



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 8.30am Wednesday July 11th 2017**

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Brenda Christian, Cr Michele Christian
Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu and Island Secretary Heather Menzies, Acting Administrator Nicholas Kennedy

Apologies: Cr Leslie Jaques.

Gallery: Detective Sargent William Crowe

Welcome: The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer. The Mayor welcomed Acting Administrator Nicholas Kennedy to the table.

Matters Arising from Minutes of June 14 th 2017	None
Record of Approval of the Minutes of June 14 th 2017	Motion: Cr B Christian / Cr Darralyn Griffiths “That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of the June 14 th 2017 as circulated, be approved.” All in favour - Carried
Motion to pursue funding under EDF 11 Pacific Regional for Pitcairn’s Renewable Energy Project (a requirement of NZ\$ 1.2 Million / Euro 750,000)	Motion: “That, on Council’s behalf, Cr Leslie Jaques will pursue funding options for Pitcairn’s renewable energy requirements via the EU’s EDF11 Pacific Regional program.” All in favour / Carried Council read and discussed Cr L Jaques’ latest correspondence from the UK which covered the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitcairn along with the other OT’s gave evidence at the House of Lords EU select committee. The hearing was televised live on Parliament TV. The Select Committee, will now write a report on the evidence presented and their conclusions. They may also come back with further questions. • For Pitcairn the questions were; the impact of lost funding, freedom of movement, impact on trade, Mangareva as an International port issue and use of the hospital in Tahiti. Getting honey into Europe was also fed into the discussion with many of our OT colleagues raising similar issues. • All OT’s expressed concerns for on-going funding post BREXIT and that ideally we want to be in a position where we are no worse off than

	<p>we would have been had the UK remained in the EU and how that gap might be filled. All referred to the serious impact the loss of EU funding would have. Many, like Pitcairn, have cross border issues. (We have EU funding under EDF Focal for tourism, regional, BEST and Innovations).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The collective strength of the OT's as a UKOTA organisation was acknowledged. All OT's felt that the UK had a responsibility to the OT's and reminded them of the commitments contained in the 2011 White Paper and stated that we cannot allow a process that leaves anyone behind as there is a risk some OT's might be forgotten or ignored during the process. Some felt it was an opportunity for the UK to redefine and revitalise its relationship with its OT's and once again the importance of OT's working together was empathised a number of times. • Although benefits of BREXIT are unclear it was agreed we must trust the process and make the best of it. The writer noted the importance of our 'partnership' with HMG. As did others / all present hoped an equivalent mechanism to EDF funding might be provided by DFID. • All 10 Peers stated they greatly value the OT's and appreciate the engagement and frankness of the comments. <p>Administrator Kennedy added that BREXIT will take time (2 years) and at this stage it seems sensible for Pitcairn to access available funding options. At this point it is clear all parties are working together for favourable outcomes but it is too early to predict how things will stand at this stage.</p>
OCTA Innovations Technical Assistance in Agriculture Field.	The OCTA Innovations Technical Assistance in Agriculture discussion agenda item was deferred until the next Council meeting.
Archiving / Digitising Pitcairn's Birth, Deaths & Marriage Registers & Documents.	The Mayor reported that procedures for digitising Pitcairn's Births Deaths and Marriages Registers and related documents have been drafted by the Island Secretary. It was agreed that Cr D Griffiths will pick-up the task, working with the Island Secretary, before determining whether there is a need for the job to be advertised externally. Should this be the case, the role will be advertised as per the GPI Recruitment Policy. The Island Secretary will circulate the Draft TOR to all Councillors.

