



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of the Public Meeting held at the Public Hall Commencing at 11am Thursday 30th 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: Kevin Young, Dave Brown, Jayden Warren-Peu, Vaine Peu, Kerry Young, Dr Jack, Detective Sergeant William Stowe, Mike Lupton-Christian, Carol Warren, Andrew Christian, Melva Evans, Jay Warren

Opening Prayer:

Welcome:

Skype Public Meeting with Governor Johnathon Sinclair and Robin Shackell	<p>The Mayor, Councillors and well attended gallery welcomed Governor Sinclair & Deputy Governor Shackell via Skype and phone.</p> <p>The Governor expressed his well wishes to all that his attended this morning's meeting.</p>
EDF 9 – Alternate Harbour Project	<p>The Governor congratulated the community on the completion of the Alternate Harbour at Tedside. He extended his congratulations to everybody who worked on the project.</p> <p>Acknowledgement to the upcoming project work with EDF 10 and 11, and hopes this will be just as successful.</p> <p>The Deputy Governor added that he will be attending meetings overseas regarding EDF 10 and 11 and will advise when able.</p> <p>The Mayor confirmed and thanked the Governor for his comments, noting it was a long two and a half year commitment. There is a plan to celebrate this with a BBQ for the community to thank all involved. Mayor Christian also wrapped up the work currently being done in preparation for the next two EDF projects, and gave a run down on progress including</p>

	<p>work being done on the new PI Store and Vessel being considered.</p>
<p>Brexit</p>	<p>A letter from the Prime Minister announces that Brexit has now been formalised with the beginning of the process of leaving the EU. This letter explains the reasoning behind the decision made by the UK people, and can be read online.</p> <p>The Mayor spoke briefly on this subject, and noted that although the community may have their own concerns regarding Brexit, the main concern in his opinion is the re-population of the island and growth of Pitcairn itself.</p> <p>The community seemed to agree that a ‘wait and see’ attitude be had toward the Brexit issue as it progresses.</p>
<p>Child Safety</p>	<p>The Governor mentioned his pleasure at the great turn out of the latest community workshop as it is an opportunity to use this to wrap up any issues that has haunted the island. He believed Pitcairn is now seen as a vanguard of progress, and that this was something to be proud of.</p> <p>Together, HMG, GPI and the <i>whole</i> Pitcairn community, all supporting each other we can move on to a better future. He would ultimately like to see an end to the Child Safety reviews, and this is one more step toward that. He also hoped, in this same vein of thinking, that the Visitor’s Notice that is currently being distributed to all visiting vessels, could be discontinued; subject to the Administrator feeding in some further information, he hoped to be able to recommend this to London in the near future.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the Governor, and acknowledged the goals he put forth. He agreed that the obvious involvement of the community and its support, plus replies that came back from the recent survey, it is obvious that Pitcairn is moving forward and hopes that together HMG and GPI can work together to do this.</p> <p>A few members of the public came forward to note their happiness at the possible removal of the “yachtie notice”.</p>

	<p>Deputy Governor Shackell noted that he's looking forward to his visit in May and to working with the community in the Child Safety workshop.</p>
Alex Cameron and Emma Harber	<p>The Governor wished to express his gladness of the support and openness of Council and community with the visit of Alex and Emma in February 2017.</p> <p>The feedback from this visit was very encouraging and enthusiastic. They realise the huge amount of work that needs to be done, but the understanding of Pitcairn and its pros and cons are very much clearer.</p> <p>The Mayor also noted his thanks with the visit from Alex and Emma. He felt that they were also very open to listening and concerned at the future, and their feedback had shown that working together was the road to travel down to succeed in encouraging others to return or emigrate to Pitcairn.</p>
Smuggling	<p>The Governor strongly stated that any smuggling (alcohol and cigarettes for example) from Pitcairn to French Polynesia should be a subject taken with utmost clarity as it posed a risk to the very future of Pitcairn. French Polynesia has requested of GPI that all smuggling is ceased, and Governor Sinclair repeated this to the community with all seriousness.</p> <p>The Mayor agreed this is a continued issue that GPI is very concerned about and had discussed even up to the last Council meeting. He thanked the Governor for his strength on this subject, and supported his statement.</p>
Shipping Contract	<p>From the floor: <i>Where are we at with the new shipping contract?</i> A deadline was dictated to the preferred tenderer of the 31st of March 2017 (today in NZ). No outcome as yet, but once reached this will be advised to Council as soon as practicable.</p> <p>The current contract has been extended for at least two rotations with the Claymore II, and if required it will be extended again, until the right answers have been reached.</p> <p>The Deputy Governor Shackell advised he has a few meetings today around shipping, so there is action being taken.</p>
In Closing	<p>The Governor closed by thanking everyone again for all their hard work since his last meeting with</p>

	<p>the island people. He also noted he would be visiting the community in August, and added that this year is his last as Governor and he will be leaving at Christmas 2017. A quite wistful time for him, he advised a new Governor will be taking over in the new year.</p> <p>The Mayor expressed his deepest thanks for the Governor's work over the last few years, and look forward to his visit in August.</p> <p>A member of the gallery suggested Governor Sinclair reappplies for another term. The Governor appreciated the thought and reiterated his joy of working with the community.</p>

Meeting Closed: 11.50am

Date of Next Public Meeting: To be advised

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

Date: 20 / 4 / 2017



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