



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 9.00am 12th May 2021

Present:

Mayor Charlene Warren, Deputy Mayor Kevin Young, Cr Shawn Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Cr Lea Brown, Administrator Mark Tomlinson, Cr Michele Christian, and Cr Ariel Harding, Nadine Faulkner, Island Secretary

Apologies:


In attendance: None

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

| Agenda Item | Tabled by |
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| ACTIONS / Matters Arising from Regular Council Meeting of 14 th April 2021 | As per the Agenda, taken from meeting held 14 th April 2021 1. Financial Review committee: Deputy Mayor to follow up with FCDO. Progressing/On-going. Deferring any comment on this today, in lieu of a workshop scheduled for next Wednesday. 2. Covid-19 Support Package: Support package yet to be advised, with the Administrator working with London around possible options being discussed. On-going. Administrator working in tandem with Deputy Mayor and DM Finance. Child Safeguarding Audit. Council will hold a closed workshop as soon as the report is available to discuss its findings and recommendations. Update – Meeting this month, April 2021. |
| Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 14 th April 2021 | MOTION; Cr M Christian /Cr L Jaques “That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 14 th April 2021 as previously circulated, be approved. All in favour / Carried |
| Renewable Energy update | Cr Jaques spoke on a recent meeting regarding logistics and progress of the draft tender document for the Renewable Energy project. Progress has been made, and work is continuing and on track to get the tender document out for bids to be placed. Its projected that an up and running energy system is in place for Pitcairn is July 2022. Tenders coming from NZ vs other countries was discussed. During this sensitive time with Covid travel restrictions, it was felt that any overseas bids may cause problems with installers trying to come to Pitcairn via NZ with strong |

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| | <p>immigration regulations. It was agreed that time would tell, and that all possibilities should be considered.</p> <p>It was noted that the Renewable Energy Committee will be on the board who will have consideration on the bids received, using their local knowledge to support choosing a winning tender.</p> |
| <p>Cost of Living Update</p> | <p>Deputy Mayor spoke on the cost-of-living analysis. He asked Council for further information on housing costs and detailed his ideas regarding support for those in need.</p> <p>A long discussion was had around current systems, processes and what the Divisions and Council does at present to help those in need.</p> <p>Council felt that information compiled to this point should be forwarded to FCDO for their consideration and any further questions that they had could be then asked and answered as required.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor advised that he would forward all information collated to this point to the Mayor and DM for Finance & Economics and this can be forwarded on for review.</p> |
| <p>Policy Review Update</p> | <p>The Deputy Mayor spoke on the work done so far by the Policy Review Committee. Work is ongoing on several policies that have required updating. It was noted that most policy have not been reviewed since 2015.</p> <p>The Island Secretary noted that she is working with the team and is compiling an updated record of all policies that will be consistent, in files held in the office, online and held on a hard-drive.</p> |
| <p>Governors Letter</p> | <p>The Mayor spoke on the letter sent through by the Governor regarding the approved budget and Covid Vaccine roll-out. Councillors advised they have read and reviewed the letter and asked for clarification budget as approved and what had been requested. A councillor asked a question asked of them by a member of the public about “the vulnerable”. It was explained that the vulnerable could be documented as the elderly, the children, the neediest in financial matters etc.</p> <p>A councillor noted that some people had been unhappy regarding the wording in the letter regarding the vaccine. A discussion around this was had, and various rebuttals to those concerns stated. It was noted people were entitled to their own opinions, but the letter was written in good faith regarding the vaccines and vaccinations and taking the vaccine ultimately boils down to individual choice.</p> <p>It was asked what was in place if there were reactions to the vaccine as there are documented cases worldwide. The Administrator clarified that the doctor would have to treat the reactions as they arose.</p> <p>Cr. M Christian shared with Council the feedback from her mother and aunt after taking the Astra Zeneca vaccine in the UK, explaining that her Aunt had underlying medical issues so had been monitored quite closely, and was relieved that</p> |

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| | <p>they had felt well with no reactions apart from being quite tired.</p> <p>Upon the arrival of the Silver Supporter, passengers will be disembarked first, then a run will be made for removal of the vaccine and proper documentation of ship to shore of the medication will be done.</p> <p>The process of vaccinations will be organised as soon as possible by the medical staff on island and patients advised when ready.</p> |
| Public Service update | <p>The Administrator provided an update on public service activities. On communities there had been interviews for a new doctor and a decision would be made shortly. There were also interviews for the new FCA but these hadn't yet taken place. The school was operating fine. DM Communities would decide when she wanted to hold the next public auction, which might be while the Administrator was off-island. The Finance Division reported Artisan Gallery sales of just over NZ\$1,000 in April. Store debt continued to decline and the restrictions would remain in place. The division was working with DM Communities to ensure anyone suffering financial hardships could meet to discuss measures that might be taken to assist.</p> <p>On operations the Community Centre and clinic extension were still progressing and, as people could see, work was now starting on cementing new stretches of road. The engineering team had been working on the longboats and Moss was now ready for the upcoming supply ship visit. The environment remained a priority for the UK government, especially with the COP26 and other high-level international discussions later in the year. Funding had been awarded to pay for the Silver Supporter to make a scientific and environment visit to the outer islands in the autumn and the PIO and Deputy Governor were adjusting the schedule to accommodate this and the additional supply run that is planned.</p> <p>Finally, the Administrator and Divisional Managers had completed an exercise to make small increases to the hourly rate for some public service roles. This would go hand-in-hand with the roll-out of the new, combined employment contracts. This was potentially only a temporary measure, pending a wider review of salaries later in the year.</p> |
| Appointment of new Island Secretary | The Administrator advised that Nadine Faulkner had been appointed as the new Island Secretary by the Governor. |
| Public Noticeboard | The Administrator noted that notices had been placed on the board regarding other vaccines that were available |

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| | <p>worldwide. He had been asked by a member of the public if that had been put up by the government. He noted that maybe there should be a division between government and community placed notices which would give clear separation between documents placed on the board.</p> <p>Cr. M Christian volunteered to laminate a sign to add to the store noticeboard to clearly delineate a public and government area for notices.</p> |
| Into a Closed Meeting | <p>The Administrator has received recommendations from the Child Safety audit team.</p> <p>Closed Session began 11.02</p> <p>Regular Council Meeting re-opened 11.46</p> |
| MPA Management Plan | <p>A power point document forwarded to council was formally presented for approval regarding the MPA Management Plan worked on by Blue Belt and Natural Resources Division.</p> <p>MOTION; Cr L Jaques /Mayor Charlene Warren "The MPA Management Plan is formally approved." All in favour / Carried</p> |
| General Business Matters | |
| | No General Business was tabled at this time. |
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| Meeting Closed | Meeting closed at 12.00 pm |
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| Next Meeting. | Next meeting set for 9.00 am Wednesday 16 th June 2021 |
| | Workshop nil Public Meeting nil |
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| Approved 16/06/2021. |  Mayor Charlene Warren. |

