



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 9.00am Wednesday 2nd Oct 2019

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Michele Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Sue O’Keefe, Cr L Jaques, Isec Heather Menzies, & Administrator Nick Kennedy

In attendance: NZ PO Bruce Warrington

Apologies: Temp Cr Lea Brown

Welcome: The Mayor welcomed Council to the table and the Deputy Mayor opened with a prayer.

| Agenda Item | Tabled by |
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| Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of Sept 18th 2019 | <p>ACTION: The Mayor advised that the proposed freight incentive concept was discussed with the DM F&E and it was agreed that freight on water tanks will be managed within the revised Pitcairn Loans scheme which has been previously circulated and will be discussed at today’s meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: The Administrator advised he has requested photographic record of the laying of the wreath at the cenotaph in White hall on Sunday Nov 10th.</p> |
| Approval of Minutes, of the Regular Council Meeting of Sept 18th 2019, as previously circulated. | <p>MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr S O’Keefe</p> <p>“That the Regular Council meeting minutes of 18th Sept 2019, as previously circulated, be accepted.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p> |
| Exoplanet Naming - Update | <p>Cr K Young advised Official Approval to participate in expo-planet and star naming competition. He has requested feedback from the organisers as to whether Pitcairn can submit names as a collective. He will report back. Cr K Young advised the naming committee comprises Nadine Christian, Ariel Harding, Darcy Harding and Melva Evan.</p> |
| Date for 2019 Elections | <p>Motion: Cr L Jaques / Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu</p> <p>“That the 2019 Elections for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council will take place on Wed 6th Nov 2019 at 8.30am”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p> <p>ACTION The Island Secretary will implement procedures for the Elections as prescribed.</p> |
| Mental Health Work Shop - Update | <p>Cr L Jaques advised that the JMC Mental Health workshop will take place on the morning of 25th Nov. It will be run by Public</p> |

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| | Health England. Pitcairn has signalled interest in discussing loneliness, anxiety, depression and stress and capacity management within the OTs. |
| Renewable Energy Project - Update | Cr L Jaques advised he has written to Peggy of the EU to formally request SPC manages procurement of Pitcairn Renewable Energy Project. It was again noted the SPC will seek a design, build, implement and train tender and that Pitcairn will make the final decision as to suitability. |
| Telecommunications - Update | The Administrator advised there is nothing further to report at this time. PIO is still waiting on the heat map findings. |
| National Response Plan - Update | Cr S O'Keefe advised there are no substantial changes required. The National Response Plan will be finalised and submitted to Council for sign off. |
| Space Monitoring proposal - Update | <p>Administrator advised he has received a response from US Air force personnel about equipment requirements for their reconnoitre visit Jan/Feb 2020.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion about the proposed space monitoring programme from Pitcairn. It was agreed Administrator will circulate an explanatory paper to more formally inform Council of the background of the programme and planning to date.</p> <p>It was noted that this is necessary for Councillors to be able to keep the Community informed of the proposal going forward.</p> <p>ACTION The Administrator will circulate an explanatory paper about the Space Monitoring proposal to Councillors.</p> |
| Donations List - Update | The Administrator will continue |
| Bounty Club Switzerland Donation Distribution | <p>It was agreed that following feedback from the community the Bounty Club Switzerland donation will be shared out equally to those usually resident on island.</p> <p>ACTION The Deputy Mayor will submit a list of eligible recipients to the GT office to share-out the donation.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor advised that the US\$1000 Munroe donation is now in the treasury safe. She will discuss the intention of the Munroe donation with Meralda Warren, who had previously held the donation for the community, and report back.</p> <p>ACTION The Deputy Mayor will ask Meralda Warren to provide further information about the intention of the Munroe donation.</p> <p>Cr K Young suggested that donations like that from the Bounty Club Switzerland could be used to preserve the Bounty cannon and</p> |

