



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall Commencing at 8.30am Wednesday 15th March 2017

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Brenda Christian, Administrator Nicola Hebb, Temporary Island Secretary Nadine Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu.

Apologies: Cr Michele Christian

Gallery: Nil

Opening Prayer: Cr. Charlene Warren-Peu

Welcome:

Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13th February 2017	No matters arising.
Matters Arising from the Minutes of 24th February 2017	No matters arising.
Record of Approval of Minutes of 13th February 2017	Motion: “That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 13 th of February 2017, as circulated, be approved.” All in favour – Carried Cr. Darralyn Griffiths / Cr. Brenda Christian
Record of Approval of Minutes of 24th February 2017	Motion: “That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of 24 th of February 2017, as circulated, be approved.” All in favour – Carried Cr. Darralyn Griffiths / Cr. Brenda Christian
Update – Territory-led safeguarding initiative (Falklands led)	At the JMC 2016 there was an initiative tabled regarding a territory led safeguarding of children. An MOU has been signed by all but one territory, and this final territory has shown interest in signing as well. The Falkland Island have taken the lead and put together documents and a steering board to concentrate and discuss plans and put together a road map to drive the project. A Communique was supplied to Council for their perusal of the latest meeting held 9 th March 2017.
Shipping Contract	Still no news on the progress of this contract and the new ship, but a deadline has been imposed to request information from the successful winner of this contract. The deadline is 31 st March 2017.

<p>Briefings</p>	<p>Cr. M Christian, via email, asked that a brief is provided to the Island Council, prior to the arrival of officials from the FCO, DFID etc. The brief would be provided by the Administrator to the Island Council.</p> <p>This would be in the same format as the Government Structure Document where it is asked of NGOs etc. for a brief prior to arriving on island.</p> <p>Administrator Nicola Hebb agreed that this would be a good idea and would be useful to help inform the community and get everyone involved. Putting a brief description on the council noticeboard for community, with a "headline" on the store noticeboard would ensure knowledge of new information available.</p>
<p>Settlement Applications</p>	<p>A discussion was had regarding two settlement applications received and reviewed by the Deputy Governor. One was deemed suitable and another less so.</p> <p>Cr. Brenda Christian read out a question/answer section supplied by the suitable candidate for council information.</p> <p>Conversation around council's concern that not only the person's suitability to island life be considered, but work or employment options be considered.</p> <p>Council is happy to proceed with the Deputy Governor's recommendations, but has a few questions on these applications as per raised by the discussion around the council table.</p>
<p>Internet Issues</p>	<p>Concern regarding very slow internet speed and intermittent access on island was raised. After a short discussion it was asked if anything was being done to resolve the issues.</p> <p>Administrator Hebb noted that she often has these discussions already with BHC and Mr. B Haig (Pitcairn Telecom).</p> <p>It was decided that this could be investigated further outside of council and gather more information before bringing back to the table.</p>

	A new request for contract/tender for this infrastructure was advertised in 2016. It was advised to council in previous sittings that the current contract had been extended to June 2017 as the tender had not had any notation of interest at that time.
GENERAL BUSINESS	
FCO Visit	Administrator Nicola Hebb spoke briefly on the FCO visitors, Alex Cameron and Emma Harber. She advised that they left the island with a very positive view of the effort and will of the community and of Council itself to strive for a better future for Pitcairn. A report of this visit has been authored, with recommendations and requests from the island and will return to Council through the Administrator as soon as they have replies from FCO and DFID. Council agreed that such feedback was gratefully received and look forward to hearing the results of this report.
Mr. Maurice Allward	Mr Allward has completed a diorama of an HMAV Bounty and crew. It is currently being carefully packed and will be shipped to Pitcairn for display at the Pitcairn Museum or Pitcairn Community Centre.
Final internment	Ashes of the late Ray and Eileen Young will be brought to Pitcairn for internment in June.
Addition – dictated to be amended to the 15th March Council Minutes in the meeting held on 29th of March 2017.	Council closed at 9.22am, however councillors remained at the table to sit at a workshop to finalise the Building a Better future for Pitcairn Child Safeguarding survey, and introduction letter. A letter from the Governor regarding the next step on Child Safety was also discussed and planned to be distributed. Councillors settled a Public Meeting date to meet with the community, and then for the survey to be distributed.

Meeting Closed: 9.22 am

Date of Next Council Meeting: 29th March 2017

Mayor Shawn Christian:

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