



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 15 June 2021



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15 June 2021

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.02pm.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

2.1 Record of Attendance

Shire President

Deputy President

Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Philip **WOO**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Chief Executive Officer

Manager Finance and Admin

Manager Community/Recreation Services

Manager Works, Services & Waste

Manager Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute Taker

David **PRICE**

So Hon **GAN**

Olivier **LINES**

Graeme **HEDDITCH**

Chris **SU**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

Councillor

Cr Farzian **Zainal**

2.3 **Apologies**

2.4 **Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest**

10.1.5 Proposed Amendment to Light Industrial Area

Cr SOH, Cr YON, Cr FOO, Cr LEE, Cr MASLI and Cr WOO declared financial interest in the item as they are all shareholders of Phosphate Resources Limited.

10.5.3. DPLH Feedback on Drumsite Parks HQ Lease

Cr YON declared an impartiality interest as an employee of Parks Australia.

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr YON raised that some of the fowl that the Ranger has shot have been found some time later at other locations, such as under the Malay Club. Some fowl do not die when shot and escape away from the Ranger team as was the case with the Malay Club. Requested for this to be addressed by the relevant section.

Action Item

Manager for Works, Services & Waste to work with Ranger section on a solution.

- 4.2 Cr FOO raised from residents that the Administration is currently undertaking a disused car collection program in Flying Fish Cove, but not in other areas. Cr THOMSON says the nature of the collection is likely to be related to the fact that the Administration is in charge of the public housing in the area, and is taking responsibility for their associated car parks.
- 4.3 Cr YON acknowledged and thanked the Shire of Christmas Island team for supporting the Malay Association’s Hari Raya Celebration held in Kampong Padang the previous weekend.
- 4.4 Cr LEE noted that the Administration had sent out a public notice on Friday 11th June advising that the Pfizer vaccine was to be rolled out on Christmas Island. Cr LEE asked if any correspondence was received by Council following the letter Council sent to Administration after the April Ordinary Council Meeting. Cr THOMSON advised that no correspondence has been received by Council as yet; noted that there were two public notices released after the letter had been sent, with the most recent one advising residents that the Pfizer vaccine was to be brought to the Island.
- 4.5 Cr LEE raised that the Muragappan ‘Biloela’ family has left the Island. Cr THOMSON advised the meeting that he and other Shire members had been at the airport to see them off earlier that day. The family will be reunited at a Ronald Mc Donald’s House in proximity to the hospital that the daughter is presently in. Arrangements for community detention are in place for them in Perth afterwards.
- 4.6 Cr SAW advised that a sea container at the corner of Club Road and Jalan Pantai was obstructing the view of traffic exiting Club Road onto Jalan Pantai. Requested Shire to follow up

Action Item:

Manager of Works, Services & Waste to follow up on the sea container site.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Leave of Absence

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 39/21

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Farzian ZAINAL (11/06/2021 to 18/06/2021) be approved.

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr FOO (23/7/2021 to 3/8/2021) be approved.

Carried: 8/0

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 May 2021

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 40/21

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 25 May 2021 Council Meeting.

Carried: 8/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meetings

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 41/21**

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee meeting of October 21st 2020, February 17th 2021, April 7th 2021, April 19th 2021 and April 29th 2021 be received.

Carried: 8/0

- 9.2 Cr MASLI and Cr YON advised that Shane JAFFAR and a fellow officer by first name of Sarah from the WA Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) were on Christmas Island from Friday 11th to Tuesday 15th.

Cr MASLI had met with the DPC in his capacity as Christmas Island Resource Centre Co-ordinator and its involvement with the WA Dept. of Communities.

Cr YON had met with the DPC at the National Parks office.

Council was unaware of any request for a meeting from the DPC.

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Local Government Elections 16 October 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr SAW** **Res. No: 42/21**

That the report be received and noted.

Carried: 8/0

10.1.2 Rates, Fees & Charges 2021/22

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 43/21**

1. Council adopts the rates, fees and charges for financial year 2021/22 as listed in the attachment.
2. All rates, fees and charges to apply from 1 July 2021.
3. The Internal rate will apply to any work carried out for the Commonwealth within the Road Funding/Contract Agreement.

