



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Public Meeting Notes:

Community Consultation Meeting with Child Safety Reviewers Moyna Fletcher & Alan McGlade and Assistant Attorney General, Danielle Kelly Held at the Public Hall Commencing at 10.30am Sunday 19th 2017

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Brenda Christian Cr Darralyn Griffiths and Island Secretary Heather Menzies, Cr Michele Christian & Cr Leslie Jaques, Administrator Nicola Hebb.

In attendance: Moyna Fletcher, Alan McGlade & Danielle Kelly.

Apologies: None

Gallery: Kevin Young, Mike Warren, Jayden Warren-Peu, Meralda Warren, Melva Evans, Turi Griffiths, Mike Warren, Ariel Harding, Pearl Christian, Bill Crowe, Novelea Crowe, Mike Lupton-Christian, Melva Evans, Dave Brown, Dennis Christian, Royal Warren

Item	Discussion
Community Consultation – Child Safety Reviewers	<p>Child Safety Reviewers, Moyna Fletcher and Alan McGlade introduced themselves and the spoke about the purpose of their visit. They explained that they have been contracted by HMG to undertake an independent review of the systems and processes and overall culture of the island, as it relates to Child Safety on Pitcairn, and to evaluate progress made as a result of past recommendations and local initiatives.</p> <p>As child advocates and child safety trainers explained they are constantly evaluating their own processes so as to ensure they are always open to looking at better ways for families and communities to interact with one-another. It is this commitment to continuous improvement which will be reflected in the review process.</p> <p>They explained to those present that they will use the same model as had been used by Jim Heays and Catherine Barribal to engage with the community in the review process i.e. offering confidential appointment times for one-on-one, small group and family group meetings as needed. This process will conclude with another public meeting at the end of their 11 day stay.</p> <p>The reviewers stressed that is important for them to meet with as many people as possible who are wanting to talk to them during their time on-island so as to ensure as much information as possible is gathered.</p> <p>The reviewers advised that they will listen carefully to what the community has to say and ask questions to ensure the meaning and context of what is being said is well understood. They advised that their final report will be submitted to HMG, who contracted the work, by the end of Dec 2017.</p> <p>They invited all present to touch base at any time to set up meetings and appointments.</p>

Assistant Attorney
General
Danielle Kelly

Ms Kelly briefly introduced herself and the purpose of her visit. The Community then moved into a brainstorming sessions based on the following questions:

Who should be able to fish?

Everyone should be able to fish – but everyone must have a permit. Locals might not have to pay for a permit but could still be registered so as to ensure agreement with the regulations.

There should be different kinds of permits for different purposes.

Short-term Visitors/Tourists may not need to be granted permits because they can fish with locals and commercial fishers.

Yachties – noted it may be hard to police but we should still require them to be permitted to fish.

Cruise Ships & Visiting Vessels – should be prohibited from fishing

Permanent Residents and those newly approved for settlement should be included as ‘local fishers’.

What kind of Fishing should be permitted /what should be banned?

Thinking about Fishing to eat / fishing to sell / game fishing / net fishing /recreational fishing.

Should ban capture of live fish/ protect aqua-culture and differentiate between gathering live seaweed washed up seaweed.

Should ban tourism related game fishing/as it is outside of spirit of the MPA

Should have a special permit to export fish? Dollar value vs volume?

Need to be able to gather catch data for quotas / Could attach quotas to specific permits.

Where fishing should be permitted?

Purpose and vessel type could determine permitting –

No commercial permits allowed around the other islands.

Allowing only subsistence fishing

Don’t know what the future holds

All islands could be treated all the same –

Local quota system for the 40 mile reef / catch shared with the community should be included within the regulations

When should fishing be permitted?

Need scientific data to support the creation of a model management plan.

Other Activities

What other marine based activities should be regulated:

Rubbish, Space junk, diving, anchoring yachts, no discharging of ballast etc. for cruise ships.

Identify specific anchoring areas and supply accurate GPS information


Diving/Snorkling / Charters should be permitted and provide some sort of economic benefit to Pitcairn and locals.

Whale Watching / some sort of guidance for best practice should be developed.

Enforcement

Fees and limits on research activities should be included. Consequences should be significant enough to deter offending. Need to have local people buy into the purpose of regulations.

Meetings Closed: 11.45am

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

Date.....5-12-2017



Approved