



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 25 July 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 Tuesday 25 July 2023

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 July 2023

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 Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Acting CEO Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker/

Chris **SU**

Director Community/Recreation Services

Director Finance

Olivier **LINES**

Kevin **WILSON**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

Councillors

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Morgan **SOH**

2.3 **Apologies**

Chief Executive Officer

Director of Works, Services and Waste

David **PRICE**

Troy **DAVIS**

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

Crs Kelvin LEE, FOO Kee Heng, Hafiz MASLI, Vincent SAW, Phillip WOO and Gordon THOMSON declared an interest in item 10.1.3 Community Assistance Grants for various memberships in the community groups participating in the CAG program.

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

3.1 Acting CEO Chris SU reported on item from June 27th Ordinary Council Meeting regarding skip bin in Upper Poon Saan road. The skip bin has been returned to the original location.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr Kelvin LEE leave of absence

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 46/23

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Kelvin LEE (28/7/2023 to 5/9/2023) be approved.

Carried: 6/0

5.2 Cr Azmi YON and Cr Morgan SOH leave of absence

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 47/23

That the leave of absence applications submitted by Cr Azmi YON and Cr Morgan SOH (25/7/2023-8/8/23) be approved.

Carried: 6/0

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 27 June 2023

Members considered the Ordinary Council Meeting minutes

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 48/23

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 27 June 2023 Council Meeting.

Carried: 6/0

7.2 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 17 July 2023

Members considered the Special Council Meeting minutes

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 49/23

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Special Meeting of July 17th 2023 be adopted

Carried: 6/0

7.3 Business arising from minutes of the previous meeting

Shire President Gordon THOMSON advised that he had carried out the resolution from the Special Meeting of July 17th 2023 to inform the Hon. Minister Kristy McBAIN of the outcomes of the community submissions and Council's subsequent position. The Shire President had sent a

copy of the correspondence to Councillors as well as members of the Community Consultative Committee.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Reports of Committee-Fisheries Advisory Committee

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 50/23

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Fisheries Advisory Committee (FAC) meetings of 30th November 2022 and 12th April 2023 and the Unconfirmed Minutes of the July 6th 2023 be received.

Carried: 6/0

9.2 Reports of Committee-Community Consultative Committee

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 51/23

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee Meetings of 27th April 2023, 7th June 2023, Unconfirmed Minutes of 5th July 2023 are received.

Carried: 6/0

9.3 Youth Advisory Council Creation

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 52/23

That the Shire

- receives the minutes of the inaugural Christmas Island Youth Advisory Council;
- receive the Shire of Christmas Island – Youth Advisory Council WA Youth Conference 2023 Report; and
- requests the CEO to commence appropriate community consultation regarding resolution YAC4/23 on the appeal for Council to bring a veterinarian on Island for a cat desex and chip program in amnesty allowing for owners of unregistered cats to participate

Carried: 6/0

9.4 Reports of Committee-Fisheries Management Committee

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 53/23

That the Shire receives the Confirmed Minutes of the April 12th 2023 Fisheries Management Committee minutes and the Unconfirmed Minutes of the July 6th Fisheries Management Committee minutes.

Carried: 6/0

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Annual Budget 2023-24

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 54/23

1. Council adopts the 2023/24 Annual Budget of the Shire of Christmas Island as presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 25 July 2023.
2. A materiality level of plus/minus 10% or plus/minus \$10,000 (whichever is the greater) to define significant variance in budget estimates and monthly reports is endorsed.
3. Council adopts the accounting policies contained within the budget.
4. The Shire President/Deputy President and Councillors' allowances to be paid as follows:
 - a) Pursuant to section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the following annual fees for payment of elected members in lieu of individual meeting attendance fees:
Shire President \$26,370
Councillors \$17,030
 - b) Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:
Shire President \$38,450
 - c) Pursuant to section 5.98A (1) of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition of the annual meeting allowance (25%):
Deputy President \$9,612.50

Carried: 6/0 (Absolute Majority)

10.1.2 Strategic Community Plan

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 55/23

That Council adopt the Shire of Christmas Island Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033 'Our Island, Our Responsibility.

Carried: 6/0 (Absolute Majority)

10.1.3 Community Assistance Grants

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 56/23

1. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make payments to those organisations listed under "Proposed" in Attachment 10.1.2.1.
2. The Chief Executive Officer writes to each applicant advising the outcome of their application and, in the case of unsuccessful applicants, offering any in-kind assistance that may be available to enable the organisation to achieve their objectives.

Carried: 6/0

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – June 2023

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 57/23

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

Carried: 6/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements – June 2023

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 58/23

That Council receives the Financial Statements of June 2023 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 6/0

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

12.1 New business to be introduced to the meeting

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No 59/23

That a new item of business be introduced to the meeting.

Carried: 6/0

12.2 Council Resolution on 'The Voice' referendum

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No 60/23

This resolution is informed by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, the expression of the first peoples of Australia, which calls for the voice of the first peoples to be heard. The 'Voice' referendum is the appropriate response to that call.

Councillors resolve to declare support for the 'Voice' referendum and to support the 'YES' campaign and distribution of information about the referendum that supports a 'YES' vote.

Carried: 6/0

13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 August 2023