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PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 10.30am Wednesday 14th September 2016**

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Brenda Christian, , Administrator Nicola Hebb, Island Secretary Heather Menzies.

Apologies: Cr Leslie Jaques

Gallery: None

Opening Prayer: Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu

Welcome: Mayor

Matters Arising from the Minutes of August 26 th Sept 4 th and Public Meeting Notes of August 2016	None
Record of Approval of Minutes of August 26 th Sept 4 th and Public Meeting Notes of August 2016	Motion: Cr D Griffiths / Cr B Christian “That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of Aug 26th 2016 and the Public Meeting notes Sept 4 th , as circulated, be approved.” All in favour - Carried
Pensions and Benefits Proposal - approval request	Cr M Christian reported that the proposal had been revised following last month’s council meeting and the final draft, as previously circulated was tabled for approval. Cr L Brown requested that the wording of Annex C, as it related to the Community Services Division, be revised to reflect that she had stated, at the last meeting that Division was in a position to meet the full amount required this financial year but that it could contribute only a reduced amount (\$3,300.00) next financial year and going forward. She clarified that the Division can contribute \$3.300 annually from that point and asked that this be noted. There ensued general discussion as to whether the figures in the document, in its current draft should be adjusted again to reflect this and it was agreed that the document will be revised to include the \$3,300.00 before being submitted to DFID. Councillor B Christian noted that the document identified 7 non-working pensioners when there are currently only 6 on record The Mayor explained that the document needed to include entitlement for a person who will be retiring within the coming financial period.

	<p>The Mayor suggested that dual pension reductions, related to Pitcairn retirees receiving reduced contributions from GPI, be removed. It was agreed that is the responsibility of the recipients of overseas pensions to advise other governments that they receiving a Pitcairn pension.</p> <p>Motion: "That Council approve the Pension and Benefits proposal, as amended. The revised draft be circulated to Councillors before submission to DFID." All in favour - Carried</p>
Marine Reserve Branding and Marketing Options	<p>Cr M Christian requested Council's approval to post the previously circulated and amended options, generated via the community consultation meeting, on the public notice boards for further feedback from the community. All in favour - Carried</p>
Approval Marine Reserve Media Statement & Press Enquiries	<p>Motion: Mayor "That the previously circulated media statement as submitted be approved." All in favour – Carried. The Administrator advised that all press enquiries should be directed to the FCO Press office.</p>
Marine Reserve Ordinance	<p>The Administrator advised that the Ordinance and the Order for the MPA are already on the notice board and posted on the government website. As of mid-night tonight (Sept 14th 2016) the Pitcairn Islands MPA will come into effect.</p>
Long Term Visitor Visa Applications x 4	<p>Cr B Christian requested approval for 4 Long Term Visitor Visas applications All in favour – Carried ACTION: Cr B Christian will advise PIO the applications have been approved.</p>
Settlement Applications - Update	<p>Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu reported that here are currently 2 active settlement applications with the Deputy Governor and another 2 registered applicants on file with PIO.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS	
Tara Expedition	<p>Cr B Christian reported that the Tara Expedition is now at Ducie Island.</p>
Strategic Development Plan review	<p>A Council workshop will be held to review the SDP on Wednesday October 5th at 8.30am.</p>

Date of Next Council Meeting: 10.30am Wednesday 12th October

Meeting Closed: 12.30pm

Mayor Shawn Christian:

Date: 22 / 09 / 2016

