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PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall Commencing at 10.30am 9th May 2018

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Sue O'Keefe, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Michele Christian, Temporary Island Secretary Nadine Christian, Administrator Nicola Hebb, Cr L Jaques

In attendance:

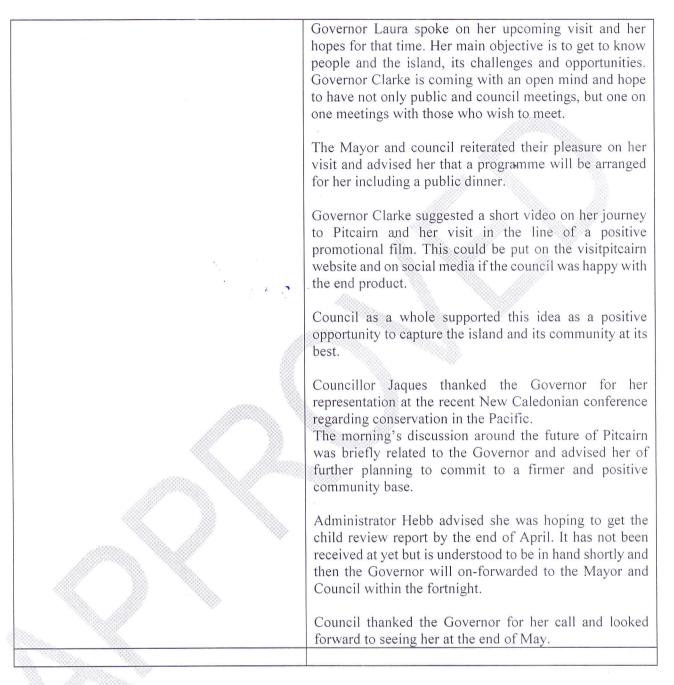
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Welcome: The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Future of Pitcairn Workshop - findings and	The Administrator provided a paper documenting
suggestions	findings and suggested next steps, drawing information
	from the four workshops already had.
	It was thrown open for those around the table to comment
	on.
	Noted on, by Councillor Jaques, was at the last workshop
	people were more open in their feelings, and honesty of
	the community was welcomed.
	Also pointed out was the fact that there were some people
la l	that did not attend at all for different reasons, and their
	views were not aired. Council noted that the reason they
	sit is to reflect the total of the community, not just those
	who don't turn up to meetings, however all views are
	appreciated and wanted. Councillor O'Keefe spoke on the fact that she understood
	that people in the community are eager to know 'what
	comes next?'
	It was asked if funding is available for a facilitator and
	the Administrator confirmed that funding would be
	found. The idea of a facilitator/mediator was supported
	by all, however, the area of work where such a facilitator
	will concentrate on needs to be decided beforehand.
	It was suggested that guidance could be immediately
	gained from speaking with the current FCA in what was
	required.
	The councillors worked through the points, discussing
	and making suggestions.
	- Councillors should role model themselves the
	actions they wish others to have. "Lead by
	example". Having a pastor or religious figure on island
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		 Worries spoken on referring to migrants being put off by the community 'attitude'. "Is it too late to change?" A long conversation was had around this subject, what could change, what should change. A survey suggested to measure whether people did truly want to leave, and what their expectations were around this. Were they expectation help from HMG to resettle? What were their plans or wishes? The feeling around the table was people would be more honest and open about their take on "stay or go". Honest questions need to be asked – why do you want to leave? What would make you stay? A long conversation around what resettlement would mean for those who would seriously opt for leaving the island was had – including diplomatic and financial issues that may impact that decision. Also discussed was the alternate living conditions on Pitcairn – even with limited wages, basic amenities etc. is a better standard than living off island. Important things other than attitude change, is accessibility. Noted that most people could not afford to leave the island unless they are medevac'd out. Migrants – who should the island be targeting to come to the island – those who are interested in a simpler life, slower. Councillor Warren-Peu noted that if we had had a better marina the last few yachties would have loved to have stayed longer, and they were of the younger generation.
EL	J Budget request	Eight thousand Euro budget could be requested from the EU to do a short promotional video on island of the developments/projects completed due to EU financial support. It would not only promote work done but Pitcairn Island and tourism. Counsellor Jaques to write proposal for on island team to apply to produce such a video.
		Due to a medical emergency the meeting was broken up and put on hold to reconvene for the meeting with Governor Laura Clarke.
		The meeting reconvened on time at 1.30pm. Cr S O'Keefe sent her apologies due to the medical emergency as did Cr D Griffiths as the community nurse. Councillor Griffiths managed to catch most of the phone call with the Governor after her medical duties were complete.



Meeting Closed: 2pm Date of Next Council Meeting: Friday, 25th May 2018 9:00am

Mayor Shawn Christian:

