



THE PITCAIRN, HENDERSON, OENO AND DUCIE ISLANDS

ISLAND COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

13th March 2024 – The School House

PRESENT:

Mayor - Simon Young, Deputy Mayor – Charlene Warren, Island Secretary – William Gordon, Cr. Kerry Young, Cr. Kevin Young, Cr. Shawn Christian, Administrator Stephen Townsend.

APOLOGIES:

Cr. Melva Evans, Cr. Heather Menzies

GALLERY:

Michele Christian

AGENDA ITEM	
1. Opening	Meeting Opened: 09:05 hrs
2. Welcome and Prayer	The Mayor opened the meeting with a moment of reflection.
3. Call for General Business	The Mayor called for items of general business. None were presented.
4. Agreed Actions from the Regular Council Meeting of 14 th February 2024	<u>Ben Wheeldon Settlement Interview</u> Action undertaken. <u>Forwarding of Reports from Administrator to Island Secretary</u> The Administrator advised that this had not been done, and will be actioned in due course.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 14 th February 2024	Motion: “That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 14 th February 2024 are approved”. Moved: Mayor / Deputy Mayor
STANDING ITEMS	
6. Mayor’s Report – February 2024	The Mayor wished to add for the record that the awarding of the Fee for Service Contract for the Organising of the Island Archives has been done and that the Contract shall be signed in due course. The Island Secretary shall be taking a temporary leave of absence and that the role has been advertised for on a temporary basis.

	<p>The options presented by Mike Collis for a CH-80 Repeater were discussed. Cr. Shawn Christian advised that it hasn't been purchased out of the GPI budget but it is a better option and should be supported.</p> <p>The location of the Plastic Odyssey Chair shall be discussed at the next public meeting, on Tuesday 19th March at 1030am.</p> <p>Longboat Consultation Engineering – Cr. Shawn Christian raised up the point that on-island consultation should be weighted towards longboat crew. The Mayor advised that all will be consulted.</p> <p>Motion: “That the Island Council accept the Mayor’s Report of February 2024”.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Deputy Mayor</p>
<p>7. Head of the Pitcairn Public Service Monthly Report – February 2024</p>	<p>The Administrator advised that an essential equipment fund is being set up again in London – so Capital Fund requests should be thought of at this stage and discussed with the Administrator. He proposes to submit the equipment list that wasn't received in the last round. The Mayor asked how much the fund is valued at. The Administrator advised he does not know yet, but items of up to \$50k should be agreeable. It isn't intended for very costed items.</p> <p>Cr. Shawn Christian advised that some items are ready to order, and that he is not negligent and careless. Next ship will have some spare parts. Operations Division have machinery in place to unload next supply ship.</p> <p>Mooring Points – The Mayor asked will the Silver Supporter use the mooring point? The Administrator advised that it was raised in the past and they said that they would. Cr. Kerry Young asked if it will require annual maintenance. The Administrator advised that he doesn't know.</p> <p>Marine Science Base Operations Plan – The Mayor requested a copy and the Administrator advised he will make it available.</p> <p>The Administrator advised that the Solar Farm won't be on next ship, it will be on September ship, this is due to SPC processing delays.</p> <p>Motion: “That the Island Council accept the PPS Report of February 2024”.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Deputy Mayor</p>
<p>8. Starlink - Update</p>	<p>Cr. Kerry Young spoke about the Starlink system. He advised that he is regularly communicating with Space X, working to move Pitcairn outside of NZ so that it is a country in its own right on their computer systems. He thought it had been done however his point of contact within Space X left, and her replacement is adjusting to the role and it has not quite been finished yet. In terms of payment and service, it is still sitting</p>

