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## PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall  
Commencing at 8.30am Wednesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

**Present:**

Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Brenda Christian, Administrator Nicola Hebb, Island Secretary Heather Menzies.

**Apologies:** Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu.

**Gallery:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Cr L Jaques

**Welcome:** Mayor

<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 2017</p> <p>1) Notifying the Community of Mike Warren's eligibility to undertake supervised work in the community.</p> <p>2) HMG MOU with French Polynesia</p>	<p>The Mayor conveyed that it is not appropriate for Council to notify the public of Mike Warren's supervised community work programme. He suggested that the Administrator liaise with Prison Superintendent C. Sweeny and the Police to do this. It was agreed that this is appropriate given Mr Warren's supervised work outside of the prison environment falls within the responsibility of the Corrections Department.</p> <p>The Administrator reported that she has requested a copy of the MOU as requested.</p>
<p>Record of Approval of Minutes of Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 2017</p>	<p>Motion: Cr D Griffiths / Cr B Christian "That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 2017, as circulated, be approved." All in favour - Carried</p>
<p>Memo to Council - Finance and Economics Division Updated Store Policy</p>	<p>Council noted receipt of the amended store policy with regard to prohibiting the selling or trading of alcohol and cigarettes into French Polynesia and New Zealand.</p> <p>Cr L Jaques, as DM Finance &amp; Economics, reported that the General Store has implemented the policy improvements, as previously circulated, to help counter illegal trade with Mangareva.</p> <p>Cr M Christian, as DM Environment, Conservation and Natural Resources added that all exports to French Polynesia must now be accompanied by an Export Declaration Form. The forms are available to the public via the Bio Security Department and a general announcement, reminding the community</p>

	<p>of the requirement, will occur prior to the regular departures of the supply ship.</p> <p>The Mayor added that the Sale and Use of Liquor Ordinance of March 2009 will be reviewed during the visit of the Attorney General in May/June 2017.</p> <p>Cr B Christian sought clarification as to whether the new store procedures will impact homestay hosts buying alcohol to sell to their guests. Council L Jaques clarified that this was not the intention and the new policy will not impact homestay operators.</p> <p>Cr B Christian noted that the passenger/supply ship crew's landing fees are covered within PIO's agreement with Stoney Creek Shipping Ltd. As such crew members are not able to provide evidence of having been approved to land. It was suggested that this could be overcome by Police and Immigration providing the store with a landing fee exemption note and a list of names of the passenger/supply ship's crew.</p> <p>The Administrator added that she asked Evan Dunn (PIO) to advise Mr Nigel Jolly, of Stoney Creek Shipping, of the new requirements.</p>
<p>Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)</p>	<p>The Administrator confirmed that the following statement has been forwarded to IWF on behalf of Council.</p> <p><i>"We are delighted to be working with the Internet Watch Foundation. Pitcairn's IWF reporting portal makes it simple for anyone on the island to report on images that concern them, and by reporting them, to help to stop child sexual abuse. Pitcairn Island has established robust child safeguarding measures for children living on and visiting our island; our IWF portal helps us to also protect children world."</i></p> <p>A photo of the Pitcairn Islands Council will accompany the statement.</p> <p>It was agreed that the monthly monitoring statistics, provided by the IWF, will be regularly published in the Quarterly Council Bulletin going forward.</p>
<p>Update on Child Safeguarding visits (training, facilitation and CSR)</p>	<p>The Administrator reported that the next Child Safety Review for Pitcairn will take place in November 2017.</p> <p>She confirmed that progress have been made in contracting two Child Matters facilitators/trainers to</p>

