



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held at the Pulau School
Commencing at 9.00am 24th April 2024

Present:

Mayor Simon Young, Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren, Cr Kerry Young, Cr Shawn Christian, Administrator Lindsay Thompson, Shirley Young (Island Secretary)

Gallery: None

Welcome: A moment of private reflection was taken.

Items	
1. Opening of the Meeting	Meeting Opened: 9.04am
2. Welcome all along with Moment of Reflection:	Meeting opened and Mayor welcomed back Cr Menzies, Cr Evans, and introduced Administrator Lindsay Thompson. Mayor invited Lindsay to say a few words of introduction. Administrator thanked Mayor for introduction and stated she was very pleased to be here, to work for the Pitcairn community and extended thanks for the warm welcome to the Island. Mayor called for moment of reflection.
3. General Business:	General business. Mayor: Plastic odyssey chair. Mayor: PPS reform, Martin Jenkins. Cr Menzies: Information John Slayer scuba diving proposal.
4. Approve Minutes:	Motion that the minutes of regular 13th March 2024 be approved. Moved: Mayor/Deputy Mayor
5. Mayor report:	Regarding Starlink Cr Young stated that a decision should be made in relation to how to we conduct monthly charges should individuals go off island and wish the system to be turned off. Agreed we should discuss at next Tuesday check in. Mayor expanded on Starlink and telephone installation stating that Starlink almost completely installed and 20 telephones have been installed. Lonie Rankine has progressed the telephone installation as far as she can. Kerry Young IT, has agreed to continue with the final installation of outstanding telephones. Cr Menzies questioned budgets for capital expenditure for the Starlink/telephone installation project. Mayor and Cr Young both believe we are just under budget. Cr Menzies questioned where surplus hardware was following telephone installation. Mayor will enquire. HDM Ops has agreed to purchase replacement Yealink telephones through his budget, and these will be on the May supply ship. Kerry IT confirmed he is ordering some spare ethernet adaptors, due September ship. Cr Christian thought the visit of Simon Cormack was very productive. Motion: That the Mayors report be accepted. Deputy Mayor/Cr Young Action: Mayor will check with Lonie Rankine regarding inventory for replacement parts. Action: Mayor to raise issue of Starlink costings and payment structure at next Tuesday check-in.

<p>6. Land Application Costs Review:</p>	<p>Following the recent Council decision to raise the fees for applications for LAT's, there was concern raised at the last public meeting regarding the increases. At the public meeting the Mayor agreed to revisit this issue with council. Mayor explained that provided was an attachment was also figures provided by GT which gave an indication how much it costs to run the land court, and LATS. Discussion ensued with Cr Evans strongly stating that it was too high, especially in view of recent declining of the inflation adjustment increases for the PPS. Administrator supported the increases from a good governance fiscal responsibility viewpoint. The Mayor felt that the price increase, specifically the commercial land LAT was too high. However, all other council members, were justified and correct, standing by the previous decision. The amount of time taken to process the paperwork is justified for LATs are fairly rare. No requirement for motion were in favour of retaining already agreed upon fees. Action: Mayor to inform community at next public meeting.</p>
<p>7. Shipping schedule approval:</p>	<p>Motion: That the shipping schedule (adjusted due to cancellation of the marine science expedition in 2024) previously circulated by PIO be approved. Mayor/Cr Menzies</p>
<p>8. LTV application for Knut Arneson:</p>	<p>After a brief discussion, it was recognized that LTVs applications are agreed in consultation with the Governor. Motion: That the LTV for Knut Espen Arnesen is provisionally approved, subject to Governor's agreement. Action: Administrator convey recommendation to Governor.</p>
<p>9. Land Review-House Land Freehold:</p>	<p>Mayor explained that in the previous public meeting, concern was raised regarding that house land should be freehold, and that this concern is shared by many in the community. Discussion acknowledged that this would require considerable thought and significant legislative changes. This cannot be dealt with today but it is something that we will circle back through a Tuesday check in. Action: Mayor to ensure this is discussed in next Tuesday check-in.</p>
<p>10. Gov housing application, Mike Collis:</p>	<p>Mayor explained that Mike Collis settlement application has been approved by the Governor, and he is scheduled to arrive 30th May 2024. With an established precedent we have an application from an approved settler applying to utilize a vacant Government building. Cr. Menzies has spoken with DM Community and reached an agreement that Mike Collis could be housed in the FCA residence at Up Tibi. Discussion identified that any rental contract should be for a limited temporary period of 6 months. That it is important to get the contracts correctly structured, with regards to issues such as keeping the property clean and in good order. Rental would be \$500 NZ per month, plus utilities. Also noted was that potentially in the future the rental of the Remand and the teacher residence could be utilized for more than one settler at a time, and therefore the contract would need to allow this. Motion: That Mike Collis housing application be approved for an initial 6 month lease, for the FCA residence at up Tibi. Mayor/Cr Menzies Action: Mayor to inform Mike Collis. Action: Mayor and DM Community to prepare contract.</p>
<p>11. FCA:</p>	<p>Mayor explained that following council partners communication meeting Mon 22 April, that we are now awaiting from Dep Gov the draft MOU, that is being prepared for Child Matters. This follows discussions which could potentially modify the FCA working model.</p>
<p>12. Letter from Dr Helen Mears RMG.</p>	<p>Council received a letter from Doctor Helen Mears at the Royal Museum Greenwich enquiring if Pitcairn Island had an opinion/position in regards to the Pitcairn Register 1823-1854 (though reference going back to burning of the</p>

