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**PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall**  
**Commencing at 9.00am, 27<sup>th</sup> February 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	
Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2019	<p><b><u>ACTION</u></b> The Isec reported the Minutes of the Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Council Meeting have been amended to reflect the Administrator's instruction that Council is not permitted to offer discounted travel on the Silver Supporter. It may only make recommendations.</p> <p>There was general discussion about Council's authority to responsibly spend its own budget. In response the Administrator stated it is the Financial Controller/PIO who determines whether or not discounted travel can be offered, not Council, however Council can make such a recommendation.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION USAF</u></b> The Administrator reported he had responded to community questions relating to the USAF satellite monitoring plan at the last public meeting as requested.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION USAF</u></b> Cr K Young advised he has not compiled a list of questions from Council and the Community for the Governor. The preference being that USAF personnel will meet with the community when they are only island and answers questions themselves.</p> <p><b><u>FURTHER ACTION</u></b> The Administrator will advise the visiting USAF personnel that a public meeting will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION</u></b> Cr M Christian reported she has advised the eXXpedition group that Council approved their proposed research.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION</u></b> The Mayor reported all Councillors, except Cr S Christian, attended the Child Safety and Well- being refresher workshop run by the FCA on Tuesday 10: 30am 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.</p>

	<p><u>ACTION</u> Cr L Jaques has advised he has made an appointment to meet with Tower Mint whilst in the UK.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Cr M Christian reported she has contacted the Assistant AG as requested. By way of introducing Deputy Mayor K Young, as the new Legal and Policy Advisor to Council.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> The Deputy Mayor advised he will not set the date for a teleconference with Council and the AGs office until Council has reviewed its lists of priorities for the Law Review.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Cr M Christian reported she has contacted all stake-holders relevant to managing the break bulk requirements for the Tahiti Supply run as requested. She and DM Operations are awaiting final confirmation about what is planned.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> The Mayor reported she wrote to TRON's representative, Chris Verzello, (10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020) to seek clarification as to whether they are still interested in developing good faith / charitable projects with the community though their company is not permitted to establish bitcoin/crypto currency on Pitcairn.</p> <p>In response (10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020) Mr Verzello, advised that TRON is still very interested in meeting people in Tahiti and reviewing any proposed projects to benefit the people of Pitcairn.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> The Mayor reported she has not called a public meeting to discuss private sector engagement with the Tron Foundation, as agreed at last Regular Council meeting. She will not do so until further instructions from the Governor have been clarified.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> The Mayor reported a public meeting was held (26<sup>th</sup> Jan) to discuss EDF project costing adjustments, as requested. Cr S Christian, as DM Operations, provided updated costings for the community's consideration at 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Public meeting.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> The Mayor reported that the Blue Belt's sea mapping Blog has been posted on the public notice board.</p>
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020.	<p>MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr A Harding "That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020, as previously circulated, be accepted.</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p>

<p>Law Review update &amp; date of Law Review Workshop</p>	<p>There was general discussion about the priority list for the law review. It was noted that the list the Deputy Mayor has access to does not reflect more recent developments. He will seek clarification from Division Managers and the Attorney General's Office and report back to Council before the scheduled March 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>Deputy Mayor K Young will liaise with Division Managers and the Assistant AG to develop an updated priority list for the law review. He will circulate the update before Council meets in workshop on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.</p>
<p>Response to Council's Letter to the Governor re Henderson Island project and lack of communication</p>	<p>Carried over from last Regular Council Meeting:</p> <p>There was general discussion about the on-going need for respectful, open and transparent communications between HMG/PIO and Council. The Administrator advised this is also important to PIO and HMG and said he will continue keep Council informed of pending visits and events going forward.</p>
<p>Update of Divisional Activities for inclusion in Council's 2019 - 2024 SDP</p>	<p>Carried over from last Regular Council Meeting:</p> <p>The Administrator presented the Draft Divisional Activities for Council consideration in today's workshop (27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020)</p>
<p>Update on Council's request for improved management of active settlement applications and HMGs adherence to procedures.</p>	<p>Carried over from last Regular Council Meeting:</p> <p>The Administrator presented the Draft Divisional Activities for Council consideration in today's SDP Workshop (27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020)</p>
<p>Record re appointment of a Freight Forwarder for Tahiti supply ship run.</p>	<p>Administrator advised that Bud Gilroy is the appointed Freight Forwarder for the Tahiti Supply Ship run.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>The Administrator will advise the community that Bud Gilroy is the appointed Freight Forwarder for the Tahiti Supply Ship via a post on the public notice board</p>
<p>Break Bulk requirements for the Tahiti supply run – Update</p>	<p>Cr. S Christian advised, that he understands, there will be no break bulk carried on the Tahiti supply run unless it can be packed into larger containers on deck. He pointed out that this solution has not yet been confirmed.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>The Administrator will seek confirmation as to whether containers will be placed on deck to carry break bulk on the Tahiti Supply run and will review again when the March Supply Ship arrives</p>
<p>TRON – update:</p>	<p>Following the informal discussions Council has had with the Administrator about TRON, Deputy Mayor K Young requested formal record of communications relating to the Governor's stance on TRONs interest in establishing bitcoin/crypto currency on Pitcairn.</p>

It was noted that the Governor wrote to TRON (Feb 10th) explaining that TRON will not be permitted to establish bitcoin/crypto currency on Pitcairn.

