



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 9.00am 17th February 2021

Present:

Mayor Charlene Warren, Deputy Mayor Kevin Young, Cr Shawn Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Cr Lea Brown, Administrator Mark Tomlinson, Cr Michele Christian, and Cr Ariel Harding, Nadine Faulkner (Temp Secretary to Council)

Apologies:

In attendance: None

Welcome: The Mayor welcomed Council to the table and Cr S Christian opened with a prayer.

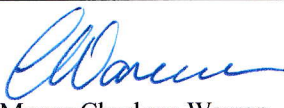
Agenda Item	Tabled by
ACTIONS / Matters Arising from Regular Council Meeting of 13 th January 2021	<p>As per the Agenda, taken from meeting held 13th January 2021</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Financial Review committee: Deputy Mayor to follow up with FCDO. Progressing/On-going. <i>Aim to complete end of Financial Year.</i>2) Bonus Payments and Annual Leave: Administrator to discuss with DM's and advise. On-Going3) Covid Support Package: Support package yet to be advised, with the Administrator working with London around possible options being discussed. On-going. <i>Administrator working in tandem with Deputy Mayor and DM Finance.</i>4) Personal Budgeting: F&E DM working on a series of budgeting seminars. <i>With the new requirements in the Store, it has been noted that budgets have been self-imposed and actioned already by islanders, however F&E DM happy to advise the community (by radio or notice on the community noticeboard) that he is able to provide one-on-one budgeting advice. Noted that FCA may also be involved in some instances, however it was said that the Community DM is also working with the F&E DM to support any budgeting ideas.</i> <p>MOTION; Mayor Charlene Warren/Cr Michele Christian A council initiative is to be put forth offering the community confidential budgeting advice and support by the F&E DM. All in favour / Carried</p>

	<p>Actions to be carried forward. The Deputy Mayor will populate the template provided by the AGs Office with all relevant government fees and circulate to all Councillors before submission to the Governor.</p> <p>On-Going. Child Safeguarding Audit. Council will hold a closed workshop as soon as the report is available to discuss its findings and recommendations.</p> <p>On-going. The Guide to the Wildlife of Pitcairn of Pitcairn Islands – proposal and request for funding will be referred to the relevant Divisions for further discussion with the applicant. The Divisions will report back to Council. The Administrator will report Council’s decision to Dr Irving. <i>Awaiting further discussion.</i></p>
Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 13 th January 2021	<p>MOTION; Cr M Christian /Cr S Christian “That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 13th January 2021 as previously circulated, be approved. All in favour / Carried</p>
Pitcairn Settler applications: Ty Nguyen	<p>The Mayor spoke briefly on the interview notes received by the Deputy Governor regarding this applicant. Council agreed with the decision/recommendations made by the Deputy Governor not to proceed further with this application.</p>
New 10-day Covid-19 Requirements	<p>Mayor Warren requested Council’s formal approval regarding the change to the new 10-day isolation Covid-19 requirements.</p> <p>MOTION; Mayor Charlene Warren /Cr M Christian “Passengers returning to Pitcairn from NZ on the February/March Supply Ship will now only be required to undertake self-isolation for 10 days, with 2 PCR tests (on day 2 and day 7) before boarding the Silver Supporter. All in favour / Carried</p> <p>MOTION; Mayor Charlene Warren /Cr S Christian “The Silver Supporter does not need to take 14 days from NZ to Pitcairn, as recommended by the current MO on Pitcairn Dr Jack Dascalu. All in favour / Carried</p>
Covid-19 Support Package	<p>Cr. Jaques tabled documents regarding a second Covid-19 FCDO Support Package. It was asked if the Deputy Mayor had completed the work on living cost statistics for Pitcairn as this may impact or support this request. The Deputy Mayor acknowledged that the work is almost complete for review.</p>

