



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Town Square
Commencing at 9.00am 15th November 2023

Present:

Mayor Simon Young, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Heather Menzies, Cr Charlene Warren, Cr Kerry Young Deputy Mayor Shawn Christian, Administrator Fiona Kilpatrick, William Gordon (Island Secretary)

Gallery: Senior Constable Gavin Cyprian, Sherlene Cyprian, Sid Gould, Dr Peter Adam

Welcome: A moment of private reflection was taken.

Items	
1. Opening of the Meeting of	Meeting Opened: 9.04am
2. Welcome all along with moment of reflection.	The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and a moment of private reflection was taken.
3. Freight Costs for New Settlers	Council discussed a letter received from a new settler querying the freight costs and subsidies. A general discussion followed about the sub-optimal changes in policy. Council agreed that the original policy was changed following consultation with HMG, who expressed concerns about use of public funds. Council agreed that this new settler has made a significant investment of finances and time, and that the policy should be adjusted to allow any settler in similar circumstances who is purchasing their own house supplies to receive some access to free freight. Any changes will require agreement with partners. Action: Mayor to arrange a meeting within two weeks to discuss possible policy review.
4. Island Council Land Application, as trustee, for Sid Gould	Council stated for the record that any intending new settler who builds their own home prior to obtaining residency does so at their own risk, as they may not be granted residency. Moved: Mayor / Cr. C Warren Motion: "That Council will apply to the Lands Court as trustee for Sid Gould".
5. Elder Care – Proposal for using EDF Funds for Occupational Therapist Visit	Dr. Peter Adam gave Council his professional opinion on the proposal. A discussion followed as to the benefits and drawbacks of a visit from an OT, and/or a physiotherapist. Agreement from council that we would not pursue a visit by a physiotherapist, but that we would continue to investigate an OT visiting Pitcairn in the future. 7 Action: Cr. H Menzies to include a question about OTs into the Elder Care Community survey, and to include a description of what they do.
General Business	
	Cr. Heather Menzies advised Council of a tourist group visiting later in the year, and of their media affiliations and intentions.

	Island Secretary to use USB drives for file circulation to Council.
6. Agreed Actions from Regular Council Meeting of 27 October 2023	Longboat Repairs / Jetty Repairs / Ship to Shore Action: Mayor and Administrator to discuss at their next meeting.
7. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of 27 October 2023	Moved: Mayor / Cr. C Warren Motion: "That the minutes of the regular Council meeting of 27 October 2023 be approved"
8. Mayor's Monthly Report – October 2023	Moved: Mayor / Cr M Evans Motion: "That the Mayor's Monthly Report for October 2023 be accepted".
9. Head of Pitcairn Public Service Monthly Report – October 2023	The Administrator advised Council of the Governor's emphasis on the functionality of the PPS and that any changes should be meaningful. Moved: Mayor / Cr. Kerry Young Motion: "That the Head of Pitcairn Public Service Monthly Report for October 2023 be accepted" Action: Administrator to provide Island Secretary with a copy of the private Henderson Island 2024 expedition planning document, to circulate to Council.
10. Settlement Applications – Ms Aeoleon Ann Rankine and Ms. Miriana Stefanini	Mayor advised that the Settlement applications are incomplete and that they will be deferred to next Council Meeting. Mayor has instructed Immigration officer to obtain missing information to complete the applications.
11. Long Term Visitor Visa Applications - Ms Aeoleon Ann Rankine and Ms. Miriana Stefanini	Moved: Mayor / Cr. C Warren Motion: "That the Long-Term Visitor Visa Applications of Ms Aeoleon Ann Rankine and Ms. Miriana Stefanini be approved"
12. Budgets	Action: "The Administrator is to provide Council with a copy of the six-monthly accounts, as received from PIO, to circulate to Council". Action: "The Mayor and the Administrator will create a timeframe for when the budgets are to be prepared and dispatched to PIO/FCDO."
Standing Items	
13. Date of Administrator's Departure	The Administrator announced that they will depart in April, although the exact date hinges on the shipping schedule for April/May. The successor has been selected, although the Administrator declined to name them.
14. New Coins and Stamps	Moved: Mayor / Cr. M Evans Motion: "That the Council approve the new design proposals".

15. Whale Watching Stand – Location Proposal	A general discussion was had as to where the new whale watching stand was situated, it was agreed in principle that it should be situated down Ben’s Edge.
16. Liquor License Applications	<p>i. General Store Moved: Mayor / Cr. C Warren Motion: <i>“That the liquor license for the General Store be approved”</i>.</p> <p>ii. Sue O’Keefe Moved: Mayor / Cr. C Warren Motion: “That the liquor license for Sue O’Keefe be approved”.</p> <p>iii. Steve and Olive Christian Moved: Mayor / Cr. C Warren Motion: “That the liquor license for Steve and Olive Christian be approved”.</p> <p>iv. Kimiora Warren-Peu Deferred to next Council Meeting</p>
17. Elder Care – Community Survey	Action: Final Community Survey to be distributed by the Island Secretary.
18. GPI Policy Review: i. Gift Policy ii. General Store Policy iii. Health Policies iv. Health Policies v. Child Safeguarding Policies vi. Policy Reference to Freight Free Water Tanks vii. Pitcairn Public Holidays and Commemoration Days viii. Guide for Visiting Vessels ix. Procurement Policy x. Immigration, Visa & Settlement Information Policy 1 xi. Immigration, Visa & Settlement Information Policy 2 xii. Pending Policies for Review xiii. Draft Criteria for Managing High-Value Gifts	Moved: Cr. H Menzies / Mayor Motion: “That the policies be approved, except for the immigration policy, which is deferred to the next Council Meeting” <i>Regarding Pitcairn Public Holidays and Commemoration Days, council agreed we should continue with Remembrance Day, and get feedback from the community with regards to the continuation or not of ANZAC Day.</i> Action: That at the next Public Meeting we will be held to discuss ANZAC Day/Remembrance Day in relation to should we commemorate ANZAC Day in addition to Remembrance Day.
19. Island Management Accounts – August 2023	Council received the accounts from PIO.
20. Use of Council Discretionary Funds	Action: Council to present ideas at the next Council meeting.
21. Council Proposal for Single Provider Starlink	Cr. Kerry Young presented the proposal for a Single Provider system utilising Starlink hardware.

	<p>Moved: Cr. Kerry Young / Mayor</p> <p>Motion: <i>"That the concept document for the Council Proposal for Single Provider Starlink be approved and progressed".</i></p> <p>Action: That Councillor Kerry_ to take be the Lead, on behalf of council, for meetings going forward, and to communicate with PIO and the Administrator regarding the concept document.</p>
22. Council Proposal for PPS Wage Increase / Inflation Adjustment	<p>Moved: Mayor / Cr. C Warren</p> <p>Motion: <i>"That the concept of the document "Council Proposal for PPS Wage Increase / Inflation Adjustment" be approved and progressed".</i></p> <p>Action: <i>That the Mayor will meet with the Administrator and progress this proposal.</i></p>
Date of next Regular Council meeting	Wednesday 13 December 9am
Meeting Closed –	13:42
Meeting Approved	
Mayor: <i>Simon Young</i>	
Date: <i>13/12/2023</i>	

