

PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Hall Commencing at 9.00am 14th October 2020

Present:

Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Deputy Mayor Kevin Young, Cr Shawn Christian,

Cr L Jaques, Cr Lea Brown, Administrator Nick Kennedy & Island Secretary, Heather Menzies

Apologies: Cr Michele Christian, Cr Ariel Harding

In attendance: None

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

Agenda Item	
ACTIONS / Matters Arising from Regular Council meeting of 9 th Sept and the Special Council Meeting of 16 th Sept August 2020	The Administrator reported he has not yet provided Council with a current copy of the FCAs job description and the related NZ code of ethics documents which pertain to best practice for registered New Zealand social workers but will do so for the next meeting.
	The Mayor advised she, the Deputy Mayor and Cr L Brown will form the Child & Adult Wellbeing sub-committee.
	FURTHER ACTION A TOR document for the Child & Adult Wellbeing sub-committee will be developed and shared with Council before the next regular Council meeting (Nov 10 th 2020)
	The Administrator reported he has not yet met with the relevant Divisions to action Council's decision to locate the old school trampoline, for the children, at outer Valley. He will do so before the next regular Council meeting (Nov 10 th 2020) and report back
	The Deputy Mayor advised he has contacted the Attorney General's Office to convey Council's request that Criminal Law & Marine Conservation will be prioritised in the on-going law review.
	The Deputy Mayor added that he has requested confirmation, from the Attornery General's office, that the Open Fire Regular and the Open Participation for Magistrate's ordinance ammendement have been actioned.
Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 9 th September 2020	MOTION: Cr L Jaques Cr L S Christian "That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 9 th Sept 2020, as previously circulated, be approved."
	All in favour / Carried
Approval of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of 16 th September 2020	MOTION: Cr L Jaques Cr L S Christian "That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 9th Sept 2020, as previously circulated, be approved."
September 2020	All in Favour / Carried

Pitcairn Island Renewable Energy Project - Update	Cr L Jaques circulated Google Maps images of Adamstown and beyond together with relevant photographs taken by the group for the Renewable Energy Project. He advised that meetings, with One Island Energy, the South Korean company that won the tender, are going very well.
	It was noted the Renewable Energy Project Group provides broad community representation and all concerned at doing their very best to ensure the island's renewable energy needs are more than adequate and future proofed.
	The group recommends that the generator shed be located at the old quarry site, deemed a perfect site for meeting the immediate 500 metre reach requirement and ideal for units, battery banks and solar panels.
	It was noted roof mountings are not suitable for Pitcairn given the aging population and building repair requirements. As such, the group recommends ground panels.
	It was noted the above recommendations will be submitted to One Island Energy in anticipation that they will provide various scenarios within their preliminary design recommendation, reach and voltage requirements.
	It was noted the over-all capital cost for the project is US\$430.000 and additional costs for wiring etc will be factored and funding options explored.
	The Mayor thanked all those involved in getting the project to this important next phase.
Shipping Contract Update	The Administrator advised he will provide an update on the shipping contract negotiations at the next regular Council meeting.
Update on Settlement Application Interviews	The Administrator advised that one of the outstanding settlement application interviews has taken place and the Deputy Governor will forward the meeting notes and his recommendation shortly.
	The Administrator advised the Deputy Governor has been in touch with the Marsden family
	The Deputy Mayor added he has been in touch with the Johansson/Hammner family, in response their questions about returning to the island to live and complete their permanent residency.
Community Centre Plan	Cr S Christian reported that the owner of the land, previously offered for the Community Centre has withdrawn this permission. It was noted the land transfer from private ownership to Council did not formally take place so other site options will need to be explored. It was noted that the land referred to as 'Down Toge' is listed as
	government land and this could be used for the Community Centre. It was generally agreed this was a good site and should be explored
	There was general discussion about the purpose of the building in terms of meeting both community and visitor requirements, and providing space for the Library and the community gym. It was also noted there not been any provision given for new Council chambers within any of new buildings. There was some discussion about this being included within the overall Community Centre build or being located in the old

museum building when the new Museum/ Cultural Centre building is completed. It was agreed Council will meeting on Tuesday There will be a workshop to discuss the Community Centre on Tuesday 20th at 10.00am to review plans and make recommendations for Public Consultation. **ACTION** Cr S Christian will prepare reviewed plans for discussion at the workshop. Following community consultation at Public Meeting of 9th October 2020, Motions relating to COVID-19 the following motions were tabled and approved. Management Protocol Review Sept/Dec 2020 MOTION: Mayor Warren-Peu / Cr L Jaques "That passengers returning to Pitcairn from NZ will be required to undertake self-isolation for 14 days, with 2 PCR tests (on day 3 and day 14) before boarding the Silver Supporter." All / In Favour Carried. MOTION: Mayor Warren-Peu / Deputy Mayor K Young "That passengers returning to Pitcairn from Tahiti will be required to undertake self-isolation for 14 days, with 2 PCR tests (on day 3 and day 14) before boarding the Silver Supporter. MOTION: Mayor Warren-Peu / Cr. S Christian "That should the Silver Supporter be granted permission to enter French Polynesia to pick medical evacuation patients and carers the following protocols will apply: Passengers will wear masks to board the ship and wear masks on board throughout the voyage when with others. Passengers will adhere to social distancing whilst on Passengers will remain on board for 7 days before landing at Pitcairn Passengers may optionally choose to self isolate, for a further 7 days once landed, if they so wish, but this is not mandatory. All in Fayour / Carried MOTION: Mayor Warren-Peu /Cr L Brown "That Council ask the Govenor to make it possible for the Silver Supporter to enter French Polynesia to uplift the current Medivac patient and carer from Papeete, on the next ship From NZ." MOTION: Mavo Warren-Peu / C L Brown

All in favour / Carried

options for Pitcairners in Papeete."