	<p>A recommendation was made to workshop the document after the conclusion of Council meeting today and push the SDP workshop that had been scheduled until after the Supply Ship. All in favour.</p>
Draft Council Budget	<p>Mayor Warren spoke briefly on the submitted draft council budget as sent to all council members advising of small changes and amendments</p> <p>Proposed that the Mayor's, Deputy Mayor's and Island Secretary's salaries be amended as noted in draft. Equitable ceilings are being put in place to ensure budgets for wages overall are kept to. Noted that extra committee work done over the last year has contributed to the wage overspend shown in the Council budget.</p> <p>Discussion around the table regarding where money for this extra wage funding should be dispersed from, and noted that with the council/community initiative regarding Covid-19 for example had been one reason for extra hours being claimed.</p> <p>Councillors requested regular and comprehensive quarterly update of management accounts from PIO to aid with financial tracking on island. ACTION: The Administrator to seek clarity from PIO about the process for budget allocations once approved on island.</p> <p>MOTION; Mayor Charlene Warren/Deputy Mayor Kevin Young "To approve the proposed Council budget with an increase of the salary budget to reflect the actual outspend of the current financial year." All in favour / Carried</p>
Guide for Visiting Vessels / Immigration Fees	<p>Deputy Mayor Young spoke briefly on the final Guide for Visiting Vessels as sent to all council members. The Governor General has approved the updated Immigration Fees and the Guide for Visiting Vessels.</p>
Update on Divisional activities	<p>The Administrator updated the Council on Divisional activities. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the work carried out by the Operations Division in the past month and what was to be expected in the next four weeks; • plans to employ a new Marine Protection Area Officer in the Natural Resources Division; • an update from the Finance Division's efforts to control store debt; • the submission of Divisional budgets for FY 21/22; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparations for the arrival of the new teacher and return of the FCA.
<p>2nd tranche of Pitcairn coin issue proposals</p>	<p>The Administrator tabled information on three new coins that had been proposed for Pitcairn minting. It was further noted that if Council or the Community had ideas for coins to submit ideas for council's reflection.</p> <p>Twin Towers 11th September 2001 Coin.</p> <p>Council asked if marketing/branding plans or forecasts could be provided for such a coin design. It was also asked if a Pitcairn link could be associated in any way to this coin.</p> <p>Lunar Year of the Ox Coin</p> <p>There has been a similar edition created in the past. Council approved this design.</p> <p>Dennis the Menace 70th Anniversary</p> <p>Again, it was asked what the projected marketing or branding plan for such a coin designed for Pitcairn.</p> <p>ACTION: The Administrator to contact the Tower Mint for answers to councils' questions on the Dennis the Menace and Twin Towers coins.</p>
<p>Request from member of the Public for Council to raise TRON with Governor</p>	<p>The Mayor read out a message from Steve Christian (Solar Project Manager for TRON) requesting council to ask about the ability for Councillors to receive the donated solar units. The Administrator reconfirmed the Governors position regarding Councillors, Division Managers, and Island Secretary's situation regarding receiving one of these units.</p> <p>Council discussed a wide variety of issues around Steve Christians Solar Power unit project (funded by Tron Foundation). Many differing issues from all councillors were taken into account during a lengthy consideration of both pros and cons of Mr Christian's installation program vs the Pitcairn Islands current and future power supply.</p> <p>ACTION: The Administrator said he will discuss the Tron issue with the Governor on the basis of Councils discussion on the subject and issues raised.</p>

<p>Yachts wanting to call in to Pitcairn</p>	<p>The Mayor provided council with an email from a couple travelling via a yacht (SV Starlight) who would like to make a stop at Pitcairn on their way to Tahiti.</p> <p>Council feels that a stop at Pitcairn would be allowed for resupply, refuel and repairs with appropriate actions holding to Pitcairn's Covid-19 regulations of health and safety with transfer of possible resupply items.</p> <p>ACTION: Mayor Warren to draft a reply to the visit request by SV Starlight crew.</p> <p>Council discussed the visit of a recent passing yacht and the procedures carried out with this vessel. An agreement was come to that as per the Pitcairn Covid-19 protocols, all vessels will be informed of Government requirements regarding resupply/visits ashore etc so they are aware of the situation within our borders.</p>
<p>General Business Matters</p>	
<p>Land Application – Down Wilks</p>	<p>Land based in Adamstown previously held by Nola and Reynold and known as Down Wilks, is the site Council decided to situate the Breadfruit donated by the Aranui on their last visit.</p> <p>It was noted that the land will require a formal application under Council/Government land to support this, and ultimately be designated as reserve land.</p> <p>ACTION: Mayor Warren to liaise with Land Management to arrange application.</p>
<p>Silver Supporter Emergency</p>	<p>The Administrator spoke to council on the emergency on the Supply ship on the 16th of February when a crewmember was found to have gone overboard. The situation thankfully was resolved with the crew member being found and pulled back onboard safely. He had been in the water for around 16 hours.</p> <p>Councillors as a whole noted how lucky the crew member was to survive, and the great job the crew left on the Silver Supporter did to find him. The Pitcairn MO has been in touch with the ship to advise on any long-term effects that such a long period of time in the water and treatment for any trauma incurred with such an incident.</p>
<p>Landing of Passengers</p>	<p>The Mayor had been approached by community members wanting to go down to the landing to welcome members back to the island when they arrive back on the Silver Supporter. Council had previously agreed that this already had been allowed, but the community will be notified that this is now okay to do, but with the proviso that the Landing is cleared as quickly as possible after passengers are landed so that the workers clearing the ship can begin work.</p>

	The Mayor asked for formal approval for Andy to attend the Prison Webinar. ACTION: Email to be sent by Mayor C Warren.
Miss T	Cr. A. Harding asked if anyone had seen Miss T lately. She had looked for the turtle in all the areas she normally visited, but she was nowhere to be seen. Councillors all agreed that there was some concern as no one else had seen her either. A decision was made to do a radio call by DM Natural Resources to ask the community if they had seen her, or would keep an eye out for her.
Meeting Closed at:	Meeting closed 12.15pm
Next Meeting.	Next meeting set for 9.00 am Wednesday 17 March 2021
	Workshop reviewing Covid-19 support package to be held after council.
Approved 17 / 03 / 2021.	 Mayor Charlene Warren.

