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PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 9.00am 10th November 2020

Present:

Mayor Charlene Warren, Deputy Mayor Kevin Young, Cr Shawn Christian, Cr L Jaques, Cr Lea Brown, Administrator Nick Kennedy & Island Secretary, Heather Menzies

Apologies: Cr Michele Christian, Cr Ariel Harding

In attendance: None

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

Agenda Item	Tabled by
<p>ACTIONS / Matters Arising from Regular Council Meeting of 14th October 2020</p>	<p>The Administrator reported the old trampoline is not suitable for further use as it is rusted out and is not safe. He asked Council whether there was a wish to purchase a new one for the Outer Valley however it was agreed there is no need for a second one to be purchased.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor advised he has not heard back from the Attorney General's office however he can confirm that the Government (Amendment) (Open air fires) Regulation 2019 was actioned accordingly.</p> <p>Cr S Christian reported he prepared and delivered the revised concept plans for EU funded Community Centre at the Oct public meeting as requested.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor reported he has advised the Attorney General's office of Council's approval of the Summary Offences (Penalties) Amendment Ordinance 2020 as requested.</p> <p>It was noted the chairs of the Child & Adult Wellbeing Committee, the Policy & Legal Review Committee and the Repopulation Committee did not submit their TORs to the Mayor as requested. They will do so by the last Regular Council Meeting of 2020 (Dec 9th 2020)</p> <p>The Administrator advised the Financial Services Review Committee will have a teleconference with FCDO representatives 11th Nov 9am.</p> <p>The Administrator reported he has provided Council and DMs with names and roles of those we are currently working with in the newly formed FCDO</p> <p>The Isec reported feedback from Cr A Harding, regarding her experience of COVID-19 swab test was shared with the Medical Officer. And information about what to expect when undergoing a COVID-19 PCR nasal swab has been included</p>

	in the PI COVID-19 Community Resource paper which will be circulated next week.
Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 14 th October 2020	MOTION: Cr S Christian / Cr. L Jaques “That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 14 th Oct 2020, as previously circulated, be approved.” All in Favour / Carried
Formal Approval Phase 1 – Design, of the EU funded Renewable Energy Project.	<p>Cr L Jaques reported that he has sent all relevant documentation to Councillors regarding progress and finalisation of the final draft of Phase 1 – Design, of the Renewable Energy Project. He asked that Council formally approved the final draft as circulated.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr L Jaques / Deputy Mayor K Young “That Council approve the final draft of Phase 1 - Design of the Renewable Energy Project, as previously circulated.” All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>The Mayor extended thanks to all those involved in getting first phase of the project completed. It was noted the Deputy Mayor and Cr L Jaques will be meeting with new head of the European Union, Noumea and Peggy Roudaut, Manager of EDF 11 Regional Projects, to discuss developments and next stages of the project. They will report back to Council at the next Regular Council Meeting.</p> <p>Noted all subsequent phases of the project, i.e. build, installation and training, will follow usual EU funding/tender requirements/</p> <p>It was noted COVID-19 travel restrictions will impact implementation of the next stages of the projects. Delays and deferrals will be discussed with the EU as necessary.</p> <p>It was noted the EU has provided €480,000 for the project. However, this may not cover the necessary renewal of the Pitcairn electrical distribution network which has not been improved since 1967.</p> <p>It was noted that DFID has not as yet contributed to the Renewable Energy Project, as previously agreed, due to unavoidable delays associated with COVID-19. It was agreed this will need to be revisited now that DFID and the FCO have merged.</p> <p>Alternatively, it was agreed, Council should give consideration to seeking additional EU funding or diverting existing EU funds for the needed distribution network.</p> <p>The Cr L Jaques with take responsibility for revisiting DFID</p>
Shipping Contract 2021/22 Update	The Administrator advised that the Silver Supporter will be providing passenger and freight services for Pitcairn from March 2021 to March 2022 with the option of annual renewal going forward.

