



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 6 February 2024



**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 6 February 2024

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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

1.2 Record of Attendance

Shire President

Deputy President

Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Azmi **YON (7.12pm)**

Cr Philip **WOO**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Cr Swee **TUNG**

Chief Executive Officer

Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker

Director Community/Recreation Services

Director Works, Services & Waste

David **PRICE**

Chris **SU**

Olivier **LINES**

Troy **DAVIS**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

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

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr PEREIRA passed on a request from Christmas Island Charities for a grant to help re-establish the '*Christmas Island Charity Ball*' which he advised had been defunct for several years. Cr Pereira stated that a government official not associated with CI Charities had organised the charity ball function in past years, and now the CI Charity Ball Committee is looking to re-establish the event under Christmas Island Charities as it was originally.

Cr PEREIRA advised that the proposed date was August 21st 2024, taking into account the confirmation of other events such as the Christmas Island Marathon and Territory Week Festival. Cr PEREIRA advised that the proceeds of the event would go towards CI Charities, with some funds to be made available to the ongoing medical costs of a Christmas Island child in need.

Shire President Gordon THOMSON advised that the Shire's annual Community Assistance Grant program will open in May/June 2024, ready to be spent in the 2024/2025 financial year as a

standing budget item. Shire President THOMSON recounted the parameters of the SOCI Community Assistance Grant and the type of events and functions it serves year-on-year.

Shire President Gordon THOMSON advised that CI Charities would be able to make an application for assistance for a 2024/2025 allocation alongside all other island not-for-profits when the program opens in May/June as their planned event is in the 2024/2025 financial year.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr FOO Kee Heng Application for Leave of Absence

Council Resolution					
Moved: Cr	LEE	Seconded: Cr	SAW	Res. No:	1/24
That Cr FOO Kee Heng be granted a leave of absence for the 19 th March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.					
Carried:	8/0				
For	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	Cr TUNG		
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	Cr PEREIRA		
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI			
Against					

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 19 December 2023

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution					
Moved: Cr		Seconded: Cr		Res. No:	2/24
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 19 December 2023 Council Meeting.					
Carried:	8/0				
For	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	Cr TUNG		
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	Cr PEREIRA		
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI			
Against					

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.2.1 Shire CEO David PRICE provided an update on item 4.1 of the December 19 Ordinary Council Meeting, a request for a convex mirror at the intersection of Lam Lok Loh and Jalan Ketam Merah. The Works and Services section has completed installation at the location.

Shire CEO David PRICE provided an update on item 4.2 of the December 19 Ordinary Council Meeting regarding speeding in the Arenga Close vicinity. A notice in English, Malay and Chinese translations was disseminated through email in December.

Shire CEO David PRICE provided an update on item 4.3 of the December 19 Ordinary Council Meeting, the unsecured PRL boom gate located at Drumsite Park. PRL has since secured the boom gate.

Cr Azmi YON joins the meeting at 7.12pm.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Budget Review 2023-24

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 3/24

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

Carried: 9/0 Absolute Majority

For	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	Cr TUNG
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	Cr PEREIRA
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI	Cr YON

Against

10.1.2 Planning Approval Application

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr PEREIRA

Res. No: 4/24

Council grants approval for the addition of an ancillary Storeroom at Lot 228, 1 Lorong Kampong Melayu, Christmas Island, to be located in Common Property in association with the an existing shop within Strata Lot 19 of the built strata at the site subject to the following conditions:

1. All development shall be in accordance with the approved 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. Prior to commencement of construction, the applicant shall provide engineer certified drawings demonstrating that the structure is are compliant with Region B – Wind Actions (AS/NZ 1170.2.2011) and Earthquake Actions (AS 1170.4.2007).
5. Prior to issue of a building permit, formal response is required from the Strata Body Company that the strata group are supportive of the proposal.

Carried: 9/0

For	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	Cr TUNG
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	Cr PEREIRA

Cr WOO	Cr MASLI	Cr YON
Against		

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – December 2023

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr	LEE	Seconded: Cr WOO	Res. No: 5/24
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in December 2023 Schedule of Accounts			
Carried:	9/0		
For	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	Cr TUNG
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	Cr PEREIRA
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI	Cr YON
Against			

10.2.2 Schedule of Accounts – January 2024

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr FOO		Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No: 6/24
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in January 2024 Schedule of Accounts			
Carried:	9/0		
For	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	Cr TUNG
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	Cr PEREIRA
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI	Cr YON
Against			

10.2.3 Financial Statements- December 2023

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr MASLI		Seconded: Cr LEE	Res. No: 7/24
That Council receives the Financial Statements of December 2023 for the Municipal Fund			
Carried:	9/0		
For	Cr THOMSON	Cr FOO	Cr TUNG
	Cr SAW	Cr LEE	Cr PEREIRA
	Cr WOO	Cr MASLI	Cr YON
Against			

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

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- 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.22pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19 March 2024**