



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in The Square - Public Hall
Commencing at 8.30am on Wednesday Feb 24th 2016
Regular

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Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, Cr Lea Brown, Cr Darralyn Griffiths, Cr Michele Christian, Cr Brenda Christian and Administrator, Alan Richmond.
Island Secretary, Heather Menzies

Apologies: Cr Leslie Jaques

Gallery: John

Opening Prayer: Deputy Mayor, Charlene Warren-Peu.

Welcome: Mayor

Item	Discussion
Matters Arising from Minutes of Jan 27 th 2016	Cr B Christian enquired as to what progress had been made in ensuring Councillors and DMs use only their Council approved email addresses. The Mayor replied that this was in hand and the matter will be finalised for all members once Cr L Jaques returns to Pitcairn at the beginning of March.
Record of Approval of Council Meeting Minutes Jan 27 th	Motion: Cr D Griffiths / Cr B Christian "That the Minutes of Jan 27 th 2016 be approved and recorded as true and correct." All in favour - carried
Glyn Christian's Pitcairn Islands Settlers Project - Concept document,	Mr Glyn Christian's concept document, 'Pitcairn Islands Settlers Project' and an additional email offering to represent Pitcairn with the EU UK, were tabled. There ensued general discussion about the merits and drawbacks of Mr Christian's assumptions and solutions. Council agreed that the idea did not sit within Council's current repopulation strategy and declined Mr Christian's offer to represent Pitcairn within the EU and the UK. ACTION: The Mayor will reply to Mr Christian, thanking him for submitting the concept document and providing further information about Pitcairn's existing representation within the EU and the UK.
Record of approval – within workshop Feb 3 rd 2016 Re the OCTA 14th Ministerial Conference - Cr Jaques attendance	Motion: Cr Griffiths/ Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu "That Council approve Councillor Leslie Jaques attending the 14 th Ministerial Conference as the Pitcairn Island Council Representative." All in favour – carried.
PEW 2015 over view Questions	There was general discussion regarding PEW's 2015 overview and it was agreed that the Natural Resources Division will lead discussions, in association with the Tourism Depart where necessary, are report back to Council.

Commonwealth Day Celebrations	It was agreed that Pitcairn will participate in Commonwealth Day celebrations, on March 14 th as it has done in the past, by raising the Commonwealth flag.
Protection of Artefacts Policy Feb 2016	Motion: Cr Griffiths / Deputy Mayor Warren- Peu "That Council approve the following amendment to the Protection of Artefacts policy 'Any person defacing or mutilating any of the Pitcairn Islands' prehistoric sites and natural attraction sites shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine'. All in favour - Carried
New Migrant Land Application Form	The recently drafted New Migrant Land Application Form has been referred to the Land Court, by the Land Management Office, for its consideration and feedback. The Land Court will meet in March 2016.
Fuji TV Letter of request to film for commercial purposes.	Motion: Cr Griffiths / Deputy Mayor Warren-Peu "That Council approve Fuji Film's initial letter of request to visit Pitcairn and Henderson Island (if possible) to film for commercial purposes in May/June 2015. ACTION: The Tourism Department Travel Coordinator will liaise with the film company to progress planning and report back to Council.
Approval from David Shankbone	Cr Griffiths reported that Mr David Shankbone has submitted his permission, in writing, allowing his photography to be used in the proposed photography exhibition on Pitcairn which will start on the 15 th June 2016 and run for approximately 10 days.
Symbolic item request from the 2016 Tahiti Bounty Festival Organisers	Cr Griffiths read communications from the 2016 Tahiti Bounty Festival organisers regarding their request for a symbolic item to be sent from Pitcairn and it's Council. It was agreed that Council will send a Pitcairn Islands Flag and a letter of good will from the Mayor and Council. ACTION: Cr Griffiths will make arrangements for delivery of the gift.
General Business	
Update - Repopulation marketing initiative	The Deputy Mayor reported that the new repopulation website and its associated Facebook information page are fully operational and working well. She reported that the website provides greater information and encourages site visitors to thoroughly research the site before making contact, asking further questions (which can be answered and shared via the Facebook information page) or submitting a settlement application form. There ensued general discussion and clarification as to the how general immigration/repopulation enquires are managed via the Facebook page. It was agreed that the now obsolete Repopulation Plan and the related Immigration Policy, posted on the GPI website will be removed so as to avoid any confusion as to enquiry response mechanism.

	It was noted that the Deputy Mayor will liaise with the Immigration Officer over the coming weeks so that they may collaboratively monitor the number and type of additional immigration enquiries, sent directly to the Immigration Officer. This will enable the Repopulation site, its FAQs and its Facebook enquiry page to be continuously improved as required.
Tara Expedition Research request	Motion: Deputy Mayor Warren- Peu / Cr D Griffiths "That Council approve the Taro Expedition collecting ocean samples from Ducie Island's waters as requested. The approval is granted on the proviso that the researchers share the final report with the Natural Resources Division and Council and agrees to have a local observer join the expedition. All in Favour - Carried ACTION: Cr M Christian as Natural Resources Advisor to Council will continue to liaise with the Taro Expeditions and keep Council informed of developments.
Pitcairn Islands Environment and Conservation Natural Resources Logo	Cr M Christian, as Natural Resources Advisor to Council, tabled the departmental new logo for Council's information. It was well received and the DM thanked those involved in its development.
Draft Shipping Service Expressions of Interest document.	The draft expressions of interest document, submitted to Council by FC Evan Dunn, was tabled for discussion. It was agreed that the document, as slightly amended, be approved. All in favour ACTION: The Mayor will provide Mr Dunn with the revision and formal approval.

Council Adjourned: 9.45am
 Council Resumed: 9.55am
 Council Closed: 10.00am

Next Council Meeting: 9th March 2016, 8.30am

Mayor Shawn Christian.....

Date: 27 / 4 / 2016.....

