulated paper, will be discussed in more detail at another workshop scheduled for Wednesday 20th May 8:30am.</p> <p>Administrator Hebb stated that one of the steps Council had agreed on at the last meeting was that she will undertake one-to-one meetings with individuals about their thoughts on the future of Pitcairn. She said this has not yet taken place. And, given the importance of these discussions, an agreed question set is required.</p> <p>Administrator Hebb noted that it had been agreed that Council needed to have input into the terms of reference for a facilitator to assist with work on the future of Pitcairn, and that this would go hand in hand with work to review and update the SDP. There might be a need for two facilitator/consultants for the two pieces of work.</p> <p>It was agreed that a compilation of the 4 Future of Pitcairn workshops will be made available to the public.</p> <p>ACTIONS - The Isec will compile the workshop notes from the 4 Future of Pitcairn Workshops and advise the community of availability.</p> <p>Council will hold a Future of Pitcairn workshop Wednesday 20th June at 8.30am.</p>
<p>EDF10 Implementation Update</p>	<p>The Mayor advised that the boat building company tasked with constructing the ship-to-shore vessel is now well underway.</p> <p>The Store build is progressing slowly given the weather conditions. Draft documents relating Public Service Centre, the Community Centre and the Road Paving Project are ready to be submitted to Council, as information only in the first instance, and the community for full consultation, by end of month.</p>

	<p>Cr L Jaques added that all required KPIs relating to the draw-down of the 3rd tranche of EDF10 funding have been complied with. The funding request has been approved by Noumea and is awaiting payment in Brussel.</p>
<p>The Pitcairn Biennale Proposal (P.B)</p>	<p>Cr D Griffiths outlined the proposed logistics of the Pitcairn Biennale (P.B) proposal which is intended to introduce international contemporary art to very remote locations. It was noted that the P.B. is an independent institution, its projects are non-profit and low-budget.</p> <p>The P.B. intends to send the artworks on a quarterly basis to Pitcairn with exhibits being open to the public for up to 12 months. Some artist may then want their works returned and others may be happy for them to remain on island.</p> <p>Cr D Griffiths advised that Cr S O’Keefe has agreed to assist with the installations. Security for the artworks is in discussion. It was noted that the installations will be reliant upon the construction of the new Community Centre and it was agreed that Cr D Griffiths will raise this and other matters with the organiser, Mr Sebestyén Fiumei, and report back to Council.</p> <p>Cr Griffith also presented a sample bar-coded novelty licence plate which is also part of the Pitcairn Biennale project. She explained the concept behind the items and reported that have already arrived on-island. Cr Griffiths will distribute to the community using the guidelines of the GPI Share-out Policy.</p>
<p>Update GPI contracted staff recruitment</p>	<p>The Administrator advised Dr Ian Lawson, has been appointed as Pitcairn’s incoming Medical Officer. She added that new teacher interviews are currently in process – 2 interviews having been done and another pending. She will advise Council as to the outcome when available.</p>
<p>Child Safeguarding Review Report (Closed Session)</p>	<p>Discussions relating to the unabridged Child Safeguarding Review Report and Governor Clarke’s letter of response to that document were covered in closed Council.</p>
<p>General Business</p>	
<p>PEW request for letter of support the Great British Oceans coalitions (GBO) proposal</p>	<p>Cr M Christian tabled a request from Johnny Briggs of PEW that Pitcairn Council provide a letter of support to the Great British Oceans coalitions for support to establish an MPA in the South Sandwich Islands waters.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion on whether the islands were uninhabited with concerns that establishment of an MPA may impact livelihoods. And, there were questions about the sovereignty of the islands.</p>

	<p>MOTION:</p> <p>“That Council provisionally approve the letter of support to the Great British Oceans coalitions for their MPA as long as its development will not impinge on local sustainability/human economy and any sovereignty issues.</p> <p>All in favour/Carried</p> <p>ACTION - Cr M Christian will discuss Council’s concerns with PEW and report back to Council, via email.</p>
<p>Ham Radio Club visiting Ducie Island in Oct/Nov 2018 – request for research on behalf of National Antarctic Scientific Centre of Ukraine</p>	<p>Cr M Christian tabled a proposal from Gene Spinelli, on behalf of the National Antarctic Scientific Centre of Ukraine requesting Council approval to undertake research via the Ham Radio group which will be visiting Ducie later this year. There was some discussion as to nature of the research and Council requested further information before making a decision.</p> <p>ACTION - Cr M Christian will seek clarification as to the purpose of the research and report back to council.</p>
<p>Telecommunications and TV update</p>	<p>The Mayor reported that the pricing proposal for internet use which Cr K Young has been working is still in process. A request to finalise the proposal was tabled and Cr K Young will circulate it to members before the next Regular Council Meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Mayor and Administrator will develop a note for the next regular Council meeting concerning internet usage, based on their conversations with the telecoms technician, to inform Council discussion on a fair usage policy</p> <p>ACTION - Cr K Young will circulate the pricing proposal to members before the next Regular Council meeting.</p> <p>ACTION - The Administrator and Mayor will develop a note for the next regular Council meeting and, in-turn the Community regarding telecommunications and usage.</p> <p>Television Channels - The Mayor reported that equipment has arrived for repairing the satellite fixture but it is not working as it should. Though the choice of TV channels will continue to be limited given satellite locations in the region, the Mayor, pointed out that further repairs may well be hindered by cost, given the cuts to the island’s operational budgets this financial year.</p>
<p>Shipping contract</p>	<p>The Administrator reported the tendering process is well underway. Initial valuations have been undertaken and it is anticipated the new contract will be in place by August 2018.</p>

<p>Gift to the community of Coins</p>	<p>Cr L Jaques reported that Pitcairn’s contract with NZ mint contract has expired and 66 Pitcairn Island Uncirculated Coin Sets have come to the island from the company. He has met with the Post Master and Deputy Mayor who have agreed that a set of coins will be given to each member of the community.</p> <p>MOTION:</p> <p>“That a set of uncirculated coins will be given to each member of the community who is normally resident.”</p> <p>All in Favour/ Carried</p> <p>It was agreed that the remaining coin sets will be held at the post office with a monetary value – customers will be limited to one purchase per person. Cr L Jaques advised bringing the coin issue to Council was a one off, to seek approval for the distribution.</p> <p>ACTION: It was noted there is demand for coins and Cr L Jaques. Any future relationship with a coin provider would be a divisional issue.</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION – Child Safeguarding</p>	<p>The recently circulated draft Child Safety Document was discussed and the letter from the Governor to the Mayor was tabled.</p> <p>The report has been shared, in its entirety, with Councillors, the Administrator, the Deputy Governor and the Child Safeguarding lead in the FCO, who all have child safeguarding responsibilities. The Summary report is now ready for general circulation and the administrator will circulate this as required.</p> <p>ACTION - The Administer will make an announcement to advise the community that the executive report is available from her office.</p> <p>It was suggested that a press release be prepared for distribution once the Minister has signed off on the report. This generated some discussion and it was agreed it will be revisited in due course.</p> <p>The Mayor acknowledged the work of the Council and the Community in bringing Child Safeguarding on Pitcairn to this point. It is a major milestone for Pitcairn and Councillors played a significant role in this outcome.</p> <p>Appreciation for the work will be extended to Child Matters, via the Administrator.</p>

Meeting Closed: 12.00

Date of Next Workshop: June 20th 2018

Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: July 11th 2018

Mayor Shawn Christian:

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