



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 27 April 2021



**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 27 April 2021

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.08pm.

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 Farzian **ZAINAL**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Manager Works, Services & Waste

Manager Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute Taker

So Hon **GAN**

Graeme **HEDDITCH**

Chris **SU**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

Chief Executive Officer

David **PRICE**

2.3 **Apologies**

Councillor

Manager Community/Recreation Services

Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**

Olivier **LINES**

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

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr Kelvin LEE raised the question of coronavirus vaccine rollout requested to him by residents. Noted that the Federal Minister for Health Greg HUNT had advised publically that over 50s will be able to access a vaccination treatment at their local GPs from mid-May across Australia.

Cr LEE asked if Council has any advice on when the vaccine rollout will take place on Christmas Island. Shire President Gordon THOMSON responded that the Shire has not received any advice as to when this may happen. The Shire has no representation on the IOTHS Health Consultative Group, which may know. Cr THOMSON advised that he did know that none of the IOTHS have yet had a vaccination.

Action Item:

Shire to write to the Office of the Administrator to seek clarification on when the coronavirus vaccine rollout will occur for over 50s in Christmas Island.

- 4.2 Cr Farzian ZAINAL asked if Council was responsible for the emptying of the cigarette butt bins in the Cove gazebos. Manager of Works Graeme HEDDITCH responded that Shire was responsible. Cr ZAINAL noted that they were full and requested them to be emptied.

Action Item:

Manager of Works Graeme HEDDITCH to ensure cigarette butt bins at Cove gazebos are attended to.

- 4.3 Cr Farzian ZAINAL notes the steel interpretive signs in the township district at places of historical significance. Requested if Council could look into the upkeep and increase of interpretive signs as they were popular with visitors to learn more about the Island.

Cr THOMSON advised that these steel interpretive signs were installed between 2001 to 2003. Manager for Policy Chris SU advised Council that a *Christmas Island Heritage Trail* booklet project was going to be submitted in the 2021/2022 budget for their consideration. This proposed booklet would be an interpretive guide to the places of historic and cultural importance in the township. This would be Council's initiative to provide interpretation to island spaces for visitor and residents alike.

- 4.4 Cr Vincent SAW raised a concern about the placement of road signs on Murray road. He put that they could be placed more on the edge of the road and less on it to maximise space for passing cars. Manager for Works Graeme HEDDITCH advised he will review the placement and advised Council that these signs were placed on that part of the road specifically to alert drivers to the ongoing works and the loose gravel at places where the roadworks have occurred.

Cr YON asked if Council knew when the two solar street lights on Murray road would be functional again. Cr THOMSON advised that those two lights were the responsibility of IOTPS and that Shire will write to IOTPS for advice on that.

Action Item:

Shire to write to IOTPS on when the solar street lights would be operational again.

- 4.5 Cr Farzian ZAINAL enquired about the trees on the foreshore opposite the Malay Club / Mosque area that needed trimming or removal. Noted that Shire had removed one of the trees, wanted an update on the rest of the trees? Manager for Works Graeme HEDDITCH advised that Council had removed one of the trees earlier. Later he was made aware that Commonwealth contractor MANTEENA had actually in their contract for the Flying Fish Cove Foreshore Development program an item to remove said trees. Shire has accordingly ceased plans to remove the remaining trees; MANTEENA will address them in the roll out of their foreshore program.

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 23 March 2021

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 25/21

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 23 March 2021 Council Meeting.

Carried: 8/0

7.2 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 20 April 2021

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes of the special council meeting

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 26/21

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 20 April Special Council Meeting

Carried: 8/0

7.3 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 7.3.1 Cr THOMSON raised the matter of road maintenance at North West Point Road. Previous Council Meeting discussed the state of NWP road and a recent auto accident on that road.

Manager for Works Graeme HEDDITCH advised that Council was successful in a tender from Parks to conduct maintenance on NWP road, East West Baseline Road and the National Park component of Murray Road.

The project is slated for completion over 10 weeks. The first five weeks will address NWP road. This will require closing the NWP road, leaving EWB and Murray Road as the alternate. The last five weeks will require closing EWB and Murray Road for repair works, leaving the newly repaired NWP road as the alternate.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Shire President Cr THOMSON advised that he received correspondence from the Office of the Administrator advising that the upcoming visit of Assistant Minister Nola MARINO from 30/4 to 4/5 has been postponed.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

- 10.1.1 Statue Restoration Project – Catholic Church

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 27/21

The Council notes the President's approval of \$500 from the Community Assistance Grant funds towards the Christmas Island Catholic Church Statue Restoration Project

Carried: 8/0

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

- 10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – March 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 28/21

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in March 2021 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 8/0

- 10.2.2 Financial Statements - March 2021

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 29/21

That Council receives the Financial Statements of March 2021 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 8/0

10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 31 March 2021

Council Resolution**Moved: Cr LEE****Seconded: Cr YON****Res. No: 30/21**

The report is noted.

Carried: 8/0**10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training****10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste****10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants****10.5.1 Report of Review to initial formal review of the LPS No.2****Council Resolution****Moved: Cr FOO****Seconded: Cr MASLI****Res. No: 31/21**

Council approve the *Review of Shire of Christmas Island Local Planning Scheme no. 2* report and its recommendations within as follows:

- Pursuant to Regulation 66(3)(a)(iii) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations WA (WA)(CI) to make a recommendation to the Western Australia Planning Commission that the Shire of Christmas Island Local Planning Scheme No.2 be repealed and a new scheme be prepared in its place with the LPS 2 repealed upon approval of the new scheme; and
- Pursuant to Regulation 66(3)(b)(iii) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (WA)(CI) to make a recommendation to the Western Australian Planning Commission that the Shire of Christmas Island Local Planning Strategy 2015 should be repealed and a new strategy prepared in its place.

Carried: 8/0**11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN****12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING****13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS****14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.45pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 25 May 2021