



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Special Public Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 10.00am 25th May 2018**

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Kevin Young, Temporary Island Secretary Nadine Christian, Administrator Nicola Hebb

In attendance: Governor Laura Clarke

Apologies: Cr Sue O'Keefe, Cr L Jaques, Cr Michele Christian

Gallery: Simon Young, Dennis Christian, Vaine Peu, Daphne Warren, Carol Warren, Mike Warren, Royal Warren, Melva Evans, Kay-Anna Lawson, Jayden Warren-Peu, Kimiora Warren-Peu, Mike Lupton-Christian, Max Taylor, Jay Warren, Turi Griffiths, Meralda Warren

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

<p>The Governor Laura Clarke, Administrator Nicola Hebb and Mayor met with the community.</p>	<p>The Governor re-introduced herself to the community and reiterated how wonderful it was to be on island and meeting with the Community. She thanked the community for making her and her husband so welcome.</p> <p>Governor Clarke spoke on her meeting at a recent South Pacific Conference at New Caledonia, and noted that representing Pitcairn had brought home to her the value of Pitcairn's presence in the South Pacific, including as the UK's only remaining OT in the Pacific. HMG values and recognises this unique position.</p> <p>Governor Clarke noted that dynamics and communication between HMG and Council had been excellent and were reflected in the progress being made in Child Safety and the workshops around the Future of Pitcairn for example, as well as other areas. In all, a huge amount of progress had been made, and she hoped to see this continue. Administrator Hebb also noted that regarding the work on the future of Pitcairn, this was a good opportunity to think about how HMG could contribute to the work.</p> <p>Mayor Christian thanked the community for their engagement. He reiterated that Council needed direction from the community to make sure the decisions made were what the island actually wants and needs.</p> <p>Governor Clarke then opened up the meeting for questions and comments from the community.</p>
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	<p>The discussion that followed looked at the work on the future of Pitcairn from various angles. Some of the points made included the following:</p> <p>Costs for access for locals should be reduced, to help people from Pitcairn to return.</p> <p>Could Pitcairn families be supported financially to return?</p> <p>Help was needed from HMG around visa issues, including for separated parents who were unable to return with their children because of NZ law on child custody. for separated parents who were prevented by NZ law from returning with their children.</p> <p>The Governor noted the concerns and agreed that work on this area with the relevant authorities would be helpful.</p> <p>Was an airport possible? The Governor responded that short term, it would not be possible to use HMG funding for this, but the answer might be a private operator.</p> <p>The Mayor said smaller scale industries such as coffee and other potential income sources needed to be considered.</p> <p>An upgraded marina would be of great benefit and boost tourist income; the current mooring does not provide safe anchorage for sailing vessels, many of which come to Pitcairn but are unable to anchor.</p> <p>Would the government support private enterprise, for example by loaning GPI equipment or providing finance? The Administrator responded that yes, the government did support private enterprise but there had to be a balance between the needs of the government and of the individual when it came to use of equipment. Business loans were already available.</p> <p>There followed a discussion on new settlers: more people were needed to support the island's needs into the future, but how would they earn money to stay on Pitcairn given the lack of jobs and the cost of access? Did the island welcome them? What was the islanders' attitude to new settlers?</p> <p>Community members noted that they were a welcoming community and had all welcomed the latest new settler to the island. As well as the islanders welcoming migrants, migrants needed to be willing to do their bit to be part of the community.</p> <p>Governor Clarke suggested that a simple induction programme could aid new settlers to fit in.</p>
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	<p>A more realistic marketing campaign was needed, highlighting not only the beauty but also the difficulties of migrating to Pitcairn.</p> <p>Administrator Hebb advised that Council work to draw conclusions from the future of Pitcairn workshops would continue upon the return of councillors to the island.</p> <p>She noted that not all islanders had attended the workshops but their views were important nonetheless. She would be approaching everyone in the community privately and one to one to get their views on the future.</p> <p>The Governor recognised the emotional bravery of the islanders to work through such issues and echoed the need to include those who have not attended the workshops.</p> <p>It was asked if the minutes of the Future of Pitcairn could be made available to the public. The Administrator said that minutes had been taken for all the workshops, and that they would be provided to the community. The Mayor further noted that Council meetings, were published on the noticeboard.</p> <p>Melva Evans questioned when action from the workshops would be decided, noting that we had spoken repeatedly on the same issues but nothing had happened to take things forward.</p> <p>The Administrator responded that work to determine next steps would continue on the return of the three Council members currently off island. However, two steps which had been decided were the one-on-one meetings already mentioned, and work with a facilitator with the entire population.</p> <p>As the meeting concluded, the Governor thanked everyone for their time and participation.</p>
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Meeting Closed: 11.26

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

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