	<p>deliver community training and facilitated workshops over an 18 day period, within the May/June rotations.</p> <p>Ms Hebb added when the trainers have been selected it is intended that they will consult with HMG and Council to clarify desired training and workshop outcomes.</p>
<p>OT UN Treaty Reservations - Letter Re International convenient of civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)</p>	<p>The Mayor reported that a letter, addressed to Governor Sinclair, requesting the removal of the reservation to article 14.3(d) of the ICCPR was sent January 8<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>JMC OT EN on Feb 7 to the Agenda for next Council.</p>	<p>Motion: Cr L Jaques          "That Council approve FCO Desk Officer, Johnathan Brown, attending the FMC OT EN meeting on behalf of Pitcairn on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2017."          All in favour - Carried</p> <p>ACTION: Cr L Jaques will write to Rt Hon Baroness Anelay of St Johns DBE, via Camisha Bridgeman of the FCO, advising of Mr Brown's attendance.</p>
<p>How Pitcairn sees its future based on the support given by the EU against the background of Brexit?</p>	<p>As part of Pitcairn's EDF11 programme the EU requested that the people of Pitcairn provide an answer as to how they sees the island's future based on the support given by the EU against the background of Brexit.</p> <p>In response, on behalf of Council, the following response was forwarded to the EU, by Cr L Jaques.</p> <p><i>"Over the past 9 years Pitcairn has received funding under the European Development Fund and Regional Envelopes. The Pitcairn Islands Council and Community values and appreciates the financial support and encouragement received from the European Union under EDF and regional funding.</i></p> <p><i>The Infrastructure projects funded have helped create a platform to facilitate our developing tourism industry, to improve our environmental protection, to increase our sustainability and will create social and economic benefit for the community.</i></p> <p><i>Pitcairn looks forward to working with the EU and HMG through the process of disbursement of EDF 10 and 11 and the Regional Envelope during the</i></p>

	<p><i>interim period while the "Brexit" process is being worked through.</i></p> <p><i>Going forward it is the intention that Pitcairn will seek alternative funding from DFID (Department for International Development) for further infrastructure development and technical assistance as required. We await the outcome of on-going negotiations between HMG and The Overseas Territories which will commence on 7 February 2017 to define the process and opportunity.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, HMG have revised its cross Whitehall departmental funding strategy for the overseas territories and again Pitcairn will be eligible to apply for funding under this provision.</i></p> <p><i>The Island Council and Community will embrace the outcome of "Brexit" and will adapt accordingly."</i></p> <p>There ensued general discussion about the context within which EDF11 program planning and implementation now takes place - given the UK's decision to exit the European Union.</p> <p>The Administrator reminded Council that it was important to note that Brexit has not yet started. Until the negotiations are further progressed, we do not know what HMG's position will be with regard to HMG replacing funding currently received under EDF.</p>
<p>Next steps for Child Safeguarding on Pitcairn</p>	<p>It was noted that the draft ideas and concepts, developed at the Council workshop of Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, went beyond considering only the 2 options, submitted to Council by the Family and Community Advisor (FCA) to facilitate HMG's 'ongoing insistence that the unique legacy is addressed.'</p> <p>The Administrator recalled that within workshop, Council had disagreed with the concept of the FCA's first option, which proposed that a statement, acknowledging past actions and harm done, be developed and signed by those who had been convicted.</p>

	<p>Ms Hebb added that, within workshop, the 2<sup>nd</sup> FCA option, which proposed professional support should be sought to work with the entire island community, was preferred by Council.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion about the links between Pitcairn's Child Safeguarding practices, the legacy of Operation Unique and Council's repopulation strategy.</p> <p>The Administrator clarified that she and the Governor had stated (in correspondence to Councillors on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>) that work related to the legacy of Operation Unique should not be linked to Council's repopulation programme. And that it must be approached as a separate piece of work, undertaken for the right reasons, for all concerned.</p> <p>It was noted that the draft ideas and concepts developed within the workshop had stimulated thinking within HMG.</p> <p>The administrator reported that she and the Deputy Governor will be meeting with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Child Safeguarding Unit in the coming week to discuss child safety matters on Pitcairn and HMG's requirements going forward. Ms Hebb will advise Council of the outcomes of this meeting at the next Council Meeting.</p>
<p>2017 Repopulation Programme Workshop Dates</p>	<p>It was agreed that the next workshop will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 8.30am. The Workshop will be preceded by a Regular Council meeting.</p> <p>Cr Leslie Jaques reminded Council that it had agreed to provide DFID with a contingency plan for the island, should its repopulation initiatives fail, by March 2017. The Mayor reminded Council that developing a comprehensive contingency plan, is included in Council's 2014-18 Strategic Development Plan. Cr's L Jaques and M Christian added the DFID had previously requested this.</p> <p>The Mayor noted that the proposed action, as stated in Point .12 of the SDP's executive summary states '...should no applications to settle on Pitcairn be received by March 2017, a comprehensive contingency plan will be developed.'</p>