	<p>under the NZ umbrella. Space X are working on it, the last email was a few days ago and they confirmed the same. As soon as it happens then GPI can make payment and install the units.</p> <p>Pitcairn as a country in its own right for Space X means that we can send a Starlink unit up to Henderson, Oeno, Ducie and it will work, as it is still within the country.</p> <p>Discussed followed about the possibility to extend the Speedcast contract for a month, to allow time to get Starlink set up. The Administrator advised that he thinks it is ok to roll it over to the end of April but not beyond.</p>
<p>9. Telephone System Installation - Update</p>	<p>Cr. Kevin Young spoke to the item. He has been dealing with some big firms in NZ such as Spark. They have been quite helpful, but expensive. Their proposal would have involved setting up a whole new telephone numbering structure. They recommended a cloud-based service. Ms. Aeoleon Rankine's solution is to just get a number and have basic functionality for the telephone line. Spark's solution was more to do with MS Teams and added functionality of cloud services. The key difference between two is that Spark was an "all you can eat" plan, but if not used, it is expensive. Ms Rankine's solution is about \$10 a month, including 200 minutes local calls – Pitcairn and NZ. Everything beyond, you pay for as used.</p>
<p>10. Ben Wheeldon Settlement Interview</p>	<p>The Mayor advised that a settlement interview was conducted with Mr. Wheeldon.</p> <p>The Island Council discussed a number of serious concerns arising out of the interview.</p> <p>Motion: "That the Settlement Application for Mr. Wheeldon is not to be progressed to the Deputy Governor's Office for further consideration".</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Cr. Shawn Christian</p>
<p>11. LTV Application – Moaris Williams</p>	<p>Motion: "That the LTV application for Moaris William's visit is approved".</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Cr. Kevin Young</p>
<p>12. Baggage Allowance and Travel Policy</p>	<p>Cr. Kerry Young commented on the fares for formally approved scientists and researchers at \$2500 per person per way – he suggested that they are too low and that it could be higher. The Administrator commented that it is only \$1,000 lower and it is designed to attract more scientists to visit Pitcairn.</p> <p>Cr. Kevin Young raised the lacking in logic that there isn't an option for last minute fares but it is, however, a step in the right direction in terms of family fares.</p> <p>The Administrator commented the fares are very heavily subsidised by the UK tax payer.</p>

	<p>Cr. Shawn Christian commented on the clause concerning excess baggage with Air Tahiti. He had concerns about telling travellers what Air Tahiti require and that the draft policy should be changed to say that travellers must follow Air Tahiti rules. (h) GPI formally approved. And (g).</p> <p>Motion: “Subject to the discussed minor amendments (as above), the Baggage Allowance and Travel Policy is approved”.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Cr. Kevin Young</p>
<p>13. Overseas Territories FCDO Consultation</p>	<p>The Mayor advised Councillors to put their thoughts into writing, by email, to the Island Secretary within the next week, and the response will incorporate anything which is submitted.</p>
<p>14. Liquor License – Kimiora Warren-Peu</p>	<p>Motion: “That Kimiora Warren-Peu’s liquor license application is approved”.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Cr. Shawn Christian</p>
<p>15. Lands Court Forms, Fees and Procedures + Regulations</p>	<p>All of the forms proposed were drafted by the Lands Court Registrar, approximately based on original ones from the Governor’s office – fees suggested are merely suggestive and require further discussion. The Lands Court Registrar proposed that regulations are required in order to make them binding per the Lands Court Ordinance.</p> <p>Cr. Kevin Young suggested that the Land Tax should be applied and that there should be a conscious shift towards this. He also commented on blurred categories such as commercial (it should be for commercial structures) – and that they should be registered to a commercial entity, not to an individual.</p> <p>Cr. Shawn Christian queried Form 5, concerning the transfer of land from one person to another. The Island Secretary explained the legal origin of the provision of the form.</p> <p>Motion: That the regulations for the prescription of forms and fees for the Lands Court are approved, subject to clarification being sought from the Attorney General in respect of Form 5”.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Deputy Mayor</p>
<p>16. Formal Approval of Work Permits</p>	<p>Motion: “That the Island Council formally approve the issued work permits for Ms. Rankine and Ms. Stefanini”.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Deputy Mayor</p>
<p>17. Coin Approval</p>	<p>Motion: “That the proposed designs for the new coin series is approved”.</p> <p>Moved: Mayor / Deputy Mayor</p>

DATE OF NEXT MEETING	WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2024
MEETING CLOSED:	11:02 hrs
MEETING APPROVED: BY: Mayor – Simon Young SIGNED: DATE:	