



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 9 February 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 9 February 2021

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9 February 2021

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

- 1.1 The Deputy Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

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

2.1 Record of Attendance

Deputy President
Councillors

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**
Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Kelvin **LEE**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Vincent **SAW**
Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**
Cr Farzian **ZAINAL**

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Finance and Admin
Manager Community/Recreation Services

David **PRICE**
So Hon **GAN**
Olivier **LINES**

2.2 Leave of Absence

2.3 Apologies

Shire President
Manager Works, Services & Waste
Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

Cr Gordon **Thomson**
Graeme **HEDDITCH**
Chris **SU**

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 4.1 Tanya CROSS raised the question of the Shire's contribution payment to the sign of the shed occupied by Eco Crabs. The CEO indicated the payment was in the process of being paid.
- 4.2 Tanya CROSS indicated that with the excessive recent rain some water was entering the shed that has been provided free of charge to Eco Crabs. The CEO indicated that the Works Manager was returning to the CI on the 16th of February and would visit the shed to determine the cause of the water entering the shed and recommend the appropriate remedy.
- 4.3 Tanya CROSS raised the question was the Shire looking to have regulations on further bans on plastics.

The CEO indicated there was no proposal to develop a By-Law as such but with community education and the release of the free reusable water bottle possible later this year, it may be possible in the future to have such a draft By-Law for community comment.

- 4.4 Cr LEE Asked if the Shire had been in contact with the Western Australian Premier regarding recent comments that Christmas Island could be used as a COVID-19 quarantine station for residents returning from overseas. The CEO indicated that no contact has been made and that the Detention Centre on Christmas Island was not available for such use due to present Commonwealth usage.
- 4.5 Cr YON asked if the Shire was aware of a tree on the foreshore opposite the Malay Club that needs either pruning or removal. The CEO indicated he was aware of the tree in question and discussions were ongoing with the IOTA on who was responsible for such work to be carried out.
- 4.6 Cr ZAINAL asked if the Shire was able to remove feral chickens if approached by residents and did the Shire have a feral chicken eradication plan. The CEO indicated that if residents were experiencing problems with feral chickens they should contact the Ranger or Garry FOO who would facilitate the possible removal of such chickens. The CEO also indicated that the Shire has no eradication plan for feral chickens.
- 4.7 Cr ZAINAL asked if it was possible to install a swing and or a Flying Fox line at the Taman Sweetland park area. The CEO reported that the Shire was providing a new swing for the Kampong area which was soon to be installed, and invited Cr ZAINAL and other Councillors to raise playground equipment suggestions at the upcoming pre-budget discussion for possible inclusion in the 21/22 budget.
- 4.8 Cr ZAINAL asked if the Shire was applying in the next Building Better Regions round for the re development of the old Sports Hall. The CEO indicated that the Shire was making such an application.

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 8 December 2020

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr MASLI	Res. No:	1/21
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 8 December 2020 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

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 CEO Report on the 19/20 Auditors Report

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr SAW	Seconded: Cr MASLI	Res. No:	2/21

Council endorses the CEOs Report and directs the CEO to forward a copy of the Report to the Minister and to place on the Shire's Web Site in accordance with the Act.

Council also recommends the Department of Local Government Western Australia be requested to conduct a review of the Asset Sustainability Ratio.

Council requests the CEO to conduct a review the Shire's road asset register to ensure that register does not include roads owned by and are on other Government Department registers.

Carried: 8/0

10.1.2 Budget Review 2020/21

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr SOH

Res. No: 3/21

That the variations in the existing budget line items as set out in the attached proposed budget review report be approved.

Carried: 8/0 Absolute Majority

10.1.3 Policy Adoption

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 4/21

Council adopts the proposed Elected Member and CEO Attendance at Events Policy and Professional Development of Council Member Policy.

Carried: 8/0 Absolute Majority

10.1.4 Christmas Island – Compliance Audit Return (CAR) 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 5/21

Council adopts the Christmas Island-Compliance Audit Return (CAR) 2020 and instructs the Chief Executive Officer to lodge the Certified CAR in the Smart Hub portal by 31 March 2020.

Carried: 8/0 Absolute Majority

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – December 2020 & January 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 6/21

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in December 2020 & January 2021 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 8/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements - December 2020 & January 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SOH

Res. No: 7/21

That Council receives the Financial Statements of December 2020 & January 2021 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 8/0

10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 31 January 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr ZAINAL

Res. No: 8/21

The report is noted.

Carried: 8/0

10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

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 7.50pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23 March 2021