



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting held on 22 November 2022**



**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 22 November 2022**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

<b>Agenda No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
1	<u>DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS</u> 1.1 SHIRE PRESIDENT DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 7.00PM	1
2	<u>RECORD OF ATTENDANCES/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED/DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL/PROXIMITY &amp; IMPARTIALITY INTERESTS</u> 2.1 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE 2.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE 2.3 APOLOGIES 2.4 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL/IMPARTIALITY/PROXIMITY INTEREST	1
3	<u>RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE</u> 3.1 REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC ISLAND ON JALAN MASJID COMPLETE	1
4	<u>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</u> 4.1 RUBBISH TRUCK QUERY 4.2 COCONUT SAPLING ON CORNER OF MURRAY AND PHOSPHATE HILL ROADS 4.3 POON SAAN ZEBRA CROSSING	1
5	<u>APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE</u> 5.1 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE	2
6	<u>PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS</u>	2
7	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)/BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u> 7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2022 7.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	2
8	<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION</u> 8.1 MESSAGE FROM CLARK FAMILY TO COUNCIL, CEREMONY FOR HMAS SYDNEY II AND ABLE SEAMAN THOMAS WELSBY CLARK	2

9	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> 9.1 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	3
10	<u>OFFICER REPORTS</u>	
10.1	<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u> 10.1.1 DATES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023 10.1.2 FISHERIES FUNDING	3
10.2	<u>DIRECTOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</u> 10.2.1 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS – OCTOBER 2022 10.2.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – OCTOBER 2022	4
10.3	<u>DIRECTOR COMMUNITY/RECREATION SERVICES &amp; TRAINING</u>	4
10.4	<u>DIRECTOR WORK, SERVICES &amp; WASTE</u>	4
10.5	<u>DIRECTOR PLANNING, GOVERNANCE AND POLICY</u>	4
11	<u>ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN</u>	4
12	<u>NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING</u>	4
13	<u>BEHIND CLOSED DOORS</u>	4
14	<u>CLOSURE OF MEETING</u> THE SHIRE PRESIDENT CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.26 PM	4
15	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13 DECEMBER 2022</u>	4



## CONFIRMED MINUTES

### Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 22 November 2022

#### 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 Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Director Finance and Admin

Director Community/Recreation Services

Director Works, Services & Waste

Chris **SU**

Kim **CHUA**

Olivier **LINES**

Troy **DAVIS**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

Councillor

Councillor

Chief Executive Officer

Cr Farzian **ZAINAL**

Cr Azmi **YON**

David **PRICE**

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

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

3.1 Item 4.5 of the 27<sup>th</sup> September Ordinary Council Meeting, removal of the traffic island at the Mosque area on Jalan Masjid was completed by the Shire Director of Works Troy DAVIS advised that the team had removed the traffic island, and a future reseal on that area may finalise the removal.

#### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr Kelvin LEE provided some resident's feedback on the presence of the SOCI rubbish truck in the vicinity of island eateries during break times. Any action like this would affect the amenity of the eatery. Director of Works Troy DAVIS advised he would return to Council on this.

4.2 Cr Vincent SAW noted that there had been a planting of a coconut sapling on the corner of Phosphate Hill Road and Murray Road where the new footpath has been laid. Suggested that a full grown coconut sapling there would not be safe for traffic or pedestrians. Director Troy DAVIS advised he would address the sapling planting. It is likely to have been put there by a person in the public and not SOCI works staff.

- 4.3 Cr Morgan SOH asked for an update to the scheduling for the Poon Saan Road zebra crossing opposite Block 501 and the Poon Saan Shops. He noted that traffic needed to be slower on the road, noting that it is a 40km/h street. Director of Works Troy DAVIS advised that this zebra crossing was in the works program after the Foreshore Padang program was completed.

## 5 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 5.1 Application for Leave of Absence

#### Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 101/22

That Cr Thomson be granted a leave of absence for the December 13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

## 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 25 October 2022

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

#### Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 102/22

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 25 October 2022 Council Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

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

## 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 President THOMSON reported on Council's commemoration for the HMAS Sydney (II) and Able Seaman Thomas Welsby Clark last Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Acknowledged the work of Acting CEO Chris SU in organising the event and in the liaison work with the Royal Australian Navy leading to the event. It was well attended, and positive feedback received from the Clark family and residents after the event.

President THOMSON read out a letter the Clark family wrote to the Council for the meeting:  
*22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022*

*To the Christmas Island Shire Council*

*On behalf of Tom and Fiona Clark and myself, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to yourselves and the people of Christmas Island for your hospitality and kindness in assisting us to be a part of the commemorations for our uncle Able Seaman Thomas Clark.*

*We have learned so much about this special place, and are so glad that Uncle Tom made it to this special Island. It would have been the perfect place for his final resting place. The care and compassion shown to him and to us is unbelievable.*

*To the school – wow! What wonderful teachers and students. Thank you for a beautiful afternoon. Matthew's song was perfect, and reflected all the emotions possible.*

*To the wonderful people who welcomed us into their homes and took the time to show us the sights of the Island, educate us, thank you.*

*Chris Su. You are a wonderful host, guide, information sharer and historian.*

*The celebration itself was so tasteful and well organised. Congratulations.*

*We are leaving here with special memories.*

*Many thanks*

*Pam Fisher, Thomas Clark, Fiona Clark.*

## **9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **9.1 Minutes of Committee Meetings**

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr WOO**

**Seconded: Cr LEE**

**Res. No: 103/22**

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee meeting of November 16th and Fishery Management Committee of November 17th 2022 be adopted.

**Carried: 7/0**

## **10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **10.1 Chief Executive Officer**

#### **10.1.1 Dates for Ordinary Council Meetings 2023**

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr FOO**

**Seconded: Cr SAW**

**Res. No: 104/22**

That Council adopts the following schedule of Ordinary Meetings for 2023 in accordance with section 5.25 (1) (g) of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995 and the Local Government Administration Regulations 1996 commencing at 7.00pm at the George Fam Centre Council Chambers on the fourth Tuesday of each month with the exceptions of:

- 7 February 2023 ordinary meeting due to the long period of no meetings between 8 December 2022 and 7 February 2023.
- The April meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 26th as the normal Tuesday 25th is the ANZAC Day Holiday
- 13th June 2023 Ordinary Meeting being the 2nd Tuesday due to the ALGA National Conference in Canberra being the following week.
- The December 2023 Ordinary Meeting which is scheduled for the 12th December 2023 being the 2nd Tuesday due to the Christmas close down period in December 2023.

7 February 2023  
21 March 2023  
26 April 2023  
23 May 2023  
13 June 2023  
25 July 2023  
22 August 2023  
26 September 2023  
24 October 2023  
21 November 2023  
12 December 2023

**Carried: 7/0**

### 10.1.2 Fisheries Funding

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr MASLI****Seconded: Cr FOO****Res. No: 105/22**

That Council acts upon the recommendation of the Shire's Fisheries Management Committee and engage with the Commonwealth to conclude an agreement on the terms of the Work Plan and Budget presented to the Fisheries Management Committee on the Fisheries Ranger establishment.

**Carried: 7/0**

## 10.2 Director Finance & Administration

### 10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – October 2022

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr LEE****Seconded: Cr MASLI****Res. No: 106/22**

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in October 2022 Schedule of Accounts

**Carried: 7/0**

### 10.2.2 Financial Statements - October 2022

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr LEE****Seconded: Cr MASLI****Res. No: 107/22**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of October 2022 for the Municipal Fund.

**Carried: 7/0**

## 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

## 13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

## 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.26pm

## 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13 December 2022