	<p>It was noted the shipping service from March 2021 to March 2022 will entail services, on a quarterly basis from NZ, as is currently in play.</p> <p>A draft revised Shipping schedule has been produced by PIO but this already requires changes.</p> <p>There was general discussion about the need for a projected shipping schedule for 2021/22, regardless of fact that it will require flexibility because of travellers' medical appointment requirements and changes to COVID-19 Quarantine standards in NZ etc.</p> <p>ACTION The Administrator will revise the proposed 21/22 and circulate to Council by next regular Council Meeting (Dec 9th 2020)</p>
<p>Update on Settlement Application Interviews</p>	<p>Administrator Advised that the Deputy Governor has received financial information from the Canadian family that have active settlement applications in play.</p> <p>The Mayor reminded the Administrator that she had requested that the Deputy Governor provide Council with the meeting notes and his recommendations from the Marcus Ruff settlement interview (Oct 6th 2020).</p> <p>ACTION The Administrator will remind the Deputy Governor that the Mayor has requested he provide Council with the meeting notes and his recommendations from the Marcus Ruff settlement interview (Oct 6th 2020).</p>
<p>Formal approval of Community Centre Plan alterations – due to site changes.</p>	<p>MOTION: Cr S Christian / Deputy Mayor “That Council approve the changes, to the Community Centre plan due to it having to be moved to a smaller building site, as previously shared with Council and the Community.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
<p>Formal record of the Motion to have the Family and Community Advisor deliver computer safety workshops for the parents, extended family and caregivers of all school children.</p>	<p>MOTION: Mayor/ Deputy Mayor “That the Administrator advise the Family and Community Advisor that Council has requested he deliver computer safety workshops for the parents, extended family and caregivers of all school children.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p> <p>ACTION The Administrator will advise the Family and Community Advisor that Council has requested he deliver computer safety workshops for the parents, extended family and caregivers of all school children and report back to Council.</p>
<p>Update on Governor's Progress –</p>	<p>Administrator advised work with French and French Polynesian authorities with regard to getting the current</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) accessing FP to pick up Medivac patient and carer 2) gaining blanket exemptions for non-NZ passport holders to enter NZ for routine medical requirements 3) exploring FP as routine medical trip option 	<p>medivac patient and his carer out of Papeete on the Silver Supporter in early December.</p> <p>The Administrator advised the authorities are aware of the necessary deadlines associated with quarantine requirements for the patient and carer and conveyed that the Deputy Governor is leading this. He will advise the community and those in Papeete of progress as soon as access has been approved.</p> <p>The Administrator reported that HMG has been advised that Pitcairn Islanders, who do not hold non-NZ passports, will not be granted blanket exemptions to enter NZ for routine medical treatment.</p> <p>This means that each person, who does not hold an NZ passport, must apply to enter NZ on an individual basis, case by case application. Those traveling for routine medical treatment will need to apply for entry under NZ's humanitarian visa requirements.</p> <p>It was noted the Administrator will assist those needing to apply for a visa to enter NZ going forward.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion about the impact NZs travel restrictions has for the 22 Pitcairners who do not hold NZ passports. Opening routine medical pathways to Tahiti and also exploring the various pathways other Pacific islands in are using to access routine medical care in NZ were discussed</p> <p>It was noted there is a lot of concern in the community and it was agreed there is a need for the Governor to personally communicate with the people of Pitcairn on this important matter.</p> <p>ACTION The Mayor and Administrator will liaise with the Governor's office and set a day and time for a vid--link / teleconference as soon as possible.</p> <p>ACTION Council will raise its concerns about Pitcairn, British Passport Holders not being able to access countries for routine medical care at the upcoming bi-lateral meeting. The Mayor and Cr L Jaques will draft an agenda item prior to the bi-lateral meeting on Dec 7th.</p> <p>ACTION The Administrator will add a paragraph, in the soon to be circulated, PI COVID-19 Management Protocols Oct – Dec 2020 document, outlining the process for non-NZ passport holders to apply for humanitarian visas to enter NZ for routine medical care.</p>
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	<p>The Administrator noted that information received from WHO worker Sean Casey and the Hospital in Tahiti indicates that Papeete Hospital is dealing with increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases and this is already putting a strain on their medical services.</p> <p>The hospital in Tahiti has advised the Pitcairn Medical Officer he should send only patients requiring urgent emergency medical care to Tahiti.</p>
<p>General Business Matters</p>	
<p>JNCC request that Council endorse finalised area figures for Pitcairn's Protected Areas</p>	<p>The Administrator advised that area figures for Pitcairn's Protected Areas have been finalised for an update to the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) for the MPA. They are as follows:</p> <p>Protected Area (PA) extent figures</p> <p>JNCC, with the help of Cefas and MMO, have calculated new figures for the size of Pitcairn's PAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitcairn Island MPA: 841,910 km² • Henderson Island World Heritage Site: 42.7 km² <p>JNCC has asked that Pitcairn's MPA area is quoted as "nearly 842,000 km²" and the World Heritage Site be rounded to 43 km².</p> <p>JNCC wish to include these figures in an indicator showing the extent of PAs across the UKOTs as a whole. Pitcairn Islands MPA will contribute substantially to statistics showing the total area and percent coverage of MPAs across the UKOTs' combined waters, and Henderson Island will contribute towards equivalent statistics for the UKOTs' combined landmass.</p> <p>Council agreed to the adjustment.</p>
<p>GPI Guide for Visiting Vessels Policy</p>	<p>The Administrator advised feedback from the Attorney General's office on the GPI Guide for Visiting Vessels policy will be forthcoming by the end of week.</p> <p>It was agreed that if the feedback from the Attorney General's office requires legal changes which may result in further delays the Administrator will liaise with to ascertain whether it can be signed off in a reduced manner. He will report back to Council.</p> <p>ACTION The Administrator will advise Council of any further requirements relating to signing off the GPI Guide for Visiting Vessels Policy.</p>
<p>Financial Review Group Teleconference with FCDO – Wednesday 11th Nov 2020</p>	<p>Administrator advised that the Financial Review regroup is meeting with FCDO representatives tomorrow.</p>

