



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Special Meeting held on 18 October 2021



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

**Minutes of the Special meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George
Fam Chambers at 10.00am on Monday 18 October 2021**

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

1.1 The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), David Price declared the meeting opened at 10.00 am.

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

2.1 Record of Attendance

Chief Executive Officer/Returning Officer

David **PRICE**

Councillors

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**
Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**
Cr Farzian **ZAINAL**
Cr Azmi **YON**

Newly Elected Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Manager Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute Taker

Chris **SU**

2.2 Leave of Absence

Cr Philip **WOO**

2.3 Apologies

Nil

3 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

5.1 Swearing in of newly elected Councillors

5.1.1 Councillor Gordon **THOMSON** was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Gordon **THOMSON** was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 18th 2025.

5.1.2 Councillor **FOO** Kee Heng was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to

observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor **FOO** Kee Heng was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 18th 2025.

- 5.1.3 Councillor Hafiz **MASLI** was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Hafiz **MASLI** was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 18th 2025.

- 5.1.4 Councillor Vincent **SAW** Cheng Siew was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Vincent **SAW** Cheng Siew was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 18th 2025.

- 5.1.5 The CEO advised that Councillor Phillip WOO was in Perth and would take up the declaration with an approved officer at DLGSCI or upon return to Christmas Island at the end of the week at the Shire.

5.2 **Election of Shire President**

- 5.2.1 CEO called for nominations for Shire President as Returning Officer.

Cr Azmi **YON** nominated Cr Gordon **THOMSON** for Shire President. Cr Gordon **THOMSON** accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received.

CEO as Returning Officer declared Cr Gordon **THOMSON** the Shire President.

- 5.2.2 Councillor Gordon **THOMSON** was called upon to complete his declaration as Shire President to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Gordon **THOMSON** sworn in as President.

Shire President Gordon **THOMSON** takes over presiding the meeting from the CEO as Returning Officer.

5.3 **Election of Deputy Shire President**

- 5.3.1 Shire President Gordon **THOMSON** called for nominations for Deputy Shire President.

Cr Farzian **ZAINAL** nominated herself for the office of Deputy Shire President.

Cr Azmi **YON** nominated Cr **FOO** Kee Heng for the office of Deputy Shire President. Cr **FOO**

Kee Heng accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received.

The CEO as Returning Officer requested that Council adjourn the meeting to allow for him to create ballot papers to for the election of the office of Deputy Shire President.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am

Meeting reconvened at 10.15am

5.3.2 CEO as Returning Officer issued ballot papers to all eight Councillors for the election of Deputy Shire President.

All eight Councillors marked their preference and returned their ballot papers to the CEO as Returning Officer.

CEO as Returning Officer declared the results as Farzian **ZAINAL**, one vote and Cr **FOO** Kee Heng, 7 votes. CEO declared Cr **FOO** Kee Heng as having won and declared Cr **FOO** Kee Heng as the Deputy Shire President.

5.3.3 Councillor **FOO** Kee Heng was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as Deputy Shire President to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor FOO Kee Heng sworn in as Deputy President.

5.4 Election of Committee Members

Council Resolution	Council Resolution	
Moved: Cr YON	Moved: Cr YON	Res. No: 86/21
The item for Election of Committee Members is to be deferred to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 October 2021.		
Carried: 8/0		

5.5 Seating Arrangements

Council Resolution	Council Resolution	
Moved: Cr YON	Moved: Cr MASLI	Res. No: 87/21
That the established seating arrangements be maintained.		
Carried: 8/0		

5.6 Special Meeting of Council 15 November 2021

Council Resolution	Council Resolution	
Moved: Cr LEE	Moved: Cr SAW	Res. No: 88/21
That Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.4(b) decides to hold a Special Meeting of Council on 15 November 2021 at 7pm.		
The only business for the Special Meeting of Council on 15 November 2021 is to be the Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area.		
The CEO is requested under the Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.7(1) to seek the approval of the Minister to grant a reduced quorum from 5 to 4 for the Special Meeting of Council on 15 November 2021 if necessary		
Carried: 8/0		

Councillors FOO, MASLI, LEE and YON indicated in writing to the CEO that they were apologies for the Special Meeting on the 15th November 2021. The CEO also indicated that he had received a written apology from Cr WOO for the same meeting.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.37pm

7 DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

7.1 The date of the next Council Meeting is 26 October 2021 at 7.00 pm.