

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 25 August 2026

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 2026

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

The CEO David Price reported on the backfill process to replace Gordon THOMSON's position on Council that resulted in Hafiz MASLI being declared elected as from 4 August 2026 for the remainder of Gordon THOMSON's term of office ending 20 October 2029.
Councillor MASLI then took the Oath of Office.

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

1.2 Record of Attendance

Shire President	Cr Steven **PEREIRA**
Deputy President	Cr Swee **TUNG**
Councillors	Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
	Cr Azmi **YON**
	Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**
	Cr Stephanie **LAI**
	Cr Tracey **KREPP**
Chief Executive Officer	David **PRICE**
Director Community/Recreation Services	Olivier **LINES**
Director Works, Services & Waste	Andrew **SPYRAKIS**

2.2 **Leave of Absence Nil**

2.3 **Apologies**

Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker	Chris **SU**
Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Wei **HO**

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

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr MASLI Raised concerns from community member regarding the SpaceX S40.

President Steven PEREIRA clarified that it was only a recovery process and not any indication of Christmas Island being associated to past or future launch activities.

4.2 Cr YON ask on the process of Silver City and Phosphate Hill land transfer from the Commonwealth to the Shire of Christmas Island.
The CEO David Price indicated that ongoing discussion with the Department in Canberra were proceeding on that, and a further meeting is scheduled in late October.

4.3 Cr LEE raised the issue of an extra disability car park bay at the Metro parking area. The CEO David PRICE indicated the Director for Works and Services has previously look at this and a written reply from the Director will be provided to the Councillor.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE Nil

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

President Steven PEREIRA indicated that Ram KUPPUSAMY from Space Angel Pty Ltd is scheduled to provide Council with a presentation of Space Angel's proposed feasibility work on Christmas Island via a video conference and once online will be invited to give that presentation.

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 2026 Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr TUNG **Seconded: Cr KREPP** **Res. No: 61/26**

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 28 July 2026 Council Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr KREPP Cr YON Cr LAI Cr MASLI

Against: 0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.3 Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2025 Members considered the confirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LAI **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 62/26**

That Council receives the confirmed minutes of the 2 December 2025 Audit Committee Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr KREPP Cr YON Cr LAI Cr MASLI

Against: 0

7.4 Minutes of Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 18 August 2026 Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr LAI** **Res. No: 63/26**

That Council notes the unconfirmed minutes of the 18 August 2026 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr KREPP Cr YON Cr LAI Cr MASLI

Against: 0

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Community Assistance Grants

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 64/26**

1.The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make payment to Kampong Football Club organisation listed under "Proposed Item 33" in Attachment 10.1.1.1.

2.The Chief Executive Officer writes to the applicant advising the outcome of their application.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr KREPP Cr YON Cr LAI Cr MASLI

Against: 0

10.2 Director Finance and Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – July 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr KREPP** **Res. No: 65/26**

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in July 2026 Schedule of Accounts

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr KREPP Cr YON Cr LAI Cr MASLI

Against: 0

10.2.2 Financial Statements – July 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr KREPP **Seconded: Cr LAI** **Res. No: 66/26**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of July 2026 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr KREPP Cr YON Cr LAI Cr MASLI

Against: 0

10.2.3 Christmas Island- Compliance Audit Return (CAR) 2025

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 67/26**

Council adopts the Christmas Island-Compliance Audit Return (CAR) 2025 on the recommendation of Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held on the 18 August 2026.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr KREPP Cr YON Cr LAI Cr MASLI

Against: 0

Absolute Majority

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

President Steven PEREIRA invited Ram KUPPUSAMY from Space Angel Pty Ltd to provide Council with a presentation of Space Angel's proposed feasibility work on Christmas Island.

Ram gave a presentation on its successful 2026 $1.75m Spaceport Establishment Support grant to complete a feasibility assessment for Space Angel's proposed South Point facility which could take up to one and half years to complete.

Councillors asked several questions ranging for water usage, why Christmas Island, comparisons to the previous Russian/Australian proposal in the late 90s early 20s and the question of plane flight paths directly over Christmas Island. Ram addressed all those issues in his rely.

The President Steven PEREIRA thanked Ram KUPPUSAMY for his presentation and looked forward to a positive outcome on Space Angel's proposed feasibility work.

13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.48pm.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 September 2026