



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in The Square - Public Hall
Commencing at 10.30am on Wednesday Sept 9th 2015
Regular

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Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Acting Deputy Mayor Cr Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr David Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques and Administrator Alan Richmond
Temp Island Secretary – Heather Menzies

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Brenda Christian

Gallery: None

Opening Pray: Cr Charlene Warren-Peu


Welcome: Mayor Shawn Christian

Item	Discussion
Policy Review	The Mayor reported that all previously reviewed and approved policies have now been compiled. They will be posted to the Government website in due course.
Settlement Applications	The two recently submitted, active settlement applications were circulated and reviewed by all Councillors. Motion: Mayor “That Council accept the applications as submitted. And that Council recommends that they are passed to the Governor’s officer for input and approval. All in favour: Action: The Island Secretary will notify the Immigration Officer and PIO of Council’s recommendation.
Local Government Recommendations	This item was deferred
2015 Election Dates	The Mayor outlined an improved process which will be implemented to manage the nomination process. This will enable the community to have an extended time frame within which to consider nominations.
Memo to Council re Jacqui Christian	The memo to Council was submitted to the Mayor and Council by Cr Leslie Jaques. Cr Jaques removed himself from the meeting to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. The offer was accepted by the Mayor. Cr Jaques’ memo speaks to Pitcairn’s limited human resource capacity and its ability to meet the business inherent business requirements of EU funding/and reporting. It outlines the work previously undertaken by Ms Christian, as an intern and spokesperson at the EU and proposes that Council again engage Ms Christian (who has accepted a 12 month fellowship at St Andrews University, in Scotland) in a continuation of this role. The proposal recommends Pitcairn provide Ms Christian with a monthly salary of NZ\$ 2500 (NZ\$ 30,000 over 12 months), reporting to the TAO/Deputy Governor and Council. The Mayor proceeded, circulating recent, correspondence he had received from the Deputy Governor and Cr Jaques in relation to the proposal. There ensued general discussion regarding the memo: Ms Christian’s previous work at the EU offices in

	<p>Brussels was acknowledged. However, there was general agreement that there is no immediate need to employ a specific EU representative going forward Should the need for such representation arise - it was agreed that Ms Christian or any other appropriate person can be contracted on a case by case, as required basis.</p> <p>Further, The Mayor noted there is no budget available for this proposed position and if there were a need for such a role it would have to be factored into the island's overarching strategic objectives and annual budgets.</p> <p>It was noted that Ms Christian's fellowship at St Andrew's did not signal that this granted her any formal or particular status or position of representation.</p> <p>The Administrator noted that the proposal required a Council decision. He stated that there is no budget within HMG for such an appointment nor was this likely in the near future given financial restraints on UK Government spending. He also added that Council should be assured that Pitcairn's current representation relating to EU requirements remains in the good hands of Evan Dunn (PIO FCO) and Kevin Lynch (Deputy Governor) and Simon Smith, OTD, FCO.</p> <p>Motion: Acting Deputy Mayor, Cr Warren-Peu "That the proposal, as outlined within Cr Jaques' Memo be rejected." All in favour:</p> <p>Motion: Mayor "Given Pitcairn's budgetary constraints, it is preferable that Council arrange to contract or appoint Ms Christian, or any other appropriate individual, to represent Pitcairn on a case-by-case, as required basis." All in favour</p> <p>The Mayor asked Cr Jaques to return to the table whereby he conveyed Council's decision.</p> <p>It was noted the conditions of Ms Christian's Fellowship were a private matter and the Administrator reminded Council Ms Christian place at St Andrew's should not be confused with the proposed MOU discussions pending with St. Andrews.</p>
General Business: Future Proposals to Council	The Mayor reminded Council that any future local proposals sent to Council for consideration must be addressed to the Mayor and delivered via the Island Secretary where possible. This will ensure due process and avoid unnecessary conflicts of interest.
Video Link with the Governor	The Administrator advised that the next VTC with the Governor will take place on Thursday 24 th Sept 12:00 (Pitcairn Time)
Work Permit Application	Mr Darcy Harding has submitted a request for a work permit. All in Favour - Approved:

Meeting Closed: 11.30am

Next Regular Council Meeting: 24th Sept 2015 – 11.00am

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

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