



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting held on 26 May 2020**



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND  
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held by teleconference at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26 May 2020**

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26 May 2020

### 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

- 2.1 Record of Attendance  
Shire President  
Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**  
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 Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute Taker

David **PRICE**  
So Hon **GAN**  
Chris **SU**

#### 2.2 Leave of Absence

Deputy President

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

#### 2.3 Apologies

Manager of Works and Services  
Manager of Community, Recreation Services and Training  
Councillor

Graeme **HEDDITCH**  
Oliver **LINES**  
Cr Farzian **ZAINAL**

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

- 2.4.1 Cr **MASLI** and Cr **YON** declared an Impartiality Interest at 7.40pm at item 12.2 of the Agenda as both are committee members of the Malay Association of Christmas Island, that item 12.2 pertains to. They left the room after declaration and returned at 7.59pm.

### 3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

#### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 4.1 Cr **YON** raised concern from residents regarding the prices of fuel, gas and power on island. Residents queried why the price of fuel is staying unchanged despite movements down in fuel prices on the mainland because of falling international oil prices. Cr **YON** stated that as electricity is generated on island from diesel that higher diesel prices would translate into high electricity costs.

President **THOMSON** informed the council that a petition regarding the matter was being presented around the island at the moment. President **THOMSON** recalled previous Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) responses to the matter which stated that operators in the private sector could charge what prices they essentially wanted.

The petition on the matter in the community is addressed to the Parliament, President **THOMSON** advised that it would be presented to Parliament by the community petition organiser upon completion.

Manager for Governance, Research, Policy and Grants Chris **SU** updated Council on a proposed 'Fuel Watch IOTs' column in the Islander, to document fuel prices on West Island, Cocos and Settlement, Christmas Island noting that the petrol prices on West Island had been falling in previous recent months.

- 4.2 Cr Vincent **SAW** asked for an update on how many persons can be inside an establishment under present COVID restrictions? President THOMSON advised that it has been raised to 20 persons indoors, with requirements for social distancing for all persons.

## 5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr YON</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr LEE</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>41/20</b>
That Council accept the application for leave of absence from Cr FOO Kee Heng			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>7/0</b>		

## 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 28 April 2020

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr SAW</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>42/20</b>
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 28 April 2020 Council Meeting.			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>7/0</b>		

### 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

## 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 President **THOMSON** acknowledges that it is the Hari Raya festival and wished greetings to Council on this occasion.

President **THOMSON** also put to the Council that today the 26<sup>th</sup> May is the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of National Sorry Day stating that it was a significant day in the Rudd Government when an apology to first nations people was made by the Prime Minister. President **THOMSON** notes the growing support in the nation in support of National Sorry Day and the National Reconciliation Week it commences stating Shire of Christmas Island support for the same.

## 9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## 10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 10.1 Chief Executive Officer

#### 10.1.1 Rates, Fees & Charges 2020/21

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr YON</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr WOO</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>43/20</b>
1. Council adopts the rates, fees and charges for financial year 2020/21 as listed in the attachment.			

2. All rates, fees and charges to apply from 1 July 2020.
3. The Internal rate will apply to any work carried out for the Commonwealth within the Road Funding Agreement.

**Carried: 7/0**

#### 10.1.2 Settlement Cinema Masterplan Heritage Self-Assessment Draft Report

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON** **Seconded: Cr SOH** **Res. No: 44/20**

Council to submit the *Settlement Cinema Masterplan Heritage Self-Assessment May 2020* draft report to the Director IOT Administration for comments and ultimate transmission to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

**Carried: 7/0**

#### 10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

##### 10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts - April 2020

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr SOH** **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 45/20**

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

**Carried: 7/0**

##### 10.2.2 Financial Statements - April 2020

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE** **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 46/20**

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

**Carried: 7/0**

##### 10.2.3 Debts Write Off

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE** **Seconded: Cr SAW** **Res. No: 47/20**

That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to write off following old debts:

Invoice #18236 \$480.00

Invoice #18337 \$480.00

Invoice #18499 \$385.02

Invoice #18518 \$223.00

**Carried: 7/0**

#### 10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training

#### 10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

##### 10.4.1 Aggregate Purchase

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON** **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 48/20**

That Council  
Accepts the Tender from Evercrown Group Pty Ltd for \$ 574,100.  
The Supply and Delivery of 1780 cubic metres of 10mm and 7mm Aggregate.

**Carried: 7/0**

#### 10.4.2 Sale of Surplus

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr YON</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr SOH</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>49/20</b>
That Council Accepts the Tender from Michael Robinson of \$ 5,400.00			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>7/0</b>		

#### 10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

##### 10.5.1 COVID 19 Financial Hardship Policy

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr SAW</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>50/20</b>
That the Council accept the draft <i>Shire of CI COVID19 Financial Hardship Policy</i> based on the WALGA template for local councils.			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>7/0</b>		

#### 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 Decision to accept new business of an urgent nature to the meeting

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr LEE</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr WOO</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>51/20</b>
That Council accept new business of an urgent nature to the meeting.			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>7/0</b>		

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##### 12.2 Malay Association of Christmas Island grant variation

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr LEE</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr WOO</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>52/20</b>
The Malay Association was allocated \$10,000 by resolution of the Council in the 2019/2020 Community Assistance Grant program for the Hari Raya and Prophet Mohammed Birthday festivals for 2020 and \$5,000 for the MACI Kompang and Silat performance team for new uniforms and drums for its members.			
The Malay Association informed the Council that it is not making claim to any of the \$10,000 allocated to it for the Hari Raya and Prophet Mohammed Birthday festivals.			
The Malay Association requests that Council approve a variation payment of \$3,500 against the \$5,000 it had allocated for the MACI Kompang and Silat performance team uniforms and drums and to accept MACI's expenditure on the 2020 Sepak Takraw Championships in the claim for payment. The Association is unable to locate receipts for the total \$3,500 payment requested that went towards the costs of the Sepak Takraw Championships.			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>5/0</b>		

#### 13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

#### 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 8pm

#### 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23 June 2020