



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting held on 25 August 2020**



**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 25 August 2020**

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## **CONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 August 2020**

### **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 of Finance

Manager Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute Taker

Manager Community/Recreation Services

Manager Works, Services & Waste

David **PRICE**

**GAN** So Hon

Chris **SU**

Olivier **LINES**

Graeme **HEDDITCH**

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 Azmi YON raised that speed limit signage in Taman Sweetland needed to be examined. A 40km/h sign is present leading onto Taman Sweetland Crescent from Murray road and a 50km/h sign is present leading out of Taman Sweetland Crescent which indicates the speed on Murray road.

More 40km/h stickers on sulo bins were discussed. Possibility of speed bumps discussed.

4.2 Cr Azmi YON reports that young people have been riding their bikes down the Poon Saan road bend at fast speeds.

Cr Vincent SAW reports that vehicles are also disobeying the signage at the lower Poon Saan road bend which prevents traffic from using Poon Saan road as a two way point from the bottom of the bend. Cr SAW thought the drivers of these vehicles might be new arrivals to the island who live on Poon Saan road.

Council noted that the combination of young people riding their bikes down Poon Saan road,

which is allowed, and traffic coming up the Poon Saan road bend, which is disallowed is very dangerous. CEO to raise this traffic matter with IDC stakeholders.

- 4.3 Cr FOO reported that the road sign for Grants Well road is missing along Murray Road. MWS Graeme HEDDITCH to follow up with appropriate replacement.
- 4.4 Cr ZAINAL had received some feedback about weed management in the Gaze Road carpark utilised by the Supermarket, CITA and Petrol station. Asked if it was a Shire carpark. CEO David PRICE and MFA GAN confirmed that it was not.
- 4.5 Cr ZAINAL presented a picture of a fire pit from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and asked if something similar could be installed on Lily Beach. MWS Graeme HEDDITCH to investigate and report back.
- 4.6 Cr ZAINAL raised that the road crossings along Jalan Pantai needed to be refreshed. MWS Graeme HEDDITCH to report back.
- 4.7 Cr ZAINAL asked for an update on the Cove Day celebrations on behalf of residents. CEO David PRICE advised the meeting that he as Shire representative had raised this issue to the Emergency Management Committee recently. CEO PRICE reported the last EMC was on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> August, before the announcement by Minister DUTTON that afternoon that the CI IDC would be reopened. The subsequent EMC on 19 August was cancelled and rescheduled for 25 August. This meeting was also then cancelled. The next scheduled EMC is for next week 1 September. The EMC has been moved to a monthly meeting schedule something the CEO disagreed with. CEO Price advised Council he will be off island for the next EMC meeting on 1 September.

CEO David PRICE advised Council that the social distancing, contact tracing list keeping and other COVID measures were impractical at scale with the numbers of people and normal Cove Day activities. Councillors noted that the Perth Royal Show was also cancelled by the State Government for similar reasons.

## **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 28 July 2020**

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr SAW**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No:**

**71/20**

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 28 July 2020 Council Meeting.

**Carried: 9/0**

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

## **8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

- 8.1 President THOMSON raised that planning for Cove Day was being impacted by COVID19 restrictions and that this would be raised for Council's consideration in new business.
- 8.2 President THOMSON informed Council that a Request for Expression of Interest for a Solar Power Plant had been released since the last Council meeting and will be raised in new business for Council discussion.
- 8.3 President THOMSON reminded Councillors of the need to complete training by October.

## 9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 9.1 Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meetings

#### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr MASLI**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No: 72/20**

That the confirmed minutes of the Community Consultative Committee meetings of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> be received.

**Carried: 9/0**

## 10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 10.1 Chief Executive Officer

#### 10.1.1 Appointment of Acting CEO

#### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr LEE**

**Res. No: 73/20**

That Council appoints the Manager Finance and Administration, Ms Gan So Hon as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the periods 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and that the applicable higher duties apply.

**Carried: 9/0**

#### 10.1.2 Settlement Cinema Revised Masterplan

#### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr WOO**

**Res. No: 74/20**

The Shire Council to seek comments from the community on the *Settlement Cinema Revised Masterplan August 2020* through Public Notice.

**Carried: 9/0**

Cr Azmi YON leaves the meeting at 7:52pm

Cr Azmi YON returns to the meeting at 7:58pm

#### 10.1.3 Update Strategic Directions Draft 4

#### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr ZAINAL**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No: 75/20**

The SOCI in giving consideration to the public comments (the Submissions) received with respect to the *March 2020 SOCI Updated Strategic Directions Draft 4*. (the Report) as part of the review of the *Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No2* (LPS No.2) resolves to;

- a) Accept the SOCI's proposed responses to the Submissions;
- b) Accept the SOCI's proposed changes to the Report, modify the Report accordingly and issue the amended Report to the DITRDC in the context of the CISA process and
- c) To forward the proposed responses and changes to the DITRDC and the submitting parties.

**Carried: 9/0**

### 10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

#### 10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts - July 2020

#### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr WOO**

**Seconded: Cr SAW**

**Res. No: 76/20**

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

**Carried: 9/0**

## 10.2.2 Financial Statements – June/July 2020

### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr FOO**

**Seconded: Cr MASLI**

**Res. No: 77/20**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of June (unaudited) and July 2020 for the Municipal Fund.

**Carried: 9/0**

## 10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training

## 10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

## 10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

### 10.5.1 Manteena Flying Fish Cove Draft Master Plan Feedback

### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr MASLI**

**Seconded: Cr YON**

**Res. No: 78/20**

That the Shire receive the summary of feedback regarding Flying Fish Cove and Councillor feedback of the Flying Fish Cove Draft Master Plan community meeting at the Malay Club on August 3rd and supply any additional feedback they or constituents have.

**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 Resolution to accept new business on Cove Day

### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No: 79/20**

That the Council admit new business regarding Cove Day 2020.

**Carried: 9/0**

### 12.2 Motion on Cove Day 2020

### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr SAW**

**Seconded: Cr YON**

**Res. No: 80/20**

That the community be advised by Public Notice that Territory Week Cove Day will not be held this year due to COVID 19 restrictions.

**Carried: 9/0**

### 12.3 Resolution to accept new business on Request for Expression of Interest on Solar Energy

### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr SAW**

**Seconded: Cr MASLI**

**Res. No: 81/20**

That the Council admit new business regarding the Request for Expression of Interest for the supply of solar photovoltaic electricity on Christmas Island by DITCRD

**Carried: 9/0**

### 12.4 Resolution on Request for Expression of Interest on Solar Energy

### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr SAW**

**Seconded: Cr MASLI**

**Res. No: 82/20**

That the Shire CEO and staff investigate the feasibility of participation in the Request for Expression of Interest for the supply of solar photovoltaic electricity on Christmas Island by DITCRD and make a submission by the deadline if viable

**Carried: 9/0**

12.5 Resolution to accept new business regarding a CI Senior Citizens Card

**Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr FARZIAN**

**Seconded: Cr SOH**

**Res. No: 83/20**

That the Council receive new business regarding investigating the feasibility of a CI Seniors Card

**Carried: 9/0**

12.6 Resolution on a CI Senior Citizens Card

**Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr FARZIAN**

**Seconded: Cr SOH**

**Res. No: 84/20**

That the Community Services Manager investigates the feasibility of a CI Seniors Card for report to Council.

**Carried: 9/0**

**13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

**14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.35pm

**15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 September 2020**