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PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall Commencing at 10.00am 19th March 2019

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Michele Christian and Temp Cr Lea Brown, Island Secretary Heather Menzies and Administrator Nick Kennedy. In attendance:

Apologies: Cr L Jaques & Cr Sue O'Keefe

Gallery:

Welcome: The Mayor welcomed Council to the meeting and the Deputy Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

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| Matters/Actions Arising from Minutes of Feb 20 th 2019 | ACTION 1 Cr K Young advised that NZ based Marine training organisation, FETS, has advised it is possible to deliver customised training for Pitcairn, however, there are a number of matters that would need to be worked through. Including, getting their necessary training equipment to the island. It was noted that the medical certification requirements would still need to be met and the company is also able to accommodate individuals joining existing training sessions in NZ if required. |
| | ACTION Cr K Young will circulate the information he has gather thus far to Councillors in the coming week. |
| Approval of Minutes, as previously circulated, of Regular Council Meeting of Feb 20 th 2019 | Deputy Mayor/ Warren- lea Brown "That the minutes of Feb 20 th 2019, as circulated, be approved." All in favour/ Carried. |
| Protocols for engaging with Bravo Supporter owners and crew | The Administrator advised a letter to the Captain and the owner of the Bravo Supporter regarding protocols for engagement is in development, via the Deputy Governor's office. It will be ready for circulation to councillors by the end of the week. |
| Update DSS status | The Isec, as Travel Coordinator, reported that the IDSA formally designated the Pitcairn Islands Group an International Dark Sky Sanctuary on the 19 th of March. The Pitcairn Islands Group is the first overseas territory to be designated a Dark Sky Sanctuary and the only multi island group in the world to have achieved DSS designation. The TC advised promotion of the Mata ki te Rangi International Dark Sky Sanctuary will launch with a formal |

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| | announcement, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday April 3 rd . Promotion. It will cover the travel trade sector and HMG is also preparing a general press release. Booth graphics at the upcoming Seatrade Cruise Global 2019 convention in April will also feature Mata ki te Rangi. Council acknowledged the work done in getting IDSA designation. |
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| General Business | |
| Renewable Energy project | The Mayor noted that the first tranche of EDF 11 Focal Sector Funding of Euro's 1 Million has been received at PIO And funds which will go toward the Renewable Energy project (Euro's 480,000) from EDF 11 Regional has been confirmed by the EU. It was noted a teleconference with Evan will be undertaken when Cr. L Jaques returns to the island at the end of the month. |
| Notice of Leave: Cr Kevin Young & Isec Heather Menzies | Cr K Young provided notice of leave. He is scheduled to be off off-island for 5 weeks and will notify Council should that change. |
| | Isec – Heather Menzies provided notice of leave. The Isec will only be off-island for 5 weeks. It was agreed Council will audio record meetings, in her absence and she will transcribe them via Google Docs or when she returns, as required. |
| | There was general discussion about Cr D Griffiths' need for extended medical leave. It was noted there is provision for this within the Local Government Ordinance. |
| | ACTION |
| | The Mayor will review the Local Government Ordinance and report back to Council. |
| Feb 14 th Public Meeting feedback | It was noted that the public meeting of March 14 th went well and feedback from the community has been positive. It was agreed that regular public meetings should ideally be held every 4 to 6 weeks, prior to scheduled Council Meeting dates. |
| CRGA of SPC – June 2019. | Cr M Christian confirmed she will be attending the CRGA of SPC – June 2019. |
| 2019 Stamp Programme – Deputy Mayor C Warren-Peu | The Deputy Mayor reported that the Post Master has received 2019 Stamp Programme, which was tabled. There was general discussion and agreement that a Mata ki te Rangi s Dark Sky Sanctuary stamp issue should be included in the programme. |
| | It was noted that the tourism contracted astro-photographer will be on-island for 11 days in late April and his photographs and graphics will be made available for stamp production. |

| Motion: Cr K Young / Cr L Brown. "It was agreed that Council will ask the Post Master to ensure a Dark Sky Sanctuary stamp issue is included in the 2019 Programme." All in favour / Carried |
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| ACTION: The Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu will convey Council's request to the Post Master. |
| Cr K Young noted it was important that the current applications in process are dealt with in a timely and efficient manner given that both families concerned have indicated they wish to travel to the island on the May/June Supply Ship from NZ, should their applications be approved. |
| It was agreed that this was an important point and settlement matters in general will be discussed in more at the next Tuesday check-in meeting. |
| The next teleconference with the SDP Facilitators will take place on Friday 22 nd March. The Administration will advise time in the coming week. |
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Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday 16th April 9.00am (TBC) Dates of Next workshop: TBC

Mayor Shawn Christian:

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