



## PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

**Public Meeting Notes:**  
**Community VTC with Evan Dunn and Mark Watson**  
**EDF 11 Planning Discussions**  
**Held at the Public Hall**  
**Commencing at 1.00pm Wednesday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Present:**

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Brenda Christian, Cr Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr David Brown, Cr Michele Christian, Evan Dunn PIO & Mark Watson.

Temp Island Secretary – Heather Menzies

**Apologies:** Cr Leslie Jaques

**Gallery:** Pitcairn Island community members: Melva Evans, Dennis Christian, Kerry Young, Meralda Warren, Visitors William and Georgina Petty, FCA Jim Heays

**Welcome:** Mayor Shawn Christian

Item	Discussion
Opening Comments from Mr Mark Watson	<p>Mr Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that having worked on EDF10 preparations, he had been hired again, to assist the people of Pitcairn and Council with the rather lengthy process of preparing the necessary documentation for EDF 11. In particular to assist with the process of consultation - ensuring that what goes forward very clearly reflects what HMG, PIO, the island community and Council really want.</p> <p>He went on to say that he and Evan are currently at the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of preparing these documents for the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF and the EU officials have stressed the importance of the consultation process. He stressed that it is his understanding that there has been good local buy-in for the elements covered by the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF and that a brief discussion, last week, about implementation time frames and what the island can absorb indicated there is plenty to keep things going, given the island is still busy with the 9<sup>th</sup> programme. He emphasised that it is important that things are in place as and when needed so that it goes through the commission's systems so that when the island needs the money to get on with implementation the funds are there and available. The Mayor agreed that the consultation process was very important and that he would like to also touch on EDF10 planning within this meeting.</p> <p>The Mayor reported that, following the last skype meeting, he had reviewed the documentation for EDF11 and wanted it noted that the category for a feasibility study for an air strip was not component that was not agreed to by the Council or the community during the EDF11 public meeting of last year.</p> <p>If it is not feasible to have this component removed he suggested that the amount requested for should be reduced accordingly. Mr Watson agreed that it could be dealt with in this manner however Evan suggested that he and Mark will ask the EU if it is possible to remove this component and report back to council.</p>



	<p>Mark then went on to ask whether in general everyone was happy with the other components as they currently stand. He told the meeting that the components remain as they have been though he had slightly re-package them and that the overall narrative seems to hang together very well. He went on to say that the more in depth financial details can be made more precise at the next stage of the process. The Mayor confirmed that the other core components i.e. Creating an Arts, culture and historic centre., Building a Museum extension, Enhancing Bounty Bay and Upgrading communications (Cell/WIFI coverage for tourist and cruise ship passengers) etc. still stand but added that the draft budget summary for EDF11 does not include costs for recruiting and accommodating a migrant workforce. Like EDF10, EDF11 will definitely require a migrant workforce in order to meet required outcomes.</p>
	<p>The Mayor asked whether Council could be provided with a timeline for deadlines. Mark said it was a little bit difficult to ascertain how long it will take to go through the commission's system. The final document, he and Evan are currently working on will ideally be delivered to the EU by the end of December 2015.</p> <p>He said he will email the Mayor with the programme deadlines so as to ensure it is an open and transparent process and he reiterated that it is important that both Council and the broader Community are happy with final document.</p> <p>The Mayor stated that a public meeting will be held when Evan and Mark are able to send the final draft document to Council.</p> <p>Mark went on to suggest the following timeframes for EDF11 funds being made available: Starting 2017 - with a relatively light year, 2018 and 19 being heavier and then tapering off in 2020.</p> <p>He added that this can change if Council see fit, The Mayor said he anticipates this will be fine however both parties agreed this is a possibility of the programme being accelerated due to the fact that both EDF10 and 11 programmes will include recruitment and use of expatriate workforces.</p> <p>There ensued general as to how many migrant workers will be required for EDF10 and EDF11. The Mayor pointed out that all major projects going forward will require recruiting an external workforce due to the islands limited and aging population and workforce. He reminded those present the plan is to recruit a workforce of 10 additional workers, across 2 rotations for both EDF10 and EDF11.</p> <p>Mark stated that if there was a need procure additional charters to land the workforce such a requirement is feasible within E.U requirements. The Mayor and Evan explained that there will be additional voyages available in 2016 and, ideally, going forward into Pitcairn's soon to be renewed passenger/ shipping contract. As such it is anticipated these additional berths will enable the island to land the necessary workforce however Evan and Council will be better placed to determine requirements in the new year.</p> <p>There was further discussion as to the best process for recruiting the workforce and it was generally agreed that an agency will be contracted to undertake the task.</p> <p>Evan confirmed that the first drawdown for EDF10 is in process and due early December. The second draw down, scheduled for early 2016 is expected to be very straightforward.</p>

	It was agreed that all has gone well and that funds will in place for the EDF10's initial implementation phase in the new year.
	From the Gallery, Melva Evans' shared that despite the alternative harbour not yet being fully completed Pitcairn was able to successfully land passengers, from two cruise ship at the western harbour earlier that week. Approximately 160 passengers landed. They would not have been able to do so without the Western Harbour development. It was agreed that this good news story should be used to promote Pitcairn's efforts and EU visibility.

**Meeting Closed: 2.00pm**

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

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