



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in The Square - Public Hall
Commencing at 10.30am on Wednesday 21st October 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, Acting Councillor Melva Evans and Administrator, Alan Richmond
Temp Island Secretary – Heather Menzies

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Brenda Christian

Gallery: None

Opening Prayer: Cr Charlene Warren-Peu. The Mayor

Welcome: Mayor Shawn Christian

Item	Discussion
Minutes	Motion: Mayor / Seconded Cr David Brown “That the Council minutes of Oct 7 th and the Public Meeting notes as circulated be approved.” All in favour
Medivac Approval	Motion: Mayor / Seconded Cr David Brown. “That the Amended Medivac Approval form as previously circulated be approved.” All in favour
2015 Elections	The List of Registered voters and the List of Nominees have been publicised. The Mayor reminded Council that if the list of nominees for Council did not exceed 6 (the number required to establish a Council) under law there is no requirement for an election for Councillors to be held. If this occurs an election will only be held for the Office of Deputy Mayor. It was noted that nominations close Oct 25 th .
Approval of the 2015 - 2019 Sustainable Tourism Development Master Plan	The Mayor acknowledged the “work undertaken in developing the 2015 – 2019 Sustainable Tourism Development Master Plan. Motion: Mayor “That Council formally approve the 2015 -2019 Sustainable Tourism Development Master Plan as tabled and accepted at the planning workshop of October 11 th 2015. All in favour
OCTA Innovations proposal	The Mayor conveyed that the circulated proposal required a decision as to whether to forge ahead or not, given Pitcairn’s limited capacity issues and current workloads. The Administrator added his agreement noting that council must be very careful in assessing the island’s ability to deliver promised outcomes. Cr Jaques also added that Council should be aware that the timing for this particular proposal may not fit with our current commitments and strategic direction. Acting Councillor Melva Evans said she felt Pitcairn should not pull back from the concepts outlined within the proposal, regardless of capacity, without giving

	<p>the proposal thorough assessment.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cr Evans will follow up with OCTA to ascertain requirements and time-frames. She will report back to Council for further comment, via google docs, before the next Council meeting.</p>
Letter of reference for Jacqui Christians	<p>The Mayor circulated a draft letter of reference for Ms Christian.</p> <p>Motion: Mayor</p> <p>“That Council accept the Letter of Reference for Ms Christian, as tabled by the Mayor.”</p> <p>All in favour:</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>The Mayor will provide the Island Secretary with the letter to send to Ms Christian.</p>
Up Date Repopulation Steering Group (RSG)	<p>Cr Warren-Peu reported that the fee for service contractors have been agreed to develop a promotional short films and the new immigration website.</p> <p>The revised automated Letter of Response and FAQs draft have been submitted to Council for comment and an update from the RSG will be circulated to Council for discussion before the next scheduled meeting.</p>
Cultural Festival Attendance in Guam	<p>Cr Griffiths – outlined that SPC will not cover costs for local delegates to attend at the Guam Festival and timing will not allow Pitcairn attendees to stay for the duration of the festival.</p> <p>Given these issues it was agreed that Council will not send local representation. However, Cr Griffiths will touch base with Leona Hermens, a Pitcairn born, New Zealand resident who is attending the Festival, and assess the possibility of Leona representing Pitcairn.</p> <p>The Mayor noted that whoever attends must meet the representation brief required by Council.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Councillor Griffiths will report back at the next scheduled meeting.</p>
Policy Frame work	<p>Cr Michele Christian spoke to the FCO Marine and Environmental Policy Framework document which was previously circulated.</p> <p>The Mayor added that it was important that Pitcairn is clear on what it wants to take from these types of initiatives and that we must ensure FCO and broader policy development fits with local need.</p> <p>There ensued general discussion regarding the problems several overseas territories are experiencing when managing relationships with NGOs.</p> <p>The Administrator conveyed that the Governor and the Overseas Territories Department members, will be meeting with a number of NGOs to discuss these matters whilst in the UK next week.</p>
Darwin Plus Application	<p>There was general discussion and agreement that the Darwin Plus proposal which had been previously circulated, was not considered to be a high priority at this time.</p> <p>The Mayor noted that Council needs to trust the Natural Resources Division to manage these matters and though the proposal may be valid it is important that Council remains focused and does not deviate from Pitcairn’s strategic direction.</p>

	<p>The Administrator noted he supports the Natural Resources assessment of the proposal which identifies it is a low priority at this time - particularly given its focus is upon MPA development.</p> <p>Council voted on whether Michele Christian, as Natural Resources DM, should go back to Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs with Council's decision, which supports the Division's recommendations.</p> <p>2 Councillors abstained (one as DM Manager) 4 in favour Carried.</p> <p>Cr Melva Evan's asked how much time Council has to dedicate to implementing proposals of this type. The mayor said much of the work done happens in the background - which in itself detracts from working on strategic direction.</p> <p>Cr Michele Christian explained that Council no longer operates at a micro-management level but rather focuses on strategic matters so as to ensure it meets its stated objectives in a timely and efficient manner.</p>
General Business	
Council Media Spokesperson	It was agreed that the Deputy Mayor will be appointed as the Council media spokesperson with regard to the launch of the new immigration website
Rebuilding Ducie Monument	Mayor - The request from Dr Jack Grove, seeking Council's permission to rebuild the Ducie monument has been approved and a letter sent.
Policy Review	Council will meet for a Policy Workshop on Wednesday 28 th Oct at 8.30am

Meeting Closed: 12.30am

Next Regular Council Meeting: 12th November 10.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

Date.....2/11/2015.....