Confirmation of Public Teleconference Date with Jim Heays and Kathryn Barriball	<p>The Mayor reported that the public teleconference with Jim Heays and Kathryn Barriball will take place on July 19th at 1.00 pm (Pitcairn time).</p> <p>An invitation for all interested parties to attend has been extended to the community and the Mayor will repeat the announcement a few days before the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the purpose of the public teleconference is to make introductions and establish communications pending the facilitators' forthcoming visit. There will be no set Agenda.</p>
Pitcairn Island Share-out Policy (Update)	<p>Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu reported that she had sent to 34 requests for feedback on the current Share-out Policy to residents (including those contactable off-island). Of the 34, 28 individuals responded. 20 of the 28 respondents stated they wanted the Policy to stand as is, without amendment. It was therefore agreed that the policy will stand.</p> <p>Motion: "That Council will not amend the Pitcairn Islands Share-Out Policy as the majority has spoken." The Deputy Mayor will post a notice advising the community of Council's decision on the Public Notice Board.</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p>
Request to Visit Ducie Island (November 2018).	<p>Cr B Christian - requested Council's approval for allowing a group of 14 Ham Radio Operators to visit Ducie in November 2018. Cr B Christian clarified that an existing fee will apply unless the group intend to stay over 14 days. At which point a Long term Visitor Visa for each person will apply. She added that she has advised the applicants that the forthcoming development of the marine reserve's management plan will likely result in additional requirements – which they will be advised of.</p> <p>MOTION: "That Council approve the Ham Radio group's visit to Ducie Island as tabled by Cr B Christian."</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS	
Information for New Settlers to Pitcairn.	<p>Cr Lea Brown reported that she has drafted preliminary information notes for new settlers. She will circulate these to Councillors for further input.</p>
Visitors Marrying on Pitcairn.	<p>Cr B Christian enquired as to the legal requirements for visitors to marry on Pitcairn. It was agreed that a recommendation for change should be developed for discussion with the Attorney General when he visits in November this year.</p>

Jonathan Sinclair VTC request.	<p>Administrator Kennedy advised that Governor Sinclair has requested a VTC with Pitcairn on Thursday 1.00pm 27th July 2017 (Pitcairn time). He will confirm in due course.</p> <p>He added that the Governor's visit, previously scheduled for August, has been cancelled due to an unforeseen medical condition.</p> <p>Cr M Christian asked Administrator Kennedy to extend Council's best wishes to the Governor given he will not be visiting Pitcairn again prior to leaving the position of Governor.</p>
BREXIT	<p>Administrator Kennedy shared recent correspondence from the UK which states that people with overseas territories citizenship will still have visa free access to certain areas for 90 days.</p>
HMG's role in the August child safeguarding facilitated workshop(s).	<p>Given that the Governor will not be visiting the island whilst facilitators Heays and Barriball are on island in August, Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu enquired as to who will be representing HMG at the workshop(s). Administrator Kennedy clarified that whilst he will be present his understanding is that the workshops are between the Pitcairn community and the facilitators rather than HMG having a forward and very involved role.</p> <p>Cr M Christian clarified that Council had undertaken a survey to get a reading of what the community needed to help bring about the 'public recognition of past abuses' process required by past Child Safeguarding Reviewers. The results of the survey clearly indicated that there is an expectation that a HMG representative will actively participate in the proceedings. Cr D Griffiths added that if this were not to happen the community would be sure to want to know why and it would also negatively impact workshop attendance.</p> <p>It was agreed the matter will be raised with the Governor at the forthcoming video link at the end of the month.</p>
Tourism - Research Headlines	<p>The Island Secretary, as Travel Coordinator, invited Councillors to assist in creating headlines for a forthcoming advertising campaign in North America. The headline document, which will include sample headlines, will be accessible to all who are happy to assist. The Travel Coordinator will circulate the document to Councillors for their input.</p>
EDF10 Update	<p>The Mayor reported that all procured goods for EDF10 projects were safely landed on the July charter.</p> <p>The next step will entail submitting the ratings for the ship to shore vessel suppliers' quotes to the Financial Controller.</p>

	He added that the new signage has been erected at both Bounty Bay and Water Valley and things are progressing positively. The culverts (under INTEGREGRE) are well underway – and will continue in the coming weeks, weather permitting.
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Meeting Closed: 10.45am

Date of Next Council Meeting: August 9th - 10.00am

Mayor Shawn Christian:  Date: 27 / 7 / 2017



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