



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 8 December 2020



SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8 December 2020

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

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

1.2 Record of Attendance

Shire President

Deputy President

Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
(7.05pm)

Chief Executive Officer

David **PRICE**

Manager Finance and Admin

So Hon **GAN**

Manager Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute Taker

Chris **SU**

Manager Community/Recreation Services

Olivier **LINES**

Manager Works, Services & Waste

Graeme **HEDDITCH**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

Councillors

Cr Philip **WOO**

2.3 **Apologies**

Councillor

Cr Farzian **ZAINAL**

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

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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 17 November 2020

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr **FOO**

Seconded: Cr **YON**

Res. No: **122/20**

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 17 November 2020 Council Meeting.

Carried: **7/0**

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

8.1 Cr THOMSON recognised the visit of former SOCI CEO Dr. Kelvin MATTHEWS and his supervisor at Notre Dame University Dr. Martin DRUM and their participation at the inaugural Christmas Island Governance Forum on Wednesday 2nd November at the Poon Saan Community Hall.

A turnout of around 50 residents came to attend the forum, with many people participating in the Q and A session which ran for about an hour.

8.2 Cr THOMSON informed the Council that he was invited to the Shout Out Youth Forum BBQ on Monday 30th November, the culmination of a weekend of workshops with the Youth Affairs Council of WA who were engaged by the Islamic Council of Christmas Island through a grant for a weekend youth development program. Recognised the efforts of Cr Hafiz MASLI in organising the logistics and preparation for the youth weekend.

Cr THOMSON informed the Council that he read out a Youth Pledge at the forum that called on pledgers to listen to youth voices and include their views and support their participation in decisions that will affect their lives.

Cr THOMSON advised Council that youth participants of the Shout Out Youth Forum had created the Christmas Island Youth Association after the event, a pleasing development. It is a fulfilment of a long held goal of Council to see the youth become leaders. The Shire is supportive and has offered in-kind support to the new association should they need it.

8.3 Cr THOMSON notes that the works on the Foreshore Padang recreation precinct is almost completed. Thanked the Manager for Works and Services Graeme HEDDITCH, Manager for Recreation and Community Services Oliver LINES, CEO David PRICE and the Works and Services team for their work on the project throughout the year. Advised Councillors that December 20th is the soft-opening for the precinct with an official opening in the new year.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Annual Report

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 123/20

1. The Shire of Christmas Island Annual Report for 2020 is accepted.
2. An Elector's General Meeting is held on Tuesday 2 February 2021 commencing at 6.30pm for the purpose prescribed by the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CI).
3. The Chief Executive Officer is to give notice of the Elector's Meeting and to ensure that statutory requirements regarding the acceptance of the Annual Report 2020 are met.

Carried: 7/0 Absolute Majority

10.1.2 The Christmas Island Fishery Management Committee

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr SOH

Res. No: 124/20

1. In accordance with The Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CI), Part 5, Subdivision 2, Sections 5.8 and 5.9 (2)(c) the Shire of Christmas Island establishes the Christmas Island Fishery

Management Committee.

2. The composition of the committee is:

Cr Gordon THOMSON, Cr Azmi YON and Cr Kelvin LEE as the Councillor representatives, the CEO and Manager for Governance, Research Policy and Grants as the employee representatives, Shazmin ROSLI, Jauhar JAMIL, Eijas RAZAK, Kelana ARSHAD and Mark ROCHFORD as the community representatives on the Christmas Island Fishery Management Committee’.

3. The Terms of Reference of the Christmas Island Fishery Management Committee is:

“To inform and advise the Shire and the Christmas Island Community on Fishery Management issues, direction, policy and where appropriate alternative direction to the proposed CI Draft Fisheries Ordinance 2020.”

Carried: 7/0 Absolute Majority

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts - November 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 125/20

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in November 2020 Schedule of Accounts

Carried: 7/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements - November 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 126/20

That Council receives the Financial Statements of November 2020 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 7/0

10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

10.5.1 Draft SOCI JSCNCET 2020 Submission

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 127/20

That Council review the Draft submission to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories’ Inquiry into the Availability and access to enabling communications infrastructure in Australia’s external territories 2020 for finalisation before 27th January 2021.

Carried: 7/0

10.5.2 Ratings Consultant Engagement

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SOH

Res. No: 128/20

That Council utilise the endorsed Council Purchasing Policy to go to market in the first quarter of 2021 for an independent Ratings Consultant to assist in the Local Planning Strategy Review.

Carried: 7/0

- 11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**
- 12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**
- 13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**
- 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The Shire President closed the meeting at 8:05 pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9 February 2021**