



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 26 April 2022



**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 26 April 2022

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The 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

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 Farzian **ZAINAL**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Chief Executive Officer

Manager Community/Recreation Services

Manager Works, Services & Waste

Manager Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute

Taker

David **PRICE**

Olivier **LINES**

Graeme **HEDDITCH**

Chris **SU**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

Acting Manager of Finance

Kevin **WILSON**

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

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr ZAINAL passed on the Islamic Council of Christmas Island's appreciation to the Shire for the term school holiday program, and the organisation of bus runs to facilitate.

4.2 Cr ZAINAL raised Flying Fish Cove resident's feedback about an obsolete road island in the turn-in to the shopping carpark. It may have served a purpose in a previous road design in the precinct, but it does not seem to add to safety or utility presently. CEO David PRICE and Works Manager Graeme HEDDITCH to examine and action as necessary.

4.3 Cr ZAINAL raised residents' dissatisfaction regarding freight to the Island. There has been no mail since March and cancelled and postponed fortnightly freighters. Cr ZAINAL informed Council that she would like Council to visit the matter in 'New Business.' President Gordon THOMSON advised Council that Cr ZAINAL will raise the matter for consideration and Council discussion in 'New Business.'

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 22 March 2022

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 24/22

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 22 March 2022 Council Meeting.

Carried: 9/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.2.1 GRPG Manager Chris SU reported on the Community Garden public question time item from the March Council Meeting. A public meeting was called for to discuss possibilities in the revamp of the Vagabond Road Community Garden. A proposal was generated from participants to create a 'Community Orchard' concept within the site to plant suitable fruit trees along the perimeter of the site. Several small lots would be created in the interior, open to community members infree 12 month cycles. GRPG Chris SU requested that Shire have the Parks and Garden team clear the site to prepare for planting.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meetings

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 25/22

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee meeting of March 2nd 2022 and the Unconfirmed Minutes of the CCC meeting of 6th April be received.

Carried: 9/0

9.2 Meeting Minutes of Fishery Management Committee

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 26/22

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Special Meeting on the 16th February 2022 of the Fishery Management Committee and the Unconfirmed Minutes of the 24th March 2022 be received.

Carried: 9/0

9.3 Meeting Minutes of Audit Committee

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 27/22

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of March 22nd 2022 be received

Carried: 9/0

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 CEO Report on the 20/21 Auditors Report

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr SOH

Res. No: 28/22

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.

Carried: 9/0

10.1.2 Proposal to Revoke Management Order Over Reserve 46644, Cancel Reserve and Issue a Lease for Tourist Accommodation

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 29/22

Council is of the opinion that the Cocos Padang under a management order to the Shire and leased to Amicable Holdings Pty Ltd should not be transferred to Free Hold via a 50 year lease and does not agree to the relinquishment of the Cocos Padang Management Order as requested.

Carried: 9/0

10.1.3 ALGA National Conference Attendance

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr ZAINAL

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 30/22

That Council –

1. confirm registration to attend the 2022 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly conference scheduled for 19 to 22 June 2022 in Canberra,
2. nominates the Shire President, the CEO and Councillors Azmi YON and Hafiz MASLI to attend the conference for the purpose of registration, travel and accommodation arrangements,
3. confirm the voting (MASLI) and proxy (YON) delegates for the conference.

Carried: 9/0

10.1.4 Budget Variations

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 31/22

That Council approves the budget variation for the following to cover the costs associated with recruitment of new Finance & Administration Manager.:

- Reduce GL 0713150 Consultants Fees \$15,000
- Reduce GL 0423200 Valuation Expense \$10,000
- Reduce GL 0422800 Vehicle Running Expense \$10,000
- Increase GL 0423150 Consultants Fees & Expense \$35,000

Carried: 9/0

10.1.5 Australian Local Power Agency Bill 2021 Budget Variations

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 32/22**

Council supports that the Australian Local Power Agency Bill 2021 be referenced and acknowledged as a strategic aim of the forthcoming Draft Local Planning Strategy.

Carried: 9/0

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – March 2022

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr ZAINAL **Seconded: Cr FOO** **Res. No: 33/22**

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in March 2022 Schedule of Accounts

Carried: 9/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements - March 2022

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 34/22**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of March 2022 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 9/0

10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

10.4.1 Tender for Sale of Surplus Trailers

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr FOO** **Res. No: 35/22**

That Council call tenders for the sale of surplus Trailers

Carried: 9/0

10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

10.5.1 ICT and Asset Management Policy

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 36/22**

That Council adopts the proposed ICT Systems Security and Asset Management Policy 2022.

Carried: 9/0

10.5.2 Rating Strategy Report

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 37/22**

That Council receives the Moore Australia Shire of Christmas Island Strategic Rating Review April 2022 and request the CEO to develop recommendations based on the Review for budgetary consideration.

Carried: 9/0

10.5.3 Housing Stress Workshop Summary Minutes

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 38/22

That Council receive the summary minutes of the 30th March 2022 Housing Stress Workshop and Survey Launch.

Carried: 9/0

11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

12.1 CONSIDERATION OF FREIGHT ISSUE

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr ZAINAL

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 39/22

That the Council receive new business regarding the freight difficulties to Christmas Island.

Carried: 9/0

12.2 RESOLUTION ON FREIGHT ISSUE

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr ZAINAL

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 40/22

The Shire of Christmas Island strongly recommends the Dept. of Infrastructure, Territories, Regional Development and Communications immediately reinstate the weekly freighter services to Christmas Island for the following reasons;

- No air mail received since March. This includes non-delivery of premium express post packages and envelopes.
- Continuous backlog of cargo across all categories
- Lack of confidence in the ability for Postal Votes in the upcoming Federal Election on May 21st to be able to be delivered to those on Island who have applied
- Essential medical supplies, such as prescription blood pressure medications, are not making uplift which presents a serious health risk

The Shire of Christmas Island requests a refund of the \$2.50/kg paid for the 'Priority Uplift' service to Islanders as the service was not provided. The Shire notes the constant offload of non-perishable cargo from the fortnightly freight plane even though 'Priority Uplift' was paid for.

The Shire of Christmas Island so requests that the allocation system of cargo be reviewed as a matter of urgency so that a balance of perishable cargo, non-perishable cargo and mail is carried on each freighter.

The Shire of Christmas Island requests that compensation for perishable cargoes lost due to failure of freight forwarder to be able to allocate space on flights be made to Islanders who have suffered loss.

Carried: 9/0

13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.25pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 24 May 2022