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PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Council Office
Commencing at 10.30am July 21st 2019

Present:

Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, and Temp Cr Lea Brown, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Sue O'Keefe, Isec Heather Menzies & Cr L Jaques.

In attendance: Inspector Steve Dunn

Apologies: Mayor Shawn Christian & Cr Michele Christian

Welcome: The Deputy Mayor welcomed NZPO Inspector Steven Dunn, who manages off-shore police deployment in the Pacific to the meeting.

Inspector Dunn outlined that the importance of members of NZ management visiting Pitcairn due to the need to set context and establish relations He acknowledged the fact that Pitcairners have well received NZP staff over the years.
He outlined the role that the NZ Police force plays in the Pacific. There was general discussion about the role of the local Pitcairn Police Officer and appropriate training for an incoming local police officer should the need arise. It was noted peer support training is as important as formalised and technical training.
Cr S O'Keefe enquired as to what would happen if a remand situation was required. Inspector Dunn advised that the current MOU between HMG/PIO and NZP was due for refreshment and these types of issues will be given consideration.
Inspector Dunn said he believed Pitcairn to be one of the most beautiful places he has visited in the South Pacific and people are open and friendly.
It was noted that there is not currently a stand-down period for NZP officers who have served a term on Pitcairn. Inspector Dunn added that cultural competency, people skills etc. were as important as technical policing skills so as to ensure that a culturally pragmatic and value added approach is applied when NZPO are deployed in the Pacific. It was noted that there were specific competencies associated with overseas deployments which, by default, meant only experienced officers are deployed.
There was general discussion about the potential for partners of successful NZPO Pitcairn applicants' partners being employed on Pitcairn as well. There ensued general discussion and it was agreed this can work well when appropriately managed. Noting that the perception potential conflicts of interests must also be managed.
It was noted that the new officer replacing Max Taylor is Dave Stone, who will undertake annual visits to the island
The Deputy Mayor thanked Inspector Dunn for joining Council and closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed: 11.30am

Date of Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday 31st July 9.00am

Dates of Next workshop:

Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu: *AWarren-Peu*

Date: *31/7/2019*

