

PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held at the Public Hall Commencing at 2.30pm 22nd June 2022

Present:

Deputy Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Simon Young, Cr Torika Christian. Cr Leslie Jaques, Cr Heather Menzies, Darralyn Griffiths, Kevin Young, Carol Warren, Jay Warren, Torika Christian, Adrianna Christian, Isabel Christian, Jayden Warren-Peu, Pawl Warren, Sue O'Keefe, Kerry Young, Brenda Lupton-Christian, Mike Lupton, Cushana Warren-Peu, Melva Evans, Doctor Tony Steele, Kim Admore, Iona Admore Apologies: Mayor Charlene Warren

In attendance:

<u>Welcome</u>: The Deputy Mayor welcomed the community and Governor Clarke.

Special Public Meeting with Governor Laura Clarke

Governor Clarke spoke on the years she had served Pitcairn, her visits to the island and her regret that she could not visit again with the travel restrictions put in place around the Covid-19 pandemic. She was most pleased to see the continued work on the MPA, and the recent visit to the outer islands by the school children. Governor Clarke noted that she was also excited to see with the worlds travel restrictions easing, that Pitcairn is again opening its doors to Tourism, and would be watching with interest as to the renewed impact that would have on the island.

Governor Clarke had spoken to the school children via videolink prior to the meeting and had enjoyed speaking with them.

Deputy Mayor Shawn Christian thanked the Governor for all her work and support over the term of her office in the British High Commission.

Cr Heather Menzies added her thanks to the work Administrator Colin Leeman has done around the GPI Employee Contract and Annual Leave issue. It had been a difficult and lengthy process and Cr Menzies acknowledged the effort he had put in to bring the situation to a close.

Various locals spoke up on memories they had of Governor Clarkes visit and their interactions with her. The community as a whole passed on their appreciation, and their sadness she was leaving but wishing her luck in her new role.

The community joined together to sing the Sweet Bye-and-Bye, with the Governor herself joining in on the chorus.

Governor Clarke expressed her thanks to the community for their kind comments, reiterating her pleasure on working with all those on island and Council and wishing all the best for the future.

Closure of meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

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