



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 26 March 2019



**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 26 March 2019

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

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 Rosnah **PAL**
Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Kelvin **LEE**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Vincent **SAW**

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Work, Services & Waste
Manager Recreation Services & Training

David **PRICE**
Ian **DODDS**
Olivier **LINES**

Minute Taker

Shikin **HASINUDIN**

2.2 Leave of Absence – Cr Philip **WOO**

2.3 Apologies – Cr Nora **KOH**

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr PAL – Playgrounds – Cr PAL asked whether there were any plans for new playground equipment for Kampong?

The Manager Recreation Services, Olivier Lines replied that he had a couple of requests from kids living in Kampong for a swing like the swing previously installed at the Poon Saan Park. Mr Lines did costings for the swings and labour.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he will be meeting with Dr Van Beek and will be raising the matter. He will also include the matters regarding maintenance of the basketball court at Kampong such as replacing the ring, pressure cleaning the floors and installing handrails for the stairs.

4.2 Cr PAL – Cleaning of Footpaths and Crossings – Cr PAL advised Council that the footpaths around town tend to get mouldy and slippery during the wet weather. Can Council check footpaths and crossings and pressure clean areas that are unsafe?

The Shire President replied that Council will look into this matter.

4.3 Cr PAL – Sulo Bins – Cr PAL advised Council that the Sulo Bins, especially around Kampong are not being organised and picked up properly. Is it possible for Council to organise or inform residents regarding placing bins properly and disposing wet rubbish appropriately?

The Manager Works, Services and Waste, Mr Ian Dodds replied that he has been discussing this issue with representatives of the Islamic Council. He is willing to meet with Councillors and Kampong representatives to discuss issues such as wet rubbish disposals, bin locations and parking that interfere with rubbish collection for the truck.

- 4.4 Cr YON would like to acknowledge the work that Council has done on the North West Point road and also for the support and assistance that was provided for the Solidarity Day on 24 March 2019.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 5.1 Cr WOO, KOH & FOO – Leave of Absence

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr PAL

Res. No: 09/19

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr WOO (15/3/19 to 1/4/19), Cr KOH (17/4/19 to 7/5/19) and Cr FOO (29/3/19 to 7/5/19) be approved.

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 12 February 2019

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 10/19

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 12 February 2019 Council Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 9.1 Community Welfare Fund Management Committee Meeting

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 11/19

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Community Welfare Fund Management Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2018 and the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Community Welfare Fund Management Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2019 be received.

Carried: 7/0

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 ALGA National Conference Attendance

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 12/19

That Council –

1. confirm registration to attend the 2019 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly conference scheduled for 16 to 19 June 2019 in Canberra,
2. nominates the Shire President, the CEO and Councillors LEE, MASLI, YON, KOH and PAL to attend the conference for the purpose of registration, travel and accommodation arrangements, advise the CEO of any Motions by 29 March 2019 that Council may want to have included in the Conference Agenda Papers and
4. confirm the voting (x 1 – Cr LEE) and proxy (x 1 – Cr MASLI) delegates for the conference.

Carried: 7/0

10.1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment – Term of Reference

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 13/19

Council endorses the Shire submission on the Strategic Assessment Draft Terms of Reference under Part 10 of the EPBC Act 1999 (Cth)

Council also requests from DIRDC to engage on a regular basis with the Shire throughout the Strategic Assessment process

The CEO is required to publish the Shire submission for public information in the Islander

Carried: 7/0

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – February 2019

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 14/19

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in February 2019 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 7/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements – February 2019

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 15/19

That Council receives the Financial Statements of the February 2019 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 7/0

10.3 Manager Community Services

10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

10.4.1 Tractor - Kubota Discount Purchase

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 16/19

That Council accept the recommendation to purchase a substantially discounted New Kubota Tractor.

Carried: 7/0

10.4.2 Ethel Beach – High Pressure Water Cleaning Contract

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr PAL	Res. No: 17/19
That Council accept the recommendation to appoint Christmas Island Blasting Service for a 3 year contract.		
Carried: 7/0		

10.5 Manager Recreation Services & Training Officer

10.6 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

11.1 The President reported that he had within his discretionary authority approved \$1,000 from the Community Assistance Fund to the Islamic Council of Christmas Island for the Solidary Day at the Kampong on Sunday 24th March 2019.

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr YON	Res. No: 18/19
The Shire President's report be received.		
Carried: 7/0		

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

12.1 Letter of Support

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr YON	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No: 19/19
That Council accepts new business for discussion.		
Carried: 7/0		

The Shire President advised Council of a letter of support he had written and read the content of the letter to the Councillors.

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No: 20/19
That Council approves of the Letter of Support.		
Carried: 7/0		

13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23 April 2019