



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 8.30am Wednesday Sept 13th 2017**

Present:

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

Apologies: None

Gallery: None

Welcome: The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Opening Comments	The Mayor formally welcomed Cr. Jaques and Administrator Hebb back to Pitcairn and Council.
Matters Arising from Minutes of Aug 9 th & 18 th 2017	Aged Care and Dental services for Pitcairners. Cr M Christian noted that the Acting Administrator, Nicholas Kennedy, had agreed to report back to Council regarding his meeting with Medical Officer, Dr. Dascalu, about aged care and dental services. However, he had not had time to formally report back to Council before leaving the island. It was agreed that the Administrator will follow up with Dr. Dascalu and report back to Council at the next regular meeting.
Record of Approval of the Minutes of Aug 9 th & 18 th 2017	Motion: Cr B Christian / Cr D Griffiths “That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of Aug 9 th & 18 th 2017 as circulated, be approved.” All in favour – Carried
Brief Update on UK and EU Business	The Mayor formally welcomed Cr. Jaques back from the UK and thanked him for his work on EU matters in Brussel and New Caledonia. Cr L Jaques reported Pitcairn is now waiting for approval from the EU as to its EDF11 funding submission which includes funding for the island’s renewable energy requirements (this bid is under the EDF Regional envelop). It is anticipated Council will know the outcome of both before the end of September. Cr Jaques noted the House of Lords very recently discussed the EU select committee hearing, which Pitcairn attended, and a strongly worded follow-up letter to the Minister will state the OT’s collective expectation that all help and support is given to the OT’s so as to replace the funding they will lose due to BREXIT. He will circulate that correspondence as it comes to hand. Cr Jaques noted that the EDF10 IG group is scheduled to meet next week and its members will then be able to report back as to whether the contract for the design and build of the ship to shore vessel has

	<p>been generated and signed. He reminded Council that the 3rd EDF10 tranche cannot be drawn down until this particular contract is in place.</p>
<p>Update re Alex Cameron's 'Future of Pitcairn' letter/recommendations to Council & the Community</p>	<p>The Mayor reported it has been almost 6 months since Council first heard that Alex Cameron would generate a letter and recommendations to Council about visioning the future of the Pitcairn Community, following his visit in February. The Mayor said a decision was now needed as to whether Council will progress the matter, without having received the letter and Mr Cameron's recommendations.</p> <p>Councillors expressed their disappointment in the delay and the probable amendments to the letter, which some felt showed lack of respect and transparency.</p> <p>The Mayor said Mr Cameron's recommendations will have been generated after a brief 4 days visit and will likely reflect his discussions with Council and members of the community. As such the letter and recommendations will likely hold no surprises. The Administrator agreed with this assumption.</p> <p>The Administrator said it was regrettable that the letter had been held up by various events, including the UK elections. Delays of this nature are unfortunate realities of dealing with the machinery of government in the UK. She understood the letter would be issued soon but could not give a date and felt the work should not be held up further.</p> <p>The Administrator said that it was normal practice for such documents, which require approval from both DFID and FCO Ministers, to go through various amendments.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Council workshop will be called to progress discussions and plan next steps.</p>
<p>Message from the Attorney General</p>	<p>Cr L Jaques advised that Attorney General, Simon Mount, had asked wished to convey to Council and the broader community that he, as Attorney General, acts for Council, the Community and HMG and he is more than happy to speak with people as needed.</p> <p>Councillors voiced their appreciation of this helpful reminder which will be communicated to the wider community in the next Council Bulletin.</p>
<p>Update on Information for New Settlers Document</p>	<p>It was noted that Administrator Hebb will follow-up on tasks allocated to Acting Administrator Kennedy regarding the additional information, from the contracted professional's information pack, for the Information for New Settlers hand-out.</p>
<p>Follow-up on Child Safety Community Consolutions – Next Steps</p>	<p>Following the compilation and circulation of the Community Consultation workshop outcomes, Cr M Christian asked where to from here. It was agreed that the good work done thus far must not</p>

