



## PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Public Meeting Notes held in The Square - Public Hall  
Commencing at 9.15am on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

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**Present:**

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Brenda Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Temporary Administrator Robin Shackell, Governor Jonathan Sinclair, Attorney General Simon Mount, Island Secretary Heather Menzies

**Apologies:** None

**Gallery:** NZ Police Officer Terry Moore, May Moore, Meralda Warren, Max Taylor, Nadine Christian, Vaine Peu, Melva Evans, David Brown, Kerry Young, Dennis Christian, Mike Lupton-Christian, Richard Hankin, Carol Warren, Daphne Warren, Sue O'Keefe, Pawl Warren David Brown, Turi Griffiths, Doug Eno, Linda Eno, William Petty, Roger Mallard, Steve Christian, Jay Warren, Carol Warren, Simon Young, & Jim Heays.

**Opening Prayer:** Deputy Mayor, Charlene Warren-Peu.

**Welcome:** Mayor

The Mayor welcomed all to the Public Meeting and handed proceeding to the Governor.

The Governor thanked the community for the welcome he and the team had received. He noted that he had spent time with Council and had been updated on the INTEGREGRE project work at St Pauls and he had visited the Alternative Harbour project site. He stated that whilst there are no huge surprises what he has seen is steady progress. He acknowledged the effort this has taken given the island's very small workforce.

He stated that our shared challenges remain i.e. developing a long term, and self-sustaining future, enhancing accessibility (the shipping contract is soon due for renewal) and improving connectivity (the telecommunications contract is also due for renewal). He added that economic development continues to be a main focus - this includes developing trade relations with French Polynesia. He acknowledged the work done on Council's revised repopulation strategy and emphasised that Child Safeguarding will continue to remain a top priority. He added that the government's duty of care also includes keeping Pitcairn's law abiding citizens safe. He said the recently reported incident, relating to the inappropriate behaviour of person currently on bail, has resulted in a self-generated agreement, between the individual and the Police, to more adequately monitor/restrict their own public behaviours. The person concerned has agreed to a curfew and to not removing their clothing whilst in public areas.

From the Gallery - Simon Young asked what the Governor will take away with him regarding the role of the Administrator as it had been implemented over the past 18 months. The Governor replied that Pitcairn's first Administrator had done well in slimming down policy and assisting the Council and Divisions in developing a greater focus on strategic development, within the constraints of the island's capacity. Implementing a much greater rigour around the Divisional

	<p>Managers' performances has also been important and it is anticipated this will continue going forward.</p> <p>The Governor added that it is important that the community understands that the Administrator's role is such that he/or she does not have overall oversight over the entire community. In terms of everyone pulling together - that's a responsibility which everyone should share in. The Administrator is the leader of the Pitcairn Public Service and the work he or she undertakes for the Governor's office supports good governance in terms of Council and best practice for the Divisions.</p> <p>Temporary Administrator Robin Shackell added that he agreed with all the governor had said. Whilst on Pitcairn over the next 3 months he will be active and out and about in the community and would welcome further feedback from people as to their thoughts about the role.</p> <p>The Governor went on to say that the pending EU referendum will impact Pitcairn going forward but at this stage he cannot speculate as to what extent. Should the vote be to withdraw from the EU, Article 50, which will guide a 2 year period of withdrawal from the EU, will likely be implemented. As such the process will take time.</p>
Simon Mount – Marine Protected Area.	<p>Simon Mount thanked everyone for the great food, warm hospitality and pleasant conversations he and his colleagues had shared over this, his third, visit to Pitcairn. He said he feels very much at home on Pitcairn and looks forward to bringing his children for a visit in the future.</p> <p>He said that it's getting on to 4 years since Council voted in the affirmative for the creation of a Marine Protected area. Developing an ordinance for the management of the Marine Reserve is now the responsibility of he and Daniel Kelly. They have put together a 10 page discussion paper which will soon be available to everyone, via the Island Secretary Office. This will then enable a 2 week window for discussion and feedback. The plan is to then deliver a Draft Ordinance by July 18<sup>th</sup> – enabling further discussion and feedback by 1<sup>st</sup> August which will enable the production of the final document by August 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Mr Mount went on to say that there are many different approaches to Marine Reserve Management and local fishing exceptions, as they might relate to who, where, why – will need to be defined.</p> <p>From the Gallery, Mr Steve Christian said that he didn't anticipate that the Marine Reserve will interfere with local's ability to fish for trade and that the ordinance should protect that right.</p> <p>From the Gallery, Mr Vaine Warren-Peu asked whether the Ordinance will provide any assurance that Cruise ships will stop at Pitcairn.</p> <p>From the Gallery, Ms Meralda Warren asked whether the Ordinance can be used to deal with the removal of endemic fish species and to cover the disposal of rubbish in Pitcairn waters.</p>

	Mr Mount said all of these were good questions which highlight the need to carefully define just what the ordinance should deal with. All such thoughts should be shared when the discussion document is available on island.
Temporary Administrator Robin Shackell	Mr Shackell thanked the community for the welcome he had experienced. A number of things have struck him about Pitcairn – particularly the beauty and music of the island. He is amazed at the hard work undertaken by the islanders and reiterated that his direction now and in the coming years reflects that of the Governor. He went on to say that he will very much welcome communication with people whilst here for the next 3 months and anticipates that this will well equip him when he takes up the role of the Deputy Governor in Auckland.  From the Gallery Simon Young – asked whether the new shipping contract will be cost effective for Pitcairners to Travel. Ms Meralda Warren added that cost and timing is prohibitive to having Pitcairners representatives attend relevant international conferences etc.  The Governor said the tender process was progressing well - All those who had registered interest have made presentations to PIO and the overall responsibility for contract development was currently with FCO's procurement experts. He added that increased accessibility has been identified as a priority but he was not in a position to offer any information about fares and pricing at this point.
Status of the Pitcairn People's Lawyer	Simon Mount reported that David James, the Pitcairn People's lawyer has recently been appointed to as Solicitor General to the Cook Islands. There ensued general discussion as how Mr Mount will work with Alan McKenzie (Court Registrar) in developing procedures and forms for Wills and Estate management going forward. The Mayor and Island added that a new fire proof safe has been purchased for the Island Secretary's Office and that plans are underway to develop digitise and archive documents and to create an update contents inventory.
Statement of Intent with St Andrews University	The DM ECNR outlined the background in developing the MOU. The document was then signed by the Mayor and Governor. A copy will be available from Natural Resources and Council Offices and posted on the Public Notice Board.

Meeting Closed: 10.00am

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Date: *26* / *7* / *2016*.....