	<p>He added that Council's efforts last year to strengthen its repopulation strategy has resulted in several settlement applications being received, 4 of which having been subsequently approved for settlement.</p> <p>The Administrator noted that this was a positive step which should be communicated to DFID when Council reviews the SDP and sends its comments on contingency planning to DFID.</p> <p>There ensured general discussion about Council's commitment to repopulation, its anticipated repopulation programme for 2017, Child Safeguarding and the legacy of Operation Unique.</p>
Formal Approval of the 2017-18 Council Budget	<p>Motion: Cr L Jaques / Cr D Griffiths</p> <p>"That Council formally approve the amended 2017-18 budget as prepared for Council, by the Mayor."</p> <p>All in favour – Carried</p>
Acknowledgement of Brian and Kari Young's written consent to use land at Pamai to build the new store, under EDF10.	<p>The Mayor reported that Brian and Kari Young have consented to Council using the land they owned at Pamai for the new store build.</p> <p>A letter of appreciation has been sent, on behalf of Council, to Mr and Mrs Young, from the Division Manager Environment, Conservation and Natural Resources</p>
Visit of Alex Cameron and Emma Harber (FCO, OTD)	<p>The Administrator reported that Alex Cameron and Emma Harber (FCO, OTD) will be visiting Pitcairn in February. Ms Hebb will set a programme in place for their visit and it was agreed that a special Council meeting will be held on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am to formally welcome them to the island.</p>
<b>General Business Matters</b>	
Cruise Ships Communications	<p>In response to an enquiry from Cr L Brown regarding cruise ship communications. Cr L Jaques, as DM Finance &amp; Economics, reported that communications with the cruise ship Artania were in process. He added that a programme, enabling the ship to both land passengers and have the on-board market set up if it wished, had been proposed and the Tourism Department is now waiting on confirmation as to how the ship would like to proceed. The On-island Services Co-ordinator will advise the community of the ships intentions at the earliest opportunity.</p>
Expression of Interest in SPREP Invasive Species Project.	<p>Cr M Christian reported that Pitcairn has been invited to participate in an Invasive Species Project, under the Regional EDF11 programme. The project</p>

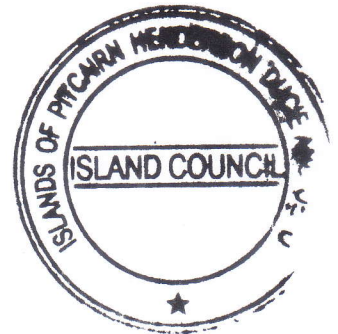
	will be carried out by SPREP and will include country members, within the South Pacific, i.e. Wallis & Fortuna, New Caledonia and French Polynesia.
Managing Public Notice Boards	The Mayor requested that the Public Notice boards be better monitored going forward. It was agreed those who use the notice boards should make sure postings are both current and audience appropriate. Cr D Griffiths offered to include monitoring the boards when posting Council Bulletins.
Community Donations	Cr B Christian suggested that establishing a formal 'Remembrance Wall' to acknowledge community donations would enable Pitcairn to formally recognise the many past and present people and organisations who have assisted Pitcairn over the years. There was general agreement that this concept could be further developed at the pending EDF10 Community Consultation meetings.

Meeting Closed: 10.35

Date of Next Council Meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 8.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian: *[Signature]*

Date: 13 / 1 / 2017



Approved