



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 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 24 September 2019**

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### **1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

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 Rosnah **PAL**  
Cr Azmi **YON (7.03pm)**  
Cr Nora **KOH**  
Cr Kelvin **LEE**  
Cr Philip **WOO**  
Cr Vincent **SAW**  
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Chief Executive Officer  
Manager Finance and Admin  
Manager Governance, Research, Policy & Grants  
Manager Community/Recreation Services and Training  
Manager Works, Services & Waste

David **PRICE**  
Rostyna **OH**  
Chris **SU**  
Olivier **LINES**  
Graeme **HEDDITCH**

Minute Taker

Shikin **HASINUDIN**

#### **2.2 Leave of Absence**

#### **2.3 Apologies**

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

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

### **4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Cr YON entered the Chamber at 7.03pm

- 4.1 Cr KOH – Solar Street Lights – Cr KOH said that she was told there was a \$300,000 grant for the solar street lights and asked where these street lights are going to be installed.

The CEO replied that it is not a grant. The \$300,000 is part of the FAG money that has not been allocated in the budget. The solar street lights would run along the hospital road to the junction at Lily Beach Road and Phosphate Hill Road, then to the Irvine Hill Road junction and to the Airport.

- 4.2 Cr FOO – Duty Free – Cr FOO concerning about the Island's economy, the Island is supposed to be a duty free zone. Being a duty free zone encourages tourism and allows visitors to purchase duty free alcohol and cigarettes. But recently they marked up prices on cigarettes. There were no announcements regarding this marked up prices by the government. Can Council forward this matter onto the government?

The Shire President replied that there's a departure from the principal we understood to be cemented and that was to be Duty Free on the items mentioned. There had been no consultation. Council will take note of your question and refer the question to the government through the department

- 4.3 Cr FOO – Cost of Sea Containers – Cr FOO advised Council that currently 1 container will cost about \$8,000. He was told that there was a shortage of containers and because of this, the container costed \$11,000. Can Council please look into this issue?

The Shire President replied that private operators can put up their prices. Many times we have made submissions to the parliamentary enquiries about the shipping costs and the recommendation that comes out of the enquiry never suggests any form of subsidy. The Council will take the question to the government again.

- 4.4 Cr YON – Kampong Playground – In regards to the Kampong playground, Kampong residence has been asking about a playground replacement for a long time now and is becoming unsafe for the kids to play on.

The Manager Community/Recreation Services and Training (MCRST) replied that he is aware that the playground including the basketball court isn't in a good state and are unsafety with handrails missing or coming away from the play equipment. This issue was raised several times with the Indian Ocean Territories Administration office, the previous Operations Manager and former Director. The MCRST advised Council that he has now spoken to the current Senior Operation Manager who has been more understanding with the issue. This issue will be raised again with the Senior Operation Manager.

The MCRST also advised Council that there is a bird nest swing has been ordered for the Kampong play area and should be on the next shipment.

- 4.5 Cr PAL – BBQ – Cr PAL asked Council if they could consider allocating a budget for next financial year for a couple of BBQs to be purchased and installed at Taman Sweetland and Drumsite.

The CEO replied that Council will take note of this request.

- 4.6 Cr KOH read an acknowledgement to the Council:  
"I would like to thank the Shire President, CEO, the Shire Managers and all the Shire staff including the workers working outside supporting me in the past 12 years. Also thanks to the community for electing me for the past 12 years. It has been a huge privilege and honour to serve on the Council in the past 12 years.

These last 12 years has been an incredible opportunity and adventure and allowed me the opportunity to make a mark on the Island and I'm very proud of that.

We have achieved significant milestone such as street solar light, established new mammogram machine, age care, skate park, educate the community to reduce using plastic bags, established senior centre, advocate the Commonwealth not to accept the recovery plan as it affects the economy development of the Island, established the Stay on your Feet exercise program for the Seniors.

I recommend our achievements be published in the Islander for the Community to appreciate and take note of the efforts this Council has made to enhance the health and infrastructure needs for the Community."

## **5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

## **6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr Tim FRANCIS and Rohan SWAN from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation gave a presentation on the IOT Marine Debris Project to the Council. Their presentation included information regarding Drink Tap Water Project, Adopt a Spot and Sea Week.

**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 August 2019**

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

<b>Council Resolution</b>		
<b>Moved: Cr FOO</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr WOO</b>	<b>Res. No: 78/19</b>
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 27 August 2019 Council Meeting.		
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0</b>	

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

**8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

The Shire President announced on behalf of the Council an acknowledgement of Cr KOH and PAL for their contribution they've made as a Councillor and thanked Cr KOH for her acknowledgement earlier in the meeting.

**9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**10.1 Chief Executive Officer**

**10.1.1 Local Government Election 19 October 2019**

<b>Council Resolution</b>		
<b>Moved: Cr PAL</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr KOH</b>	<b>Res. No: 79/19</b>
That the report be received and noted		
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0</b>	

**10.2 Manager Finance & Administration**

**10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – August 2019**

<b>Council Resolution</b>		
<b>Moved: Cr KOH</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr PAL</b>	<b>Res. No: 80/19</b>
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in August 2019 Schedule of Accounts.		
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0</b>	

**10.2.2 Financial Statements – August 2019**

<b>Council Resolution</b>		
<b>Moved: Cr PAL</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr KOH</b>	<b>Res. No: 81/19</b>
That Council receives the Financial Statements of August 2019 for the Municipal Fund.		
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0</b>	

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

#### **10.3.1 Tender T04/2019 – Supply of Skatepark Engineering Design**

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr KOH**

**Seconded: Cr PAL**

**Res. No: 82/19**

That Council agrees to discuss the results of the Tender process carried out on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for the procurement of Engineering Drawings for the Construction of the Christmas Island Skate Park. The three Tender submissions are included in an attachment.

The recommendation is:

1. That Council does not accept the Tender from Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec (WGA) of \$33,150.00 – Fixed Fee
2. That Council does not accept the Tender from TECHNOCRETE of \$10,500.00 ex GST
3. That Council accepts the Tender from CONVIC of \$14,652.00

**Carried: 9/0**

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

### **10.5 Manager 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**

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr PAL**

**Seconded: Cr KOH**

**Res. No: 83/19**

The meeting be closed to members of the public in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 for council to discuss matter of a confidential nature.

**Carried: 9/0**

#### **13.1 CEO Performance Review**

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr KOH**

**Seconded: Cr PAL**

**Res. No: 84/19**

CEO annual review 2019 has been conducted by all Councillors present. The President has finalised the review document in accordance with required procedure. Council will commence the review of CEO's contract in March 2020 which shall consist of a discussion with the CEO about the possibilities of an extension of the CEO's contract up to 13 July 2024.

**Carried: 9/0**

##### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr PAL**

**Seconded: Cr KOH**

**Res. No: 85/19**

The meeting be reopened to members of the public.

**Carried: 9/0**

### **14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Shire President closed the meeting at 8.50pm

### **15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 October 2019**