

THE PITCAIRN, HENDERSON, OENO AND DUCIE ISLANDS

ISLAND COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 – THE SCHOOL HOUSE

**PRESENT:**

Mayor - Simon Young, Deputy Mayor – Charlene Warren, Island Secretary – William Gordon, Cr. Heather Menzies, Cr. Kerry Young, Cr. Kevin Young, Cr. Melva Evans, Administrator Stephen Townsend.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr. Shawn Christian


**GALLERY:**

None

AGENDA ITEM	
1. Opening	Meeting Opened: 09:09 hrs
2. Welcome and Moment of Reflection	The Mayor opened the meeting with a moment of reflection.
3. Call for General Business	The Mayor called for items of general business to be presented. The following items were presented: - Coconut trees on Henderson
4. Agreed Actions from the Regular Council Meeting of 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	<u>Immigration Interviews</u> The Mayor discussed the need for an interview with Ben Wheeldon and requested for Councillors to propose questions for such an interview.  <u>Elder Care Plan</u> Cr. Heather Menzies advised that good progress is being made.  <u>Settler Land</u> The Lands Court Registrar (Island Secretary) advised that one suitable plot has been firmly identified and that there are couple of other possibilities. Cr. Melva Evans wished to question whether this is of value and that it may lock land up. Others felt that the Island Council can surrender the land if others wanted it.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	<b>Motion:</b> “That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 are approved”.  <b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Cr. Kevin Young

<b>STANDING ITEMS</b>	
<b>6.</b> Mayor's Report – January 2024	<p><b>Motion:</b> "That the Island Council accept the Mayor's Report of January 2024".</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Deputy Mayor</p>
<b>7.</b> Head of the Pitcairn Public Service Monthly Report – January 2024	<p>Cr. Kerry Young queried costed proposals regarding the Solar Farm. The Administrator agrees to circulate the final copy plus the original.</p> <p>Cr. Heather Menzies requested that the Administrator circulated a copy of the Bluebelt steering board report, which he agreed to do.</p> <p>Cr. Kerry Young questioned the Island's capacity to complete the community centre once Willie Paniora leaves. The Administrator advised that he was uncertain.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> "That the Island Council accept the PPS Report of January 2024".</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Deputy Mayor</p>
<b>8.</b> Approval of GPI Health Centre Operational Policy	<p><b>Motion:</b> "That the GPI Health Centre Operational Policy is approved".</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cr. Heather Menzies / Mayor</p>
<b>9.</b> Approval of GPI Health Funding Policy	<p><b>Motion:</b> "That the GPI Health Funding Policy is approved".</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cr. Heather Menzies / Mayor</p>
<b>10.</b> Elder Care Update	<p>Circulated a PPT that the Elder Care Action Group prepared, roll out, engage with people for action group and facilitating activities. Meeting on weekly basis until recently. Now stalled due to the roll out happening, FCA is off sick. Clarity is sought about the FCA as it was shaped in such a way that the FCA was taking a lead role in the elder care activities. Next phase was about organising pilot for community nurse, and last stage for longer term is respite housing/accommodation.</p> <p>Probably need to agree about time frames, Heather leaves on Sunday, Charlene will take a lead on the Council side of things.</p> <p>Would be useful to have some conversation about the pilot for the community nurse. Useful for targeted immigration, have had thoughts about costings, budget, etc. May be good to shape it as a targeted immigration project.</p> <p>Mayor invited Administrator to speak about FCA. Advised that she is still off sick and possibly not returning. Heather advised that it would therefore be wise to re-shape the activities model.</p> <p>Targeted immigration for pilot community nurse – Kevin said to be flexible in the description. It is supported by Council. Heather will draft a proposal and circulate at a later date.</p>

	Phases are separate but it is being viewed holistically.
<b>11.</b> Starlink Upgrade	Boxes have arrived. Mail migration will be finished by Sunday/Monday. At that point we will no longer require the services of the old mail system. Focus then will be on Starlink and implementation. Boxes in GT at the moment, so Kerry can make an asset list and register the units with Starlink. Will happen in 2 stages. Accessories will arrive on the next ship, special mounts etc should they be needed. Charges cannot easily be reduced, no scales within the plan. Locations will be paying NZ \$135 per month. Mayor to produce a public notice about the changes.  User agreement, from Starlink, and also GPI agreement, to be finalised.
<b>12.</b> Telephone System	Cr. Kevin Young advised that he is working on the ongoing costs, plans, whether we keep NZ numbers or get Pitcairn numbers. He will ask for a report and costings from them.
<b>13.</b> Organising Archives	<b>Motion:</b> "That the Terms of Reference for the Organising of the Island Archives Fee-for-Service is approved".  <b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Cr. Heather Menzies
<b>14.</b> War Memorial Plaque	<b>Motion:</b> "That the War Memorial Plaque is to be situated in the Square".  <b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Deputy Mayor
<b>15.</b> ANZAC / Remembrance Day Services	It was agreed to keep both dates as holidays.
<b>16.</b> Approval of New Stamps	<b>Motion:</b> "That the new series of stamps is approved"  <b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Deputy Mayor
<b>17.</b> Approval of New Commemorative Coins	<b>Motion:</b> "That the new series of new commemorative coins is approved"  <b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Deputy Mayor
<b>18.</b> Settlement Application – Mr. Mike Collis	<b>Motion:</b> "That the application should be progressed to the Deputy Governor for further consideration".  <b>Moved:</b> Mayor / Deputy Mayor
<b>19.</b> ID Cards	It was agreed that one should be labelled as a local ID card, and another as a driver's license.
<b>20.</b> Pitcairn Island Trust Accounts	All agreed to maintain an emergency fund.  The Mayor said that we should highlight areas of spending needs so that the funds can be utilised over the next 12 months.

	<p>Cr. Kerry Young suggested putting the money into a long-term investment account. Millions of \$ have been squandered and this shouldn't be either. Cr. Melva Evans agreed it's a cushion which should be left alone. Cr. Kevin Young said there have been ideas in the past for a Pitcairn trust fund which was declined in the past. The Deputy Mayor suggested Youth Empowerment fund for the children is wise. Cr. Heather Menzies felt that increasing emergency fund is good, and that other funds should be used for betterment of community, and in favour of setting Pitcairn up better for funds, and allow for local initiatives for use of the funds. Market fund and get more donations for it.</p> <p>Administrator to check if Pitcairn can deposit funds into long term deposit.</p> <p>More time is needed to consider properly.</p>
<p><b>21.</b> Lands Court Setting Date</p>	<p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 10am.</p>
<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p><b>22.</b> Coconut Trees on Henderson</p>	<p>It was agreed by all that the RSBP should look into this during their next visit to Henderson.</p>
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024</b></p>
<p><b>MEETING CLOSED:</b></p>	<p>11:16 hrs</p>
<p><b>MEETING APPROVED:</b> <b>BY:</b> Mayor – Simon Young <b>SIGNED:</b>  <b>DATE:</b> 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p>	