"That Council ask the Governor to explore routine medical treatment

	ACTION The Administrator will convey Council's recommendations to the Governor and report back to Council.
Formal Approval of the Summary Offences (Penalities) Ammendment Ordinance 2020	MOTION: Deputy Mayor / Cr S Christian "That the Summary Offences (Penalities) Ammendment Ordinance 2020 be approved, as circulated." All in favour / Carried
	The Deputy Mayor noted that as is the case with current law, a court fine can be appealed.
	ACTION The Deputy Mayor will advise the Attorney General's office of Council's approval
Mata ki te Rangi Dark Sky Sanctuary Annual Report Guiding Principles, Order &	Cr L Jaques reported the Mata ki te Rangi Dark Sky Sanctuary Report has been submitted and accepted by the IDA. A copy is available on request. The Mayor advised feedback had been received and it was agreed a
Conduct for Council - Revision Reminder for Sub-Committees regarding TOR requirements	workshop will be held Tuesday 20 th Oct to finalise the document. The Mayor advised she has received the TOR for the Financial Services Review Group, a copy of which is available on request. She reminded Chairs of the Child & Adult Wellbeing Committee, the Policy & Legal Review Committee and the Repopulation Committee that their committee TOR's are due.
	ACTION Chairs of the Child & Adult Wellbeing Committee, the Policy & Legal Review Committee and the Repopulation Committee with submit their TORs to the Mayor before the next Regular Council Meeting (10 th Nov 2020).
Financial Services Review Group. Update	On behalf Financial Services Review Group. Cr L Jaques reported progress on the following outputs: Review of GPI Loans Scheme – completed. Review of Banking Facilities - completed. Review of wages, benefits, and standard living - in process Review of Compassionate Grants scenario - not yet started
	All outputs are on track for completion by end of 2020. It was noted that the GT Office and PIO provide the best possible banking service possible given that the accounts are held in NZ but Pitcairn is a BOT.
	There ensued general discussion about the pending salary wages and living standards paper which it is intended will provide – a sustainable standard of living number for Pitcairners. It was noted the Administrator is taking responsibility for ensuring number and the rationale behind it is factored within FCDO planning documents.
	It was noted coming up with an accurate living standard number is complicated on Pitcairn by compassionate/medical grant costs and it was clarified that the salary wages and living standards paper does not include compassionate/medical grant costs, which will be dealt with separately.

	There was discussion about whether Pitcairners will receive further COVID-19 related loss of income compensation going forward. Given that the amount received thus far was only until March 31 st 2020. It was clarified that this has not been conflated within the pending salary wages and living standards proposal and it was agreed that COVID-19 related loss of income compensation should be approached separately. However, it was noted that order to get buy in from the FCDO, an accurate living standards number needs to be reached so as to establish a necessary and well researched base line for compensation and budget discussions going forward. ACTION The Financial Services Review Group will meet again tomorrow to
	progress its analysis.
	ACTION The Administrator will set a date for the Financial Services Review Group to teleconference with FCDO representatives.
General Business	
	Following up on correspondence from the Rt Hon The Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park it was agreed Council will endorse the UK Government's commitment to use COP26 summit next year to shine a spotlight on nature-based solutions to climate change, and to put nature at the heart of our COVID-19 recovery strategies.
i	MOTION: Deputy Mayor / Cr S Christian "That Council will sign the UK Government's Leaders Pledge as a call to action for the UK to tackle nature decline at the highest level." All in Favour / Carried
1	Cr L Brown asked the Administrator to provide Council and Division managers with names and roles of those we may work with within the newly formed FCDO.
	ACTION The Administrator will provide Council and DMs with names and roles of those we may work with within the newly formed FCDO.
Silver Support t	Following correspondence from Cr A Brown the Administrator reported that he had contacted the Captain of the Silver Supporter to request feedback on the recent COVID-19 PCR testing undertaken on-board, in NZ, as required by NZ's mandatory border controls. The Captain reported he had not received any complaints from the crew regarding the procedure.
r	The Mayor advised she has also asked the other 2 people on board to report on their experience of the test. The Deputy Mayor reported he had been told, both those passengers, that the procedure was experienced as a minor inconvenience.
	ACTION

It was noted that feedback from Cr A Harding will be shared with the Medical Officer. ACTION It was noted the next protocol paper will add further information about what to expect when undergoing a COVID-19 PCR test.

Meeting Closed: 11.30

Next Regular Council Meeting: 9.00am 10th November 2020

Tuesday Check-in: As usual

Workshop: 10.00am 20th Oct 2020

Public Meeting: TBC

SDP Quarterly Report Meeting: 10th November 2020

Workshop:

Mayor Charlene Warren: ...

Date: 12 / 11 / 2020