



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 10.15am on Sunday May 29th 2016
Regular**

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Brenda Christian, Administrator Alan Richmond and Island Secretary, Heather Menzies – INTEGRE Team Caroline Vieux, Alice Leney, Francois Japiot and Hugh Govan

Apologies: None


Gallery: No one present.

Welcome: Mayor

<p>Mayor welcomed everyone and handed the meeting to the INTEGRE Coordinator for French Polynesian, Caroline Vieux, for a wrap up of the team's activities over the past 10 days.</p>	<p>Ms Vieux reported that the details of the 10 day activity plan had been outlined at the public meeting. She noted that most of the specialists in the team have been contracted to continue to work with the broader community and Council as needed and she urged those present to take up this opportunity going forward.</p> <p>She acknowledged the island's participation in all aspects of the activity plan - in particular the facilitation training and the consultative development of a draft Fisheries management plan.</p> <p>Ms Vieux conveyed that the INTEGRE Programme has been extended by an additional year, to March 2018 and added that there is a strong possibility of another visit within that time frame.</p> <p>Ms Vieux also reported that a Regional Exchange, on organic farming, meeting is scheduled to take place in French Polynesia, in Nov 2017. Though the meeting will not fit with the current Claymore schedule INTEGRE can cover costs to get a Pitcairn representative from NZ to the gathering, should they be off island at that time. It was generally agreed that attendance would be most beneficial.</p> <p>It was noted that Pitcairn being a member of SPC is entirely relevant to accessing their expertise will be most helpful going forward.</p> <p>Mr Leney – added that his contract is quite specific in that his brief is to develop a plan for ongoing waste management. As such there is some ground research required but his intention is to get the first draft of the plan back to the island in the next week or so. He added that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time on Pitcairn. He added that he has spent a great deal of time in small Pacific Island communities and the Pitcairn Island Community demonstrates a great deal of cohesion.</p>
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	<p>Cr Jaques added that Mr Leney has also agreed to assist the community with their renewable energy plans which was welcomed.</p> <p>Hugh Govan – added that its essential Pitcairn’s links with SPC are maintained – given much of what the island needs in term of technical support etc. is available within the South Pacific.</p> <p>The Mayor added that the draft Fisheries Management plan is a very good example of the type of engagement required to work with Pitcairn. What has been achieved has provided an excellent foundation for further development. Caroline noted that INTEGRE has been extended to 2018 and it was generally agreed that a follow-up visit within that time frame is a great idea.</p> <p>The Mayor acknowledged the work done by all, including Delphine, Kevin Lynch, PIO and Division Manager Ms Michele Christian, in pulling together this very important collaborative plan together.</p> <p>The Administrator added his comments stating that this visit was in fact a bench mark for Pitcairn, having gone extremely well for everyone. These sentiments were collectively reflected by all council members.</p>
Departing comments from Council from out-going Administrator, Mr Alan Richmond.	<p>The Mayor thanked out-going Administrator Alan Richmond for his work with the Council and the Community over the past 18 months. In response the Administrator said he felt that the Island has been transformed over the past 18 months. He added that the public pronouncements this Council has made throughout this period has very positively impacted the island’s future. He wished everyone the best of luck for the future. He added that the people off island are all working hard for the future for the island.</p>
Council Policy on Fires	<p>Cr B Christian reported that she had discovered that two small fires had been started on the Eco trail. It was agreed the matter will be passed to the Division Manager for action.</p>

Meeting Closed: 10:45am
Next Council meeting; 1.30pm - June 2nd 2016

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

Date: 21 / 6 / 2016.....

