



**PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL**

**Minutes for the continuation of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Public Square  
Commencing at 10.30am 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Present:**

Acting Mayor Shawn Christian, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Simon Young, Cr Torika Christian, Cr Leslie Jaques, Cr Heather Menzies, Administrator Stephen Thwaite. Island Secretary Nadine Faulkner.

**Apologies:** Mayor Charlene Warren (On medical leave)

**In attendance:**

**Welcome:** A moment of private reflection was taken.

Agenda Item	Continuation of Council meeting from the 20 <sup>th</sup> of July 2022.
Solar Proposals	<p>The Administrator and Acting Mayor spoke on updated information circulated to councillors.</p> <p>The Solar King proposal provides significantly greater capacity/ storage (108kW array/ 112 kW inverter/ 227kWh storage vs 94/50/100 for Solarworkx), and with the mini/ micro grid approach we would also be able to factor in new generators and switchgear (although this could be also added to the farm option).</p> <p>He noted that councillors had discussed the various pros and cons, but the key risks associated with a solar farm approach would be the risk of unequal loading (i.e., heavy engineering use could take all the load, and starve the clinic/ store/ satellite of power supply), and concerns around maintaining a constant voltage to all relevant properties (especially where they are far from the grid entry point). The main risk with the mini/ micro approach is that it does not provide a natural solution to extend power to residences when private solar power breaks down (as discussed where people are not currently paying for energy, it would be sensible to put money aside for this scenario).</p>

Also, to note that council will have to look at options for street lighting (for either solution).

Further conversation requesting clarification on how both systems will work best was had between each company, PIO and the Operations Division Manager. The Acting Mayor and Administrator spoke on these issues and discussed risks, best practice and economic benefit for Solarworks vs Solar King on Pitcairn for community use.

Based on these discussions, the recommendation would be to go with the Solarworkx unit.

The Administrator asked if land use would be a consideration or if the units would go where the current generators are. Discussion around land or site can be had further down the track when testing was complete, and a consultant could come to the island to check best possible placement for solar panels etc. Noted that land that council has eyed to place a solar farm be singled out sooner rather than later to ensure that the possibility that it is not leased in the meantime. Not a concern as there is land options that can be taken in many different areas and direction on which location will be steered by consultant's expertise. Options can be discussed in the meantime to put forward for consideration.

Concerns again put forward to the Administrator and Acting Mayor about ensuring future proofing – i.e., new settlers' homes or buildings are able to easily hook into the system.

Maintenance budget also raised as a definite issue that should be built into the purchase of any solar unit. This has already been a consideration, the Administrator explained.

Administrator and Acting Mayor confirm that a consultant/expert in the implementation and siting of the new system will occur.

Councillors asked if the implementation of this system will mean that 24-hour power for all is confirmed. It was advised that yes, if the solar units require further charging it will kick in the generators which will switch on to support solar units – thus ensuring the community 24-hour

	<p>power for homes and government buildings including the store for example.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Cr Simon Young / Cr Michele Christian</p> <p>“That council approves a solar farm installation as outlined by Solarworkx proposal. Delivered by PIO as prime.</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Administrator and Division Manager Operation to work with Deputy Governor and PIO to forward proposal to SPC, and report back to council.</p>
<p><b>GPI Policy Approval</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Covid-19</li> <li>- Drone Policy</li> </ul>	<p>Councillors discussed the updated/amended policy as circulated by the PRC team.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Acting Mayor Shawn Christian / Cr Michele Christian</p> <p>“That the Covid-19 Policy, as amended, circulated and discussed be approved.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Cr Simon Young / Cr Heather Menzies</p> <p>“That the Drone Policy, as amended, circulated and discussed be approved.”</p> <p>All in Favour / Carried</p>
<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p>Share out</p> <p>Land Court</p>	<p>Share out to be done regarding some linen donated by a friend of Shirley Dillon. To be done after council today.</p> <p>Land court to sit 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Problems with available members to sit at this time, so Island Secretary to call and ask the community for submissions of interest of those willing to sit on Land Court. Results of call to be presented to Council for approval.</p>