	<p>be lost and the next phase should entail Council/HMG and the community to work through the practicalities of ‘how’ the desired outcomes can be achieved.</p> <p>It was noted that facilitated workshops work well on Pitcairn and this tool should be factored going forward. It was agreed that a follow-up community workshop will be held to ensure continued engagement with community related objectives. Adhering to the deadlines agreed to at the last consultation workshop it was agreed that the Administrator will take responsibility for work attributable to HMG and Council will progress establishing the memorial monument and plaque.</p> <p>It was agreed that a community consolation survey will be designed and circulated in the coming week to gather more detailed information on possible locations for the monument, its design the wording of the plaque.</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Councillors will send suggested survey questions to the ISec for compilation. A draft survey will be discussed in workshop on Wednesday 20th Sept at 8.30am</p>
<p>Formal presentation of the Bounty Urn, from Eileen & Ray Young</p>	<p>The Bounty urn was formally presented to the Mayor, on behalf of the people of Pitcairn. The urn, was bequeathed by Eileen & Ray Young, was formally handed to the Museum Curator for display and Councillors expressed their heart felt appreciation of Mr and Mrs Young’s kind gesture.</p> <p>It was agreed that Council will issue a letter of appreciation to the Young family and an article about the urn’s return to Pitcairn will be written for the Miscellany.</p> <p>All in favour /Carried</p>
<p>Update – Telecommunication Contract</p>	<p>The Administrator reported that a new contract is pending with a new service provider for Pitcairn’s telecommunications.</p> <p>The new service will entail a wireless system with a new satellite dish with antenna for all households making them each a wireless hotspot and it will be a 24 hr service. The new contractors are Speedcast and LTE, both Australian companies. It is anticipated the new service will be in place, and operating in tandem with the old system by the end of this year.</p> <p><u>ACTIONS</u> The Administrator will seek clarification as to when the contract will be signed and it was agreed that she will then make a formal announcement about the new service to the community.</p>

	The Administrator will also seek clarification that costs will remain stable for users and that any requirements on-island maintenance requirements are planned for and covered.
Distribution of Pitcairn Island Vessel / Shipping Service Feasibility Study Document	The Mayor noted that the recently distributed Vessel / Shipping Service Feasibility Study Document was a confidential document which must not be circulated beyond Council – as noted in the cover letter from the Deputy Governor.
GENERAL BUSINESS	
Message of support to the OTs affected by Hurricane Irma.	<p>The Administrator advised that the following message, from the Mayor and Council has been conveyed, by the Deputy Governor, to Lord Ahmad, Minister for Overseas Territories, regarding Pitcairn’s concern for those affected by Hurricane Irma.</p> <p><i>“The Government of Pitcairn Islands and the people of Pitcairn send our condolences to all those affected by Hurricane Irma and our hopes that losses to life and livelihoods may be minimised. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of the Caribbean at this time and especially our fellow British Citizens in the Overseas Territories.”</i></p>
Space Industry Bill	<p>The Administrator read a letter from Michael Clark, UK Deputy DGCA about extending a Space Industry Bill, currently before the UK Parliament, to Pitcairn. The Bill creates new powers to license a wide range of new commercial spaceflight, including vertically-launched rockets, space planes, satellite operations, spaceports and other technologies.</p> <p>It was agreed that Council has no objection to this proposal. The Administrator will communicate this to FCO Desk Officer, Mark McGuinness, and report back to Council as to developments.</p> <p>All in Favour – Carried.</p>
New Governor	The Mayor circulated the next Governor’s letter of appointment and CV.
Births Death and Marriages Archive Project - Update	Cr D Griffiths reported that good progress has been made on the Births, Deaths and Marriages Archiving project. Almost all hardcopy files have been digitally photographed and the next phase will entail developing the searchable spreadsheets.
Application for Settlement	Cr B Christian reported, for Council’s information, that a settlement application is process with the Deputy Governor. The Mayor asked that related communication, from the Deputy Governor, be discussed before the settlement is formally tabled.
Aranui 5	Cr L Jaques and the Island Secretary, speaking for the Tourism Department, acknowledged Council and the Community for the very positive relations established with visitors Laurent and Romina Wong of the Aranui 5 cruise company. The company has now confirmed its intention to include Pitcairn in its Jan 2019 special itinerary and the Tourism Department will keep Council informed of developments.

	Both the Administrator and Mayor added that it was a very good visit for all concerned.
Artisan Gallery	<p>Cr. L Jaques and the Island Secretary, speaking for the Tourism Department, acknowledged those who had been involved in establishing the temporary Artisans Gallery over the Aug/Sept rotations. All those who submitted products sold items, for which they have been paid. The Gallery's Operating Procedures are being reviewed and tweaked following feedback from the On-island Service Coordinator and Government Treasurer and it was unanimously agreed that the Gallery had performed very well.</p> <p>The Tourism Department formally requested that the Administrator seek approval, from the Governor's office, for it to resume use of Building A, of the prison complex. This would accommodate the Gallery, the On-island Service Coordinator's Office, the Miscellany Office and storage.</p> <p>The Administrator agreed to convey this request to the Governor's office and will report back at the next meeting.</p>

Meeting Closed: 1.30am

Date of Next Council Meeting: Wednesday Oct 11th 2017 8.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian:  Date: 5 / 10 / 2017

Approved