	<p>The Deputy Mayor outlined that the primary outcome of this project is to create a standard of living number for Pitcairn Island.</p> <p>The Financial Review Committee agreed to use the St Helena standard of living document, as a base template, to formulate that a standard of living number for Pitcairn.</p> <p>It was clarified that the standard of living number refers to what a standard of living basket costs for 1 adult to live on Pitcairn for 1 year - this includes costs of food, transport, health, consumables, housing etc.</p> <p>The next phase is to discuss the methodology used in determining Pitcairn's basket of costs and reach agreement with FCDO as what Pitcairn's standard of living number is.</p> <p>ACTION The outcome of the Financial Review Committee's meeting with FCDO regarding Pitcairn standard of living basket will be reported back to Council at the next Tuesday Check-in meeting and all relevant documents will be circulated.</p>
<p>Temporary Isec Position</p>	<p>The Isec advised there have been no applicants for the temporary Isec Position.</p> <p>ACTION The Mayor will work through options and report back to Council.</p>
<p>GPI Councillors, Division Managers and those in positions of influence wishing to benefit from TRON Solar Energy System gifts.</p>	<p>The Administrator reminded the Mayor and Councillors that the Governor advised them (correspondence 24th Feb 2020), that they, Division Managers, the Island Secretary and others in positions of influence are not permitted to receive gifts from as they have been offered in an attempt to influence.</p> <p>He clarified that benefiting from TRON's gifts is inappropriate for the decision makers in Pitcairn's governing body and its public service. The Administrator reminded Council it had agreed that this was the case as in response to the letter from the Governor to the Mayor and Council earlier this year and that this information has also been shared with the community.</p> <p>He advised the Mayor, Councillors /Divisions Managers and the Island Secretary that if they wished to benefit from TRON's gifts will have to resign their GPI roles and positions.</p> <p>The Administrator also advised that family members, sharing a home with a Councillor, Division Manager, the Island Secretary are also not permitted to receive Solar Power System sourced from TRON either.</p>

	<p>If anyone has any questions or suggestions about these requirements they should write to the Governor and the Administrator.</p> <p>The Administrator also clarified that if there is a situation where two separate individuals, living on the same property, have differing points of view as to what they are entitled to they should also raise this with the Administrator and Governor.</p>
Revised Draft Guiding Principles, Order & Conduct	<p>Deputy Mayor suggested that Council remove references to Council suspensions and financial penalties in the Draft revision of its Guiding Principles, Order & Conduct document. It was agreed that this would provide be a practical step in getting the document signed off. A step that can be reviewed, if required, at a later date.</p> <p>ACTION It was agreed that if there are further delays in having the Attorney General's Office sign off this document the Deputy Mayor will follow up with Council's opinion.</p>
Pending Community Gym Equipment	<p>The Mayor advised she has asked the Administrator to house the, soon to be delivered, Gym Equipment at the old remand centre so it can be accessed and used and kept in good condition.</p>
Managing communications with Pitcairners in Tahiti.	<p>The administrator advised PIO will manage logistics for the isolation requirements and shore to ship transfers etc. for the medivac patient and carer in Papeete. The Pitcairn Medical Officer will manage PCR testing etc.</p>
Meeting closed & Council opened SDP Review workshop	

Meeting Closed: 10:30am
Next Regular Council Meeting: 9.00am December 9th 2020
Tuesday Check-in: As usual
Meeting with New Administrator – 18th December 2020.
Public Meeting: TBC
SDP Quarterly Report Meeting: 10th November 2020
Workshop:

Mayor Charlene Warren: *Charlene Warren*

Date: *18* / *11* / *2020*

