



## PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held in The Square - Public Hall

Commencing at 10.30am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 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,  
Administrator Alan Richmond  
Island Temp. Secretary – Heather Menzies

Apologies: None

Gallery: Jacqui Christian

Opening Prayer: Cr Charlene Warren-Peu

Welcome: Mayor Shawn Christian

Minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup> 2015: Circulated electronically on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, approved 9<sup>th</sup> June. File copy signed, by the Mayor, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Matters Arising: None

Item	Discussion
Recommended amendment to GPI Health Policy	Cr Michele Christian - reported that the circulated options relating to the proposed amendment to the GPI Health Policy had resulted in a majority vote for Option A: "Adopt an interpretation of the Policy that applies subsidised fees to all people with the right to permanently reside on Pitcairn." Cr Brenda Christian – asked how the proposed amendment will apply to those who do not actually reside on Pitcairn but who do have the right to do so permanently. Mayor Christian responded that that the wording of the amendment will clarify this by clearly stating the circumstances within which the policy will apply. As such, the proposed amendment will state, "No subsidy shall be granted to any person under the provisions of this policy unless such person is ordinarily resident on Pitcairn Island. All Council members approved the proposed amendment which will be circulated, as policy, for final approval.
Dog Importation Fee Waiver	Cr Michele Christian - reported that the circulated suggestion to waive the Dog Importation fee for a pending August visitor's medical alert dog was unanimously agreed upon and actioned via a Natural Resources Division communication.
Long Term Visitor Visa Applications (RSPB)	Cr Brenda Christian – reported that 3 of the anticipated 5 Long Term Visitor Visa Applications have been received and circulated to Council. All council members agreed to approve the submitted applications.
Improved Property Access	Mayor Christian – reported that Council had received a letter from Jacqui Christian requesting permission for a new access road to her property. All council

	members agreed to approve the request which will be actioned by the Operations Department. Council also requested that an EIA be completed for the proposed access road.
Council Minutes / Document Control and electronic approval process	Mayor/Isec – reported that the Mayor’s office will be trialling document control and electronic approval processes via Google Docs. It was generally agreed that this will significantly improve document management for Council’s operations. The Mayor and Isec will develop management conventions and run a training session for Councillors in the coming month.
<b>General Business</b>	
Removal of Agenda Items	Mayor Christian reported that a letter of request to re-instate a retiree pension and the St Andrews Initiative revised memo to Council were removed from the June 17 <sup>th</sup> Council Agenda. From the Gallery, J. Christian asked why the pension requested had been removed. The Administrator conveyed that the matter does not fit with Council’s remit and will need to be raised directly with the Governor. Discussion regarding the revised St Andrews Initiative memo was deferred pending further advice from HMG
June 25 <sup>th</sup> VTC with the Governor	The VTC will be held on Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (Pitcairn time).
Elections 2015	Mayor Christian and the Administrator - reported a pending recommendation to Council for Pitcairn to revert to managing nominations for office as has been done historically i.e. via a public nomination process. General discussion ensued regarding the nomination process and the task of replacing Councillors on leave.
JMC proposed Agenda Item	Mayor Christian reported that the JMC Agenda is calling for overseas territories to document where they envisage themselves being in 15 years’ time. He added that this will provide Council with a good opportunity to think beyond the island’s Strategic Development plan and suggested this concept be developed within a facilitated workshop.
Policy Review	The Administrator and Mayor – reported that they have developed a list of policies for full review which, when finalised, will be circulated and allocated to councillors for action.  The Mayor reminded Council that there was no longer a ‘Legal Portfolio’ therefore the workload will be distributed accordingly.  All Council members agreed that their draft recommendations for policy amendments will ready for circulation before the next scheduled Council meeting on July 8 <sup>th</sup> . The meeting will be followed by a Policy Review Workshop for all Councillors – facilitated by the Administrator.
Pitcairn Artefacts – summary of offences.	The Mayor reported that until the revised ordinance comes into effect an interim policy will be developed to ensure that not only Bounty artefacts but all Pitcairn artefacts are covered.  ACTION: Cr Michele Christian will draft the interim policy, based on the summary of offences ordinance, and circulate to Councillors for comment.

**Next Council Meeting:** VTC Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Pitcairn time.

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** July 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 – 8.30am

**Meeting Closed:** 11.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

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