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| | <p>other historic artefacts. It was noted that restoration of the cannon is necessary, however, it was agreed this could be done as a government initiative.</p> |
| Settlement for current LTVs | <p>Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu asked the Administrator to report on progress on resolving the Johanssen/Hammner family's settlement application issues.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion about the way the Johansson/Hammner family's settlement applications had been handled by HMG. Councillors expressed their concerns that the applications had not adequately managed and urged Administrator Kennedy to take immediate action to ensure the applicants' LTV status is changed to Approved Settlers status, as this is what they had applied and paid for. The Administrator apologised to Council for the delay and advised he will do all he can to progress resolution as soon as possible.</p> <p>ACTION The Administrator will liaise with the Governor's Office to resolve the Johansson/Hammner family's settlement issues as soon as possible and report back to Council.</p> |
| Plastics & Seabird Research - Prof Peter Ryan Explorers | <p>Motion: Cr M Christian / Cr L Jaques "That Council approve Prof Peter Ryan undertaking research, as outlined in the previously circulated paper, whilst participating in the Oct 2020 Explorers Tour." All in favour / Carried</p> |
| Acknowledgement of service | <p>Cr S O'Keefe suggested that Pitcairn's public service Divisions develop an acknowledgement certificate long service. It was agreed that acknowledging long service is important, There ensued general discussion about expressing appreciation and public acknowledgement and it was agreed that the concept could be taken forward the Divisions.</p> |
| Out-going and incoming Administrator & Deputy Governor - timeframes | <p>The Administrator advised the following dates re HMG personnel changes between Dec 2020 and March 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Dec 2020 - Deputy Governor designate arrives Auckland • 10 Dec 2020 - Deputy Governor designate arrives Pitcairn • 13 Dec 2020 – Current Administrator takes leave, Deputy Governor designate becomes Administrator and Robin Shackell remains Deputy Governor. • 11 Feb 2021 – Current Administrator returns to Pitcairn and resumes the Administrator role. • 14 Feb 2021 - Deputy Governor designate departs Pitcairn. • End Feb 2021 – Current Deputy Governor Shackell, departs Auckland and the new Deputy Governor is sworn in. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late March 2021 - Administrator designate arrives on Pitcairn • End March 2021 – Current Administrator Kennedy departs Pitcairn and New Administrator is sworn in. <p>ACTION The Administrator will provide the Island Secretary with the dates for the out-going and incoming Administrator & Deputy Governor for posting on the Public Notice Board.</p> |
| Pitcairn Island Loan Scheme | <p>Cr L Jaques advised that the Pitcairn Island Home Loan scheme has been revised and expanded to cover both home loans and private enterprise loans. There ensued general discussion about the need for the scheme to meet the changing needs of the Community and it was agreed the revision achieved this.</p> <p>Motion: Cr L Jaques / Cr S O’Keefe “That Council approve the revised Pitcairn Island Loan Scheme, as previously circulated.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p> <p>It was noted that purchases of water tanks, procured under both a home loan and the private enterprise loan, will not incur freight charges.</p> |
| A New Headstone for John Adams Grave | <p>It was agreed that a proposal to refresh the John Adams grave site and headstone be taken to the community for input.</p> <p>ACTION The Deputy Mayor will raise the proposal with the Community and invite input at the public meeting scheduled for Oct 6th.</p> |
| OCTA – Ocean Conference - Declaration on Oceans | <p>Motion: Cr. M Christian / Cr L Jaques “That Council approve Deputy Governor Robin Shackell attending the OCTA Ocean Conference - Declaration on Oceans in October, on behalf of Pitcairn.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p> <p>ACTION: Cr M Christian will advise Deputy Governor Shackell of Council’s approval.</p> |
| GENERAL BUSINESS | |
| Current Active Settlement Application | <p>The Administrator advised that the current application with the Deputy Governor has not been progressed due to the applicant having not provided requested information.</p> |
| Cruise Ship Passenger levy | <p>Following on from a concept raised by the Tourism Department to generate cruise ship related revenue, circulated in January last year and submitted to the FCO for input, the Administrator advised that the FCO agrees with the idea of implementing a cruise ship passenger levy in the future.</p> |

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| | <p>There ensued general discussion about the cruise ship passenger levy and the possibility of a percentage of that revenue coming back to the island directly rather than going toward offsetting overall aid. It was agreed that the need for Pitcairn to both offset aid and the over spend on the new shipping service supports all generated revenue going into the broader Pitcairn coffers.</p> <p>It was agreed that a review of landing and other fees will take place within strategic planning.</p> <p>Motion: Cr L Jaques / Cr S O’Keefe “That Pitcairn Island introduces a passenger levy of USD1 on all new cruise ship bookings from 2020 onwards”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried.</p> <p>ACTIONS: The Island Sec / Travel Coordinator / Cr M Christian will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update a draft GPI Guide for Visiting Vessels policy • Work with immigration and PIO to update the DA form and invoicing protocols. • Update all relevant on-line cruise ship booking information |
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Meeting Closed: 11.30am
Date of Next Regular Council Meeting:
 Wednesday 13th Nov 9.00am

Special Council / Public Meetings:
 EDF 10 & 11 Public Consultation/ Tourism & fisheries Management 6th Oct 2019 10.30am
 Dates of Next workshop(s): Risk Management Workshop Tuesday 8th Oct 2019 9.00am

Mayor Shawn Christian:

Date: 15 / 10 / 2019

