



## PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall  
Commencing at 8.30am Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Present:**

Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Brenda Christian, Administrator Nicola Hebb, Temporary Island Secretary Nadine Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu.

**Apologies:** Cr Michele Christian

**Gallery:** Detective Sargent William Crowe

**Opening Prayer:** Charlene Warren-Peu

**Welcome:**

<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>	<p>A workshop was held after council on the 15<sup>th</sup>, regarding Child Safety Survey and Council felt this should be added into the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure a record is kept. The following paragraph will be added to the minutes by the Island Secretary.</p> <p>Council closed at 9.22am, however councillors remained at the table to sit at a workshop to finalise the Building a Better future for Pitcairn Child Safeguarding survey, and introduction letter. A letter from the Governor regarding the next step on Child Safety was also discussed and planned to be distributed. Councillors settled a Public Meeting date to meet with the community, and then for the survey to be distributed.</p>
<b>Record of Approval of Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>	<p>Motion: Cr Leslie Jaques, Seconded Cr. Darralyn Griffiths “That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of the 15th of March 2017 as circulated, be approved.” All in favour - Carried</p>
<b>Internet Watch Foundation annual report and press release</b>	<p>The Administrator supplied information regarding the IWF releasing its Annual Report on 3 April, exclusively online. It will be found here: <a href="https://annualreport.iwf.org.uk">https://annualreport.iwf.org.uk</a>. It shows the latest global trends and analysis of child sexual abuse content for 2016.</p> <p>The IWF says it is a year on now, and feels that this is a great opportunity to create some media around</p>

	<p>the portal and increase the awareness of the portal. The IWF encouraged GPI and HMG to feel free to re-work the attached press release to create our own, particularly focusing on our own portal, the work we do and to help encourage people to report.</p> <p>The Administrator agreed that this was an important part of development, but that Pitcairn had nothing more to add, except to confirm the support of the portal and work being done. The Administrator will pass on this information.</p>
<p><b>Wills and the visit of Simon Mount and Danielle Kelly</b></p>	<p>The Administrator updated council on the upcoming visit in May/June of Simon Mount and Danielle Kelly. They have a large amount of work to do whilst here, but part of this is going to be concentrated around wills for those in the community who wish to learn more about upskilling around this information, or merely updating their wills.</p> <p>Council agreed that this was a good idea to update many very old wills that are held in the Island Secretary's office. A workshop or community meeting was proposed to set to explain the process clearly. A date to be set an advised and a notification on the community noticeboard to be placed.</p>
<p><b>Beacons of Light – external proposal for commemoration</b></p>	<p>The Administrator provided information for the Beacon of Light being planned for 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. At present they have 721 of a planned 1000 WWI Beacons of Light confirmed throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, all of which will be lit at 7pm local time.</p> <p>Council agreed as this is something that Pitcairn has done before, and would be open to do in 2018. The Administrator will reply in affirmative with a location loosely set for the Beacon at Ships Landing Point.</p> <p>The Mayor suggested long term, a permanent Beacon could be set at the new Community Centre to support such special events.</p>
<p><b>Settlement Application</b></p>	<p>The Mayor spoke on the response he had regarding the two Settlement Applications tabled last council meeting. Comprehensive applications were supplied to Immigration officials on island, including the Mayor and Immigration Officer, and upon</p>

	<p>discussion, council ultimately agreed with the Deputy Governors decision regarding the latest two applicants received and tabled on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Council therefore approved the Deputy Governor's recommendations re the two applicants.</p> <p>A short discussion around how Immigration was involved in the past, and how the process is now handled was had.</p>
<b>Update on Illegal Export</b>	<p>The Mayor spoke on the importance of strict adherence when it came to the law surrounding illegal export (primarily alcohol and cigarettes) from Pitcairn Island.</p> <p>The Mayor also stated his strong concern that one councillor had been singled out as solely trying to enforce this situation, and condemned for this publicly. The Mayor felt that all Councillors, if any such talk is heard should squelch it immediately as incorrect.</p> <p>It was noted that Pitcairn had been requested by French Polynesian authorities to stop smuggling of alcohol and cigarettes on Claymore II and that the use of the domestic port at Mangareva of an international terminal, was a privilege and not a right.</p> <p>It was agreed that illegal smuggling is an issue that is a concern to all of GPI and HMG not connected at all to just one Division Manager. The councillor concerned was assured that the Council did not support any slurs or fingers pointed.</p> <p>A short discussion was had around this issue and why offenders had not been approached. It was advised that although smuggling had been known to happen, no firm proof of the offending/offenders at this point had been obtained.</p>
<b>Alternate Harbour Project</b>	<p>The Mayor announced that the Alternate Harbour Project has been formally signed off as completed by the Harbour Manager.</p> <p>The Council, Administrator and wider HMG passed on their congratulations to the Harbour team for all their hard work to complete this project.</p>
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	

Update Child Safeguarding	<p>The Public meeting regarding the Child Safety survey was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, with a very good attendance by the community.</p> <p>Return of the completed circulated survey also generated a good result, including emailed replies from those currently off island. There is still an opportunity for incoming surveys to be included before the Child Safeguarding team arrive in May.</p> <p>A copy of the compiled survey will be forwarded to all councillors for their information.</p>
MOU Agreements \ Documents	<p>The Administrator just reminded Council not to sign MOU's or legal documents without BHC's collaboration. Everything must be agreed by GPI, HMG and BHC.</p>

Meeting Closed: 9.40am

Date of Next Council Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Mayor Shawn Christian: .....

Date: 20 / 4 / 2017



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