	<p>Bounty). The Register currently housed at the RMG have received interest from Norfolk Island to take on loan this document. Council members would have overwhelmingly supported the register coming to Pitcairn Island if it were not for the fact that we lack the proper preservation tools to house the register. The Council is also divided with regards to supporting the register going to Norfolk Island, or its continued safe location at the RMG.</p> <p>Action: Mayor to respond to the RMG with our thoughts. Action: Mayor to speak with DM Community and enquire if she wishes to engage with the RMG on this or other issues. Action: Mayor will enquire regarding a digitized version.</p>
13. Head of Pitcairn Public Service Report:	<p>Mayor, and other council members would not delve too deeply as it was written by predecessor, and that we look forward to next month's report. Administrator highlighted that the next report would have increased focus on revenue generated by government departments. Spring boarding from this concern was raised regarding public access to private earnings, however the majority acknowledged in certain circumstances this too was required by the Government.</p> <p>Motion: That we accept the Head of Pitcairn Public Service monthly report. Mayor/Deputy Mayor</p>
14. Ombudsman:	<p>Legislative proposal to remove maximum age limit. After a brief discussion council endorsed the legislative change.</p> <p>Motion: That it is recommended to the Governor that the compulsory retirement age for the Ombudsman be removed. Mayor/Cr M. Evans.</p> <p>Action: Administrator to inform governor.</p>
15. Capital expenditure bids	<p>Administrator highlighted that through the FCDO some capital expenditure finances can potentially be accessed by Pitcairn Island. The FCDO have ringfenced UK pounds 200,000 between Tristan da Cunha and Pitcairn Island. It was further explained that although UK pounds 100,000 is available for bids from Pitcairn it may be possible to access more should Tristan da Cunha not successfully submit bids up to the UK pounds 100,000. Administrator has spoken with DM Operations regarding potential expenditure. Mayor stated that all 4 division managers need to be approached. Discussion raised the issue of repeating the capital expenditure bids that had been submitted earlier in the year, but were not successful. However, it was agreed that we will revisit and re-evaluate those bids.</p> <p>Action: Administrator to speak with all DMs regarding this issue. Action: Mayor to speak with Mike Collis to determine what, if any, equipment needs to be purchased for the previously submitted bid for the channel 80 repeater installation. Action: Isec to locate previous bids for Firefighting equipment, and marine science equipment, and forward to Administrator. Action: Mayor to make public announcement, highlighting this opportunity and asking for suggestions. Action: Mayor and administrator to discuss, and put up public notice to this effect, to ask for suggestions, and justifications. Action: Mayor to set date to discuss these capital expenditure proposals.</p>
16. RSPB license letter:	<p>Council discussed and agreed with the proposed Henderson expedition.</p> <p>Motion: that council support and recommend to the governor that the RSPB Henderson expedition be approved and if necessary for permits to be issued.</p>
17. Elder Care:	<p>Cr Heather restated our previous position with regard to establishing activities for the elderly which would be supported by community members and a pilot</p>

	program to bring in a community nurse which could also be linked to targeted immigration.
General Business	
18. Plastic Odyssey – Chair:	Council discussed the Odyssey Chair move to a permanent location. However, it was felt that the correct environment does not currently exist (in the shade), but this may change in the future with infrastructure developments. Therefore, for the time being the chair will remain in the public square.
19. PPS Reform:	At the previous partners communication meeting it was decided by council to approve the firm Martin Jenkins to undertake the PPS Reform. Formal approval was held over until this meeting. Motion: That council approve the bids from Martin Jenkins to undertake the PPS Reform. Mayor/Deputy Mayor Action: Administrator to inform PIO
20. John Slayer Scuba Diving:	Cr H. Menzies provided information on the following. Luke & John, both former Royal Marines, and connected with project blue, are working on a proposal to provide Pitcairn with a world class Scuba Dive facility. Proposal centres around John coming to Pitcairn to provide scuba training and setting up a dive facility including a Hyperbaric chamber. This will grow capacity on island. The project and proposal will be worked on in partnership with Pitcairn Island and ultimately funding will be sought from Darwin Plus funding stream. The proposal will take time to prepare and the project is not anticipated until 2025.
21. Date of next Regular Council meeting	Wednesday 15 th May 9am
Meeting Closed –	Midday
Meeting Approved Mayor: <i>Simon Young</i> Date: <i>16th May 2024</i>	

