



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 20 October 2020



**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 20 October 2020

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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
Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**
Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Chief Executive Officer/ Minute Taker
Manager Finance and Admin
Manager Community/Recreation Services
Manager for Works, Services & Waste

David **PRICE**
So Hon **GAN**
Olivier **LINES**
Graeme **Hedditch**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

Deputy President

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

2.3 **Apology**

Councillors

Cr Farzian **ZAINAL**

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

3 **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE Nil**

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

5 **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

6 **PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 Andrew Murphy – Acting IOT Director

Andrew addressed the Council and answered questions on the CI Draft Fisheries Ordinance 2020 and the IOTHS Dental Staffing Shortage.

7 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.1 **Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2020**

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr SAW** **Res. No: 96/20**

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 22 September 2020 Council Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The President CR THOMSON informed the Council on the meetings and discussions he had in Perth these included:

- Indian Ocean Learning Communities – Herve Calmy and Professor John Howieson
- Christmas Island Research Working Group - teleconferences
- AGM and Political Forum WALGA – legislative changes Local Government Act and Regulations before the WA Parliament
- Meeting with Assistant Minister Nola Marino in Bunbury Electorate Office to introduce Karl Watkin of Photocyte Pty Ltd who is interested in investing in growing food and pharma plants on relinquished mine land, with Herve Calmy, Shire planning consultant.
- Meetings on the CISA process with Herve Calmy, maps and responses to DITRDC
- Meeting with Dr Martin Drum, University of Notre Dame and Dr Kelvin Matthews – Christmas Island governance

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meetings

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 97/20**

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Community Consultative Committee meeting of September 2nd 2020 be received.

Carried: 7/0

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Revised Organisational Chart 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 98/20**

Council endorse the new 2020 Organisational Chart

Carried: 7/0

10.1.2 Management Order

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Yon **Seconded: Cr Lee** **Res. No: 99/20**

Council approves the proposed conditions of the Management Order of the Proposed Gaze Road Community Recreation Area Lot 601 and accordingly the CEO is to advise IOTA.

Carried: 7/0

10.1.3 Gaze Road Recreational Area Shade Cover

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 100/20**

Council endorses the side shade option to be installed at the Gaze Road Recreational Area to provide afternoon shade cover to the Bowls, Volleyball and Skate park areas and for an overhead shade structure over the playground equipment.

Carried: 7/0

10.1.4 Review of the Local Planning Scheme No.2 (LPS No.2)

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 101/20**

Council agrees to prepare a report to review and consolidate the Shire of Christmas Island Local Planning Scheme No.2 District Zoning Scheme gazetted with the WA Government 17 February 2016.

Carried: 7/0

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts - September 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW **Seconded: Cr SOH** **Res. No: 102/20**

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in September 2020 Schedule of Accounts

Carried: 7/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements - September 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 103/20**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of September 2020 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 7/0

10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 30 September 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 104/20**

The report is noted.

Carried: 7/0

10.3 Manager Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Manager Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants

10.5.1 CI Draft Fisheries Ordinance 2020

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 105/20**

That the Shire submit feedback to the Commonwealth and WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA Fisheries) after examining the CI Draft Fisheries Ordinance 2020 and collecting feedback from residents using our community consultation policy and mechanisms.

Carried: 7/0

10.5.2 IOTHS Dental Staffing Shortage

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 106/20

That the Shire Seek clarification from IOTHS on the progress of placement of a permanent on-island dentist

Does not support any plans to remove dental positions from the IOTHS dental clinic

Ask the IOTHS to extend its IOT PATS policy to allow residents to be sent to Perth for dental examination upon recommendation of the attending IOTHS GP.

Carried: 7/0

11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN: NIL

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

12.1 Resolution to Accept New Business Regarding the Establishment of CIGF

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 107/20

That the Council receive new business regarding the establishment of the Christmas Islanders Governance Forum (CIGF).

Carried: 7/0

Council discussed the following regarding a Christmas Island Governance Forum

Over several decades the Shire of Christmas Island, individuals and key community organisations have made numerous representations and submissions to Parliamentary Inquiries on the question of governance for Christmas Island.

Despite various efforts to locate some decision making about community affairs within the community, none of those measures has delivered change in the legal/constitutional relations between the people of the Island and those who govern us.

Unlike the citizens of every mainland state and territory, Christmas Islanders do not elect the people who make the laws that govern our daily lives.

We remain a colonial possession of the Commonwealth of Australia, having never voted or even been consulted about the transfer of sovereignty over Christmas Island from the United Kingdom to the Commonwealth of Australia.

While we remain under this undemocratic regime the Commonwealth is exposed to the shameful charge of colonialist oppression of the Christmas Island population and potential for UN intervention to effect self-government for the Colony of Christmas Island.

It is in the interests of Christmas Islanders and the Commonwealth that governance reform is effected as soon as possible. To this end the Shire of Christmas Island should initiate a programme of education and discussion amongst the Christmas Islanders to identify the governance preferences of our community.

12.2 Motion on the Establishment of CIGF

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 108/20

By this resolution the Council of the Shire of Christmas Island inaugurates the Christmas Islanders Governance Forum (CIGF).

The President is requested to initiate a programme of activity, education and discussion to identify the governance preferences of our community.

Dr Martin Drum of the Notre Dame University in Fremantle and Dr Kelvin Matthews are to be invited to facilitate the first session of the CIGF on Christmas Island in December.

Carried: 7/0

13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.35pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 November 2020