Following the Governor's letter and further input from the Administrator and Council, the Mayor wrote to TRON representative, Chris Verzello, (Feb 17th) to advise that, given the Governor's stance, the Pitcairn Islands Council will not be involved in developing any good faith/charitable projects with the company.

The Mayor told Mr Verzello, that she will be calling a public meeting to advise the community of this decision and that the private sector may pick up on the concept. In response Mr Verzello, wrote that TRON is still very interested in meeting people in Tahiti and reviewing any proposed projects to benefit the people of Pitcairn.

It was noted, that the Mayor, the Administrator and the Deputy Governor and the Governor were told, by TRON representatives, that the company's interest in undertaking good faith/charitable projects with the people of Pitcairn is only to garner favour for establishing a bitcoin/crypto currency business on Pitcairn.

Following the Governor's letter to TRON advising that that they are not be permitted to establish bitcoin/crypto currency on Pitcairn. Councillors agreed, by a show of hands at an informal check-in meeting (18<sup>th</sup> Feb), that they will not engage with TRON, as a Council or as independent people, because they would be seen as being subject to what the Administrator called 'improper influence'.

A further letter to the Mayor from the Governor (Feb 24<sup>th</sup>) stated that would be inappropriate for the decision makers in Pitcairn's governing bodies or public service to engage with TRON on any good faith/ charitable projects, or to allow the use of government facilities, locations or equipment to be involved. This letter was posted on the public notice board.

In response to this communication, at an informal meeting (Feb 25<sup>th</sup>), Council sought further clarification from Administrator as to how the private sector might realistically engage with TRON on any charitable projects going forward under these restrictions.

There ensued general discussion about the private sector being able to engage with TRON and it was agreed further clarification from the Governor is required.

#### ACTION

The was Administrator will seek further clarification from the Governor as to whether berths and freight services on the Silver Supporter and unloading goods etc. are included in the Governor's restrictions. He will also seek clarification as to what roles within the public service are considered to be influential and what constitutes an independent person on Pitcairn

Follow-up on eXXpedition media request proposed research	<p>Cr M Christian advised that a prior private submission for media approval from a member of the eXXpedition group has been withdrawn. The eXXpedition have since submitted their own filming proposal, which is specific to their research.</p> <p>MOTION: Cr M Christian / Cr L Brown          “That Council approve eXXpedition’s media proposal as previously submitted.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried.</p>
COP26 – Formal Agreement	<p>MOTION: Mayor /Cr M Christian</p> <p>“That Council agree with the draft statement for the Climate Change COP26 Summit as previously circulated.”</p> <p>All in favour / Carried</p>
Elderly Care Programme	Deferred until Next Meeting
Governors approval of new fees	Deferred – until next meeting.
LTV s	<p>MOTION: Cr L Brown / Cr M Christian</p> <p>“That the LTV applications of Jette &amp; Morten Kylvo and Byron Adams, as previously circulated, be approved.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
Limiting Silver Supporter Rotations when no berths are sold	<p>MOTION: Mayor / Cr M Christian</p> <p>“That Council accept the proposal, from HMG / PIO, that if the Silver Supporter has a rotation scheduled but no berths have been sold, it will remain in Mangareva to conserve petrol.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
Honey purchases on Cruise ships	<p>Cr K Young advised some passengers on recent cruise ships reported they were told, by external bodies, that they were not permitted to purchase Pitcairn honey. There ensued general discussion about how this might be overcome and it was agreed that Tourism, bio- security and immigration will liaise to ensure honey products are more adequately promoted.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>The Travel Coordinator and DM ECNR will meet to discuss options and report back to Council</p>
Pitcairn Archaeological Proposal	<p>Cr A Harding enquired as to the background of the proposed Archaeological Project. There ensued general discussion about the initial proposal, submitted to Council in 2019. It was clarified it has not yet been approved by Council as information, pertaining to the removal or human remains, will be coming from the Attorney General’s Office.</p>

	<p>Cr M Christian, as DM ECNR, advised she met briefly with the project's representative on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and was told there had been some changes to personnel which will be reflected in an updated proposal. The new proposal will be sent to Cr M Christian and submitted to Council for approval.</p> <p>The Isec, as Travel Coordinator, advised the project as pencilled 11 berths, across voyages V43 to V45.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>The Isec will provide Cr A Harding with the initial proposal by way of background information.</p>
Child Safeguarding Audit	The Administrator advised he has circulated the Child Safeguarding Audit amended TOR earlier in the week. Council will review and report back by Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March.

Meeting Closed: 11.00am

Council SDP Workshop 11:15am

Date of Next Council Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 9.00am

Date of Next Workshop: Law Review 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – directly after Regular Council

Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu: *Charlene Warren* .....

Date: *15* / *3* / *2020*

