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PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 9.00am, 14th April 2020

Present:

Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Deputy Mayor Kevin Young, Cr Ariel Harding, Cr Shawn Christian, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Lea Brown, Administrator Nick Kennedy & Isec Heather Menzies.

Apologies: Cr L Jaques

In attendance: None

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

Agenda Item	
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 11th 2020.	MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr A Harding “That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 11 th March 2020, as previously circulated, be accepted.” All in favour / Carried
Cancellation of 2020 JMC	The Administrator advised that the 2020 JMC has been postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19.
Archaeological Project Proposal – pushed out until 2021	Cr M Christian advised that the proposed 2020 Archaeological Project has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was agreed that further discussion with the Attorney General’s Office is required re the legalities of dealing with any human remains which may be unearthed. Council discussion was deferred until this can take place. ACTION Cr M Christian will re-circulate the project proposal to all Councillors.
2020 Child Safeguarding Audit postponed	The Mayor advised the 2020 Child Safeguarding Audit has been postponed due COVID-19. It will be rescheduled at a later time.
Medivac pathway for Pitcairners	The Mayor advised she discussed Pitcairn’s need for a reliable medivac pathway during the COVID-19 pandemic with Baroness Sugg, the Minister for Overseas Territories, on the 7 th April. The Baroness advised she will see that the matter is raised with the British Embassy in Paris and will not what she can. The Administrator advised that he has since heard from Laura Perry, of the British Embassy in France who has advised that the Chief of Staff to the High Commissioner of French Polynesia responded favourably to Pitcairn’s need for a medivac pathway for Pitcairn. It is understood that in principle Pitcairn residents have the right to enter Tahiti. And was acknowledged that transferring patients between Pitcairn and Tahiti may be challenging given flights between Mangareva and Tahiti are currently suspended. Additionally, the Health Minister for French Polynesia, Jacques

	<p>Raynal, advised that because Pitcairn does not have COVID-19 any returning patients, having received treatment in FP, should be strictly quarantined for 20 days, upon their return.</p> <p>It was agreed this communication was very reassuring and will be well received by the community.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>The Administrator will post the correspondence on the notice board and advise the community by radio</p>
<p>Correspondence from Shawn Casey from the WHO office in Fiji.</p>	<p>The Mayor advised she received correspondence from Shawn Casey, from the WHO office in Fiji, offering support, advice or technical guidance specific to Pitcairn in the context of the COVID19 pandemic should it be needed.</p> <p>The Administrator added that Dr Hall has also reached to Mr Casey following his email.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor K Young noted that some Pacific islands are being offered COVID-19 testing via NZ and requested the Administrator look into this for Pitcairn.</p>
<p>GPI Protocols for Managing Covid19</p>	<p>MOTION: Mayor Warren-Peu / Cr M Christian</p> <p>“That tourists will not be permitted to visit Pitcairn, via the Silver Supporter from (March 30th) Voyage V32 until (June 19th) Voyage V41 2020. This decision will be reviewed on a month by month basis. The Travel coordinator will lead communications with tourists and the trade industry and manage transfers and cancellations.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>MOTION: Cr S Christian / Cr A Harding</p> <p>“That no vessels, except the Silver Supporter, will be permitted to land passengers at Pitcairn Island or have local traders or Pitcairn Officials board. All visiting vessels are permitted to anchor off shore or circumnavigate Pitcairn Island and to also land at Henderson, Oeno and Ducie. This will be effective as of March 12th. This decision will be reviewed on a month by month basis. The Mayor will lead all communications.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>MOTION: Mayor / Cr S Christian</p> <p>“There will be no provisioning for any vessel unless they require emergency provisions or medical care. They will be responded to and assessed on a case by case basis. This decision will be reviewed on a month by month basis.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>

	<p>MOTION: Mayor / Cr M Christian</p> <p>“That passengers boarding the Silver Supporter in NZ will carry a current medical clearance certificate, which will be required to board the ship.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p> <p>MOTION: Mayor / Cr M Christian</p> <p>“That a plan for managing the Covid-19 Isolation Hospital and volunteer workers will be implemented in consultation with the Medical Officer in the coming weeks.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p>
General Business	
Covid – 19 testing for Pitcairn Residents and other passengers traveling back to Pitcairn.	Cr K Young advised he is in discussion with the Medical Officer, and researching the possibility of Pitcairn bound passengers getting tested for Covid-19 before departing NZ. He will keep Council informed of developments.
Spiegel TV Visit 2020 Visit Cancelled	The Mayor advised Spiegel TV has cancelled their filming visit due to Covid -19. They hope to reschedule at later date.

Meeting Closed: 9.30am
 Council SDP Workshop: 6th May 2020 – 9.00am
 Date of Next Council Meeting: May 13th 2020 – 9.00am
 Date of Next Workshop: TBC

Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu: *Warren*

Date: *30* / *4* / *2020*

