



## PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in The Square - Public Hall  
Commencing at 8.30am on Wednesday 01 April 2015

### Regular

#### Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Brenda Lupton-Christian, Cr David Brown,  
Cr Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques,  
Island Temp. Secretary – Linda Singer

#### Apologies:

Administrator Alan Richmond

#### Gallery:

Constable John Singer, Jim Heays - FCA

#### Opening Prayer:

Charlene Warren-Peu

#### Welcome:

Mayor Shawn Christian

#### Matters Arising: -

- Council noted the importance of sending acknowledgement of appreciation to Paul Rishworth for his years of service during his appointment as Attorney General and a letter of congratulations to Simon Mount - newly appointed Attorney General. Cr Michele Christian to draft letters.
- Minutes – 18 March 2015 Re: Jacqui Christians EU Contract. DFID noted they declined to fund the EU position as it was not included in the recently agreed restructure of the workforce. Councillor Jaques advised Council that Jacqui's contract had been agreed between HMG and Jacqui Christian.

#### Minutes: 18 March 2015

Motion to Confirm Minutes as True and Accurate – Cr Jaques

Second – Cr Michele Christian

Approved

**Business Visa Application tabled – Mathieu Briand & Benjamin Speth**

Mr Briand- a visual artist and his assistant Mr Speth are booked to travel to Pitcairn on Claymore II in June 2015.

A discussion was had and issue taken with regard to travel bookings being made prior to Council approval of Business Applications. It was noted that when an application is submitted for Business – a potential source of revenue for PI - the application letter and proposal must come to the addressee e.g. PI Mayor/Council in the first instance before travel arrangements are made therefore allowing proper time for Council to consider and approve the application.

Further discussion was had about the last words in Mr Briand's Letter of Proposal stating "*I will record, film and produce photographs. I don't know yet how I will use this material afterwards in my work*".

Mayor Shawn Christian to email HMG with Councils' concerns that Mr Briand has not specified what he will do in future with material he collects whilst on Island.

Council approve the visitor/landing of Mr Briand and associate but propose to provisionally approve the Business aspect of the application pending response and clarification from HMG and if then satisfied will approve the application via Council email tree.

A questioned was asked about the specific fees relating to Business Visas and the undertaking of that business on PI. Response to be made later in the meeting.

**Motion to Provisionally Approve Business Visa – Cr Darralyn Griffiths**

**Second – Cr Michele Christian**

**Provisionally Approved**

**RSPB –Update: Natural Resources Division Manager**

A memo was tabled containing further information of requirements from John Kelly – project coordinator for the Henderson Field Trip commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> August followed by a second phase from 24<sup>th</sup> August – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015.

For Councils consideration - John Kelly said to clarify one point stated by RSPB - that Pitcairn Field Assistants to Henderson would fall under GPIs medical and medi-vac coverage. RSPB are not factoring in the use of longboats should an emergency arise.

Currently Pitcairn Field Assistants' interview/employment contracts are facilitated by Natural Resources and GPI but Field Assistants are paid by RSPB therefore

**Council made a motion to recommend that Field Assistants from Pitcairn that are contracted to RSPB should be provided with full medical insurance & medi-vac cover under RSPB policy.**

All Agreed

**Same Sex Marriage/Civil Partnership Draft Ordinance:** Cr Michele Christian-Legal

The Ordinance had been circulated to Councillors and the community for response/comments. Two comments based on religious beliefs from community members were noted and acknowledgement will be made by Cr M. Christian.

Council proposes to make Recommendation to HMG - to merge current Marriage Ordinance and Same Sex Ordinance into one Pitcairn Marriage and Civil Partnership Ordinance instead of having two separate Ordinances, to simplify.

**Proposed – Cr Leslie Jaques**

**Second – Cr Michele Christian**

All Agreed

**SDP Restructure:** - Council to hold a workshop at close of this Council Meeting.

**Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture:** - Cr L. Jaques

A letter of invitation was tabled for the 12<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture, Guam 2016 inviting the Governor Jonathan Sinclair and a Pitcairn delegation to attend the Festival from May 22<sup>nd</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Council would like to send a small delegation to the Festival and send in a delegate proposal to DFID for the next budget. It was noted that SPC may cover some of the costs for two delegates.

**Motion to Approve Concept – Cr Brenda Lupton-Christian**

**Second – Mayor S. Christian**

Approved

**Pitcairn Internet Charges:** - Agenda item - deferred and to be discussed with Evan Dunn arriving to Pitcairn in May 2015.

**Business Visa Fees:**

An enquiry was made about the charges for a Business Visa. Currently an Immigration/Landing fee of \$300pp is charged. A filming fee with a breakdown of type of filming is also charged as per Filming Guidelines. Cr M. Christian to send associated Filming Fees to current Business Visa applicants to then be negotiated with Council.

**Update Public Holiday Policy:** - To be discussed outside of Council and put on Agenda for next Council Meeting to be approved.

**Business Visa Application – Nordisk Film:**

A Business Visa Application and letter of request were tabled from Marian Anderson of Nordisk Film, her partner Mikkel Erichsen and her son - to film for commercial purposes from June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**Motion to Approve Application – Cr Michele Christian**

**Second – Cr Darralyn Griffiths**

**Approved**

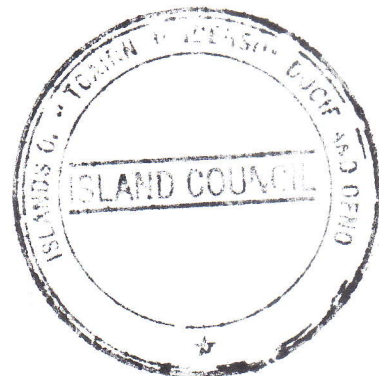
**Comments:**

- Following a discussion it was noted that if Visa Application processes are not followed they would not be approved.
- General discussion about the dissolving of the Business Visa and having Visitor Visa only with filming /business fees being managed on Island. To be discussed further outside of Council.
- It was noted that any person wanting to film or record during Council Meeting or VTC must first seek approval from Council to do so.
- Mayor S. Christian to circulate to Councilors two separate Applications from companies interested in assisting Pitcairn re: repopulation and promoting Pitcairn. If all agreed, Approval to be given via email link with HMG and Island Administrator being copied in.

**Next Proposed Regular Council Meeting:**

**22 April 2015 8.30a.m.**

- Quarterly Reports
- Business Visa Application – Mr. D. Gastmann
- Formalize SDP Restructure
- Update Public Holiday Policy



**Meeting Closed: 9.45a.m.**

**Mayor Shawn Christian.....**

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