Carried: 8/0

10.1.3 Proposed Double Car Port

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr SAW** **Res. No: 44/21**

Council grants approval for a carport at Strata Lot 10, 1014 Gaze Road, Christmas Island, subject to the following conditions:

1. All development shall be in accordance with the approval development plans (attached) that form part of this development approval unless modified by other conditions of approval.
2. This development approval will expire if the approved development is not substantially commenced within two (2) years of the date of issue of this approval, or, within any extended period of time for which the Shire of Christmas Island has granted prior written consent.
3. Stormwater is to be contained on-site, or appropriately treated and connected to the local

drainage system. Prior to the commencement of site works, detailed drainage plans are to be submitted for approval, to the satisfaction for the local government.

4. On application for a building licence, the applicant shall provide engineer certified drawings demonstrating that the all structures are compliant with Building Code requirements.

Carried: 8/0

10.1.4 Proposal to Build a Telecommunications Tower for Provision of Internet Services

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 45/21

The Council acknowledges the 24 May 2021 WA Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) correspondence and request the SOCI to provide a response by the due date inclusive of the 4 items covered in the COMMENT section.

Carried: 8/0

10.1.5 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area

Crs FOO, YON, MASLI, WOO, LEE and SOH left the meeting at 8:01pm

Council Resolution

Moved:

Seconded:

Res. No:

- a) Council endorses the SOCI recommendations in response to:
- the 14 April 2021 Phosphate Resources Ltd. (PRL) submission and
 - the 6 May 2021 Eco Crab Industries (ECI) submission
- both made in relation to the March 2021 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area.
- b) The SOCI to issue attachment 10.1.1.2 to PRL and attachment 10.1.1.3 to ECI as formal response to their respective submission.
- c) Council endorses the June 2021 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area (The Report) and its proposed Actions as input into the Christmas Island Strategic Assessment (CISA) Land Use Plan (LUP), the Review of the 2015 Local Planning Strategy and ultimately the formulation of the Local Planning Scheme No 3. (LPS No.3).
- d) The SOCI to issue the endorsed Report to the DITRDC as SOCI's formal input into the CISA Land Use Plan for the LIA, Hospital, Taman Sweetland Circuit and Phosphate Hill Historic areas.
- e) The SOCI to formally engage with the DITRDC to progress Actions 1 and 2 on page 8 of the Report.

Carried: n/a motion lapsed due to lack of a quorum

The CEO be required to request exemption of Councillors in order to participate in the item when submitted to the 27 July 2021 meeting.

Crs FOO, YON, MASLI, WOO, LEE and SOH returned at 8:04pm

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – May 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 46/21

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in May 2021 Schedule of Accounts

Carried: 8/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements - May 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 47/21

That Council receives the Financial Statements of May 2021 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 8/0

10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

Council adjourned at 8:32pm

Council reconvened at 8:40pm

10.5.1 Corporate Business Plan/Strategic Community Plan Report

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 48/21

1. That the Council receive the Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021 Report and the CI 2021 Plan Master Update Form.
2. That Council resolves to commence consultation with the community on the development of the next statutory strategic community plan under S5.56 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995.
3. Officer to circulate to the Council the public notice inviting community comment including the format, context and objectives of the development of the statutory strategic community plan.

Carried: 8/0

10.5.2 Flying Fish Cove Masterplan

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

Res. No: 49/21

1. Council notes the publication of the Commonwealth's final Flying Fish Cove Masterplan which includes the removal of the boat and car parking space in Kampong and creation of another footpath.
2. Council declares the published Masterplan is not consistent with the outcome of the Community Consultative Report. That report clearly sets out the community's opposition to the proposed Cliff Park, narrowing of Jalan Pantai for an additional footpath and the removal of the car parking area opposite Blue Block 413.
3. For these reasons the published Masterplan is not supported by the Council.
4. The CEO is requested to advise the Territories Department's Assistant Secretary of the Council's resolution.

Carried: 8/0

10.5.3 DPLH Requests for Comment, Parks Drumsite HQ

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 50/21

That Council support the proposed extension of a lease between the Dept. of Infrastructure, Territories, Regional Development and Communications and Dept. of Environment for the Parks Drumsite HQ.

Carried: 8/0

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- 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The Shire President closed the meeting at 9.10pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 27 July 2021**