



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 24 August 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 24 August 2021**

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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 24 August 2021

### 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**

Chief Executive Officer

Manager Finance and Admin

Manager Works, Services & Waste

Manager Research, Policy, Governance & Grants/Minute Taker

David **PRICE**

So Hon **GAN**

Graeme **HEDDITCH**

Chris **SU**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

Councillor

Manager Community/Recreation Services

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Olivier **LINES**

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

2.4.1 The following Councillors declared a Financial Interest for item 10.1.5 *Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area.*

Deputy President

Councillors

**FOO** Kee Heng

Morgan **SOH**

Azmi **YON**

Hafiz **MASLI**

Phillip **WOO**

Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

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

### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Patricia POWERS of Settlement Christmas Island spoke on the need to manage crab movements on Murray Road from Poon Saan to Settlement during the migration to reduce loss rate. Can Council consider speed and access restrictions on Murray Road during the peak hours of crab movement?

Cr YON acknowledged the need to manage crab movements Island wide during migrations and noted that the best course of action was not to move during those times. More traffic

management with consideration for speed and access restrictions would alleviate the loss. Cr THOMSON observed that National Parks enforced closures on Golf Course Road from the Mango Tree Lodge to the Resort.

Patricia POWERS asked if appropriate public messaging could be made to the public going into and during the migration season and mobile speed signs be deployed? Acknowledged that Parks staff and resources are stretched during these times – more human resources need to be deployed.

ACTION ITEM: CEO David PRICE will liaise with Parks for a joint Management Plan.

- 4.2 Cr FARZIAN raises query on waste management. CEO David PRICE advised that Tim FRANCIS from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is returning to the Island with a marine debris plan and to launch the water bottle initiative after COVID delays.

CEO PRICE advised that Canberra has commenced an IOT Waste Management Strategy with CKI and CI participation. This includes research on the possibility of how CI can support elements of CKI's waste needs and the future relocation of waste tip handling away from the current Vagabond Road, Phosphate Hill site.

## 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 27 July 2021

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

#### Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 68/21

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 27 July 2021 Council Meeting.

Carried: 8/0

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

## 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Cr THOMSON reported that he had forwarded to Assistant Secretary Aaron O'NEILL and Assistant Minister MARINO the Fisheries Management Committee Management Planning Update document created by the FMC in conjunction with the Sea Country Solutions and Pew Foundation team.

Reminded Councillors that the Public Meeting on Fisheries Management will be at the Community Hall at 7.30pm on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

## 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: 69/21

1. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make a payment to CI Robbers Junior League Club for \$3000 from the Community Assistant Grants fund.

**Carried: 8/0**

#### 10.1.2 Light Industrial Area Lots 509 and 510 for Sale or Lease

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr SOH**

**Res. No: 70/21**

The CEO is requested to:

1. Publically offer the LIA Lots 509 and 510 sale by tender and or offer for lease.
2. Origen Legal to be retained reply to all technical queries, requests for of information, tender submissions and Lease Offers.
3. Canvassing of any Shire of Christmas Island Councillors, Officers or Consultants will disqualify Tenderers or offer of lease from the Tender or lease process.
4. The highest or any tender or lease offer will not necessarily be accepted.

**Carried: 8/0**

#### 10.1.5 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area

##### **7.33pm**

CEO David PRICE informed the meeting that Council had not yet received permission from the Minister to participate in this item; CEO had applied for this process for the July ordinary council meeting, and again for the August ordinary council meeting.

Councillors Morgan SOH, Azmi YON, Kelvin Kok Bin LEE, Phillip WOO, Hafiz MASLI and Deputy President FOO Kee Heng declared they had a Financial Interest in the matter and excused themselves from the meeting at 7.33pm.

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr**

**Seconded: Cr**

**Res. No: /21**

- a) Council endorses the SOCI recommendations in response to:
  - the 14 April 2021 Phosphate Resources Ltd. (PRL) submission and
  - the 6 May 2021 Eco Crab Industries (ECI) submissionboth made in relation to the March 2021 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area.
- b) The SOCI to issue attachment 10.1.1.2. to PRL and attachment 10.1.1.3. to ECI as formal response to their respective submission.
- c) Council endorses the June 2021 Proposed Amendment to the Light Industrial Area (The Report) and its proposed Actions as input into the Christmas island Strategic Assessment (CISA) Land Use Plan (LUP), the Review of the 2015 Local Planning Strategy and ultimately the formulation of the Local Planning Scheme No.3 (LPS No.3).
- d) The SOCI to issue the endorsed Report to the DITRDC as SOCI's formal input into the CISA Land Use Plan for the LIA, Hospital, Taman Sweetland Circuit and Phosphate Hill Historic areas.
- e) The SOCI to formally engage with the DITRDC to progress Actions 1 and 2 on page 8 of the Report.

**Carried: /0**

The Motion was not able to be considered due to the meeting not having a quorum of Councillors in attendance.

##### **7.37pm**

Councillors Morgan SOH, Azmi YON, Kelvin Kok Bin LEE, Phillip WOO, Hafiz MASLI and Deputy President FOO Kee Heng return to the meeting.

### 10.1.3 Exemption Application

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr YON**

**Res. No: 71/21**

That the CEO be requested to apply for the exemption of Councillors in order to participate in the item when submitted to the September 28th Ordinary Council Meeting

**Carried: 8/0**

## **10.2 Manager Finance & Administration**

### 10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – July 2021

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr FOO**

**Seconded: Cr WOO**

**Res. No: 72/21**

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

**Carried: 8/0**

### 10.2.2 Financial Statements – June & July 2021

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No: 73/21**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of June & July 2021 for the Municipal Fund.

**Carried: 8/0**

## **10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training**

## **10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste**

### 10.4.1 Purchase of a Toyota Fortuner

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr YON**

**Res. No: 74/21**

That Council Accepts the Tender from Scarborough Toyota.

To Purchase a Toyota Fortuner \$ 47,013.55

**Carried: 8/0**

### 10.4.2 Purchase of 3 Toyota Hilux Utes

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No: 75/21**

That Council Accepts the Tender from Melville Toyota.

To Purchase three Toyota Hilux Utes \$130,686.64

**Carried: 8/0**

## **10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants**

### 10.5.1 Policy Updates

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr MASLI**

**Res. No: 76/21**

That the Council adopt the

- Shire of Christmas Island Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates

- Shire of Christmas Island Code of Conduct Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates Breach Complaint Form
- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Code of Conduct, Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates Complaints Management Policy

**Carried: 8/0**

#### 10.5.2 Additional Use 49A Gaze Road

**Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr SOH**

**Res. No: 77/21**

That the Council approve the application for Additional Use Class 36 – Residential Building for 49a Barracks, Gaze Road based on the submissions received and congruence with elements of the Shire Gaze Road Urban Design Management Plan 2012 for such usage at the Barracks.

**Carried: 8/0**

#### 10.5.3 Purchasing Policy Review

**Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No: 78/21**

That the Council adopt the reviewed Purchasing Policy and Corporate Credit Cards Policy.

**Carried: 8/0**

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- 13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**
- 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**  
The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.50pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 28 September 2021**