



**PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL**  
**Public Meeting Notes Meeting held at the Public Hall**  
**Commencing at 10:30am Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019**

**Present:**

Mayor Shawn Christian & Cr Michele Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Kevin Young, Isec Heather Menzies, Cr L Jaques & Administrator Nick Kennedy

**In attendance:**

Daphne Warren, FCA Fran, Kevin Young, Hanna, Daniel, Leslie Jacques, Pastor John Stafford and wife Ruby Strafford, , Nick Kennedy, Nadine Christian, David Brown, Jay Warren, Kimiōra Warren-Peu, Jayden Warren-Peu, Charlene Warren-Peu, Lea Brown, Kevin Young, Shawn Christian, Robert William (Tristan) (visitor) Meralda Warren, Melva Evans, Mike Lupton, Brenda Christian, NZ Police Officer Bruce Warrender, Kerry Young, Mike Warren, Hanna & Daniel, Pawl Warren

**Apologies:** Cr S O'Keefe & Temp Cr Lea Brown

**Welcome:** The Mayor opened the Meeting

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Tabled by</b>
Update on Silver Supporter Service feedback	<p>The Administrator thanked people for feedback on the shipping service. He reported that the company is now sourcing numerous backup &amp; replacement parts, including: spare hydraulic pump for the crane, spares for the water system, spare complete water unit, spare crockery and spare bedding. The ship is also going over maintenance systems to 'map out' on going needs for any further spare parts.</p> <p>He added that the food heater is now fixed. The original chef will be back on the next rotation. Hot/cold pipes that were mixed up in one cabin have been fixed. The Crane operator has undertaken crane certification and straps and slings on the cargo well be left in future. The company is sourcing more slings and is working on upgrading the air-con (although time is tight to get this done this rotation).</p>
Update Renewable Energy Project	<p>Cr L Jaques advised that the 1<sup>st</sup> EU Steering Committee Meeting was held July 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> in Noumea. He noted that recommendation will be going to Council for the Renewable Energy Project to be managed via SPC. This will entail calling for international tenders for the design, build, installation and training project.</p> <p>This will be tabled for Council at the Next Regular Council meetings and at next EDF 10&amp; 11 Implementation Group.</p>

<p>Bounty Group Switzerland USD3000 Community donations</p>	<p>The Deputy Mayor advised that the Bounty Group Switzerland donated USD3000 to the Community earlier this year. She invited input from the Community as to how best to utilise the money for the benefit of all.</p> <p>Meralda Warren, advised that she has been holding a USD 1000 donation for the community and this too could be added to the overall thinking. People were invited to share their thoughts via the Isec Office.</p>
<p>Minister of OTs Letter of guarantee to cover existing EU funded projects</p>	<p>The Administrator advised that the Minister of Overseas Territories. Lord Ahmad, has forwarded a ministerial confirmation that the UK Government will honour existing UK EU Funding commitments beyond BREXIT.</p> <p>He explained that this means that if there is a no deal Brexit any yet to be released EU funds will be covered by the UK Beyond Brexit, it was noted that funding models are currently being considered.</p>
<p>Exoplanet Naming - Update</p>	<p>Cr K Young, advised that the naming of the Exoplanet proposal has been submitted. He explained these naming is for planets now being discovered outside of the solar system. If Pitcairn is successful we will have the opportunity to name both an exoplanet and its associated star. A final list of 6 names is required. Cr K Young will circulate further information as it comes to hand and report back at the next Public meeting.</p>
<p>Telecommunications Update</p>	<p>The Administrator advised that Speedcast and Ursys are developing heat map of wireless connectivity for the Island. Anyone who is not able to access wireless should contact the Administrator asap. Another meeting with Speedcast and Ursys is scheduled for later this month.</p> <p>He advised they are also looking at 24hour internet services. This will be powered by batteries at Ursys' expense going forward.</p>
<p>BOT Passports availability for Pitcairn Permanent Residents</p>	<p>The Administrator advised that Pitcairn Permanent Residents are entitled to apply for a British Overseas Territory Citizen passports.</p> <p>Those interested should liaise with him directly.</p> <p>Given BREXIT, they will be issued at the Government's expense.</p>
<p>New NZ entry requirements</p>	<p>The Administrator advised that NZ is introducing a visa waiver system. It doesn't change the substance of what is needed to obtain entry permission, but simply creates an additional administrative step for those that used to be eligible for entry clearance upon arrival.</p> <p>It was noted that all Pitcairners should ensure their passports are up to date.</p>



Licensing Amateur Radio Operators for VP6	The Administrator advised that he and Councillor Kevin Young are looking into locals and visitors being able to apply for VP6 Operators licences and will report back to Council and the Community.
Correspondence from Ludovic Branlant re Sign-off of EDF10 contract	Cr L Jaques advised that Ludovic Branlant of the EU has written to PIO/HMG/Council to advise Sign-off of EDF10 contract.
Dark Sky Sanctuary Postcards	The Deputy Mayor advised that new Dark Sky Sanctuary postcards will be delivered to the island on the October 2019 supply ship.
Tourism Department - Explorers Tour Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Travel Coordinator advised the 2019 Explorers Tour to all 4 Islands will go ahead. The day to day itinerary is in development and more detail will be shared with the community at a public meeting toward the end of September.
Date of next EDF 10 & 11 Community Consultation	The next EDF 10 & 11 Community Consultation meeting will take place on 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 10.30am.
NZ banking system changes to accepting damage and defaced foreign currency.	The Administrator advised that the NZ banking system will no longer accept damaged or defaced foreign currency notes. It was noted that this does not impact NZ bank notes and the treasury will keep track of developments and advise accordingly.
<b>General Business</b>	

Meeting Closed: 11.15pm  
Next Public Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 10.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian: .....

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