



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 26 April 2023



**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 Wednesday 26 April 2023

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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

- 1.2 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**

Chief Executive Officer

David **PRICE**

Director Planning, Governance and Policy Minute Taker

Director Community/Recreation Services

Director Works, Services & Waste

Chris **SU**

Olivier **LINES**

Troy **DAVIS**

- 2.2 **Leave of Absence**

- 2.3 **Apologies**

Councillor

Cr Morgan Boon Hwa **SOH**

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

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 4.1 Cr ZAINAL requested an update on the replacement of the Drumsite playground equipment? Director Oliver LINES advised that Shire had received a donation of a playground set from 'Charlie Compound' at the Phosphate Hill Alternate Place of Detention. Block Construction has the equipment, and the Shire is to level the site and install the necessary soft fall.
- 4.2 Cr ZAINAL asked if there were any by-laws for lighting in recreational spaces. Shire President THOMSON informed her that there are no such by-laws.

Shire CEO informed the meeting that he had an on-site meeting with a resident at the Foreshore Padang precinct area about the lighting. The lights are within Australian standards. The lights were meant to turn off or be dimmed automatically at 11.30pm.

4.3 Cr ZAINAL asked for an update on the Expression of Interest put out pre-COVID for a bbq at Taman Sweetland. Shire CEO David PRICE advised that a bbq facility for Taman Sweetland will be considered during the Lily Beach Precinct Upgrade project, when additional bbq facilities will be ordered then.

4.4 Cr ZAINAL provided that some residents had enquired with her about the placement of the firepit in the Lily Beach Precinct Upgrade plans advertised by the Shire. Residents had thought the placement of the firepit in the image may be within the high water mark.

Shire CEO confirmed that the artists' concept images are not the scale location drawings for placement of the firepit in the area. Confirmed that consideration will be made for placement to ensure that it is beyond the known usual high water mark reach.

Cr ZAINAL provided that some residents asked if the 27 car park bays were necessary at Lily Beach and also that residents did not want any clearing of trees to make way for these bays. The Shire CEO confirmed that no trees will be removed for the construction of the car park bays. A rationalisation of existing unsealed carpark area and removal of creep bush undergrowth will allow for 21 plus car park bays in the to-be-sealed area. The advertised drawings showed an optimisation of the existing footprint of the unsealed carpark onset by creep bush – no trees will be removed.

4.5 Cr Kelvin LEE noted the presence of abandoned vehicles on local roads. Director Troy DAVIS summarised the procedure around verifying ownership of abandoned vehicles.

Cr FOO Kee Heng asked if Council could impose a fee on the import of vehicles to the island that would be able to used when it is time to scrap the vehicle at the tip? Shire CEO advised that the Indian Ocean Territories Administration administered the state-type service of being the Motor Vehicle Registry provider and only they could possibly consider implementing some kind of fee in that respect.

Shire President Gordon THOMSON advised it was outside the remit of Local Government to be able to pass by-laws in the area of vehicle licensing in WA.

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 21 March 2023

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 20/23

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 21 March 2023 Council Meeting.

Carried: 8/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Shire President Gordon THOMSON noted the return of the Youth Advisory Council of WA for the 2023 Christmas Island Youth Conference being facilitated by the Shire this coming weekend.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Annual Report 2021/22

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 21/23

1. The Shire of Christmas Island Annual Report for 2022 is accepted.
2. An Elector's General Meeting is held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 commencing at 6:30pm for the purpose prescribed by the Local Government Act 1995 (WA (CI).
3. The Chief Executive Officer is to give notice the Elector's Meeting and to ensure that statutory requirements regarding the acceptance of the Annual Report 2022 are met.

Carried: 8/0

10.1.2 Addition-impenetrable roof covering in Common Property in association with Strata Lot 4.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 22/23

Council grants approval for an impenetrable roof addition at Lot 228, 1 Lorong Kampong Melayu, Christmas Island, in Common Property in association with Strata Lot 4 subject to the following conditions.

Carried: 8/0

10.1.3 Settlement Sports Hall Refurbishment Sustainability Hub – Design Concept

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 23/23

Council supports the release for public comments of the April 2023 preliminary draft Settlement Sports Hall Refurbishment Sustainability Hub – Design Concept for the purpose of community engagement and feedback.

Carried: 8/0

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – March 2023

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr ZAINAL

Res. No: 24/23

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in March 2023 Schedule of Accounts

Carried: 8/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements – March 2023

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 25/23

That Council receives the Financial Statement of March 2023 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 8/0

- 10.2 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training**
- 10.3 Director Works, Services & Waste**
- 10.4 Director Governance, Research, Policy & Grants**
- 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 7.35pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23 May 2023**