



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Special Meeting held on 23 October 2023



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

**Minutes of the Special meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George
Fam Chambers at 10.00am on Monday 23 October 2023**

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

- 1.1 The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), David Price declared the meeting opened at 10.00 am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Record of Attendance

Chief Executive Officer/Returning Officer

David **PRICE**

Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Newly Elected Councillors

Cr **LEE** Kelvin Kok Bin

Cr **YON** Azmi

Cr **TUNG** Swee (Mel)

Cr **PEREIRA** Steven

2.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

2.3 Apologies

Nil

3 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

5.1 Swearing in of newly elected Councillors

- 5.1.1 Councillor Kelvin Kok Bin LEE was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Kelvin Kok Bin LEE was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 15th 2027.

- 5.1.2 Councillor Azmi YON was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to

observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Azmi YON was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 15th 2027.

5.1.3 Councillor Swee (Mel) TUNG was called upon by the CEO to complete her declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of her judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Swee (Mel) TUNG was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 15th 2027.

5.1.4 Councillor Steven PEREIRA was called upon by the CEO to complete his declaration as an elected member to take the office and to duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of the office for the people in the district according to the best of his judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by the Shire of Christmas Island under section 5.103 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI).

Councillor Steven PEREIRA was sworn in for a four year term, ending October 15th 2027.

5.2 **Election of Shire President**

The CEO, David PRICE acted as Returning Officer for the election of Shire President and called for nominations for the Shire President.

Cr THOMSON nominated himself for Shire President and Cr PEREIRA nominated by Cr TUNG for Shire President.

The CEO advised that it would have to go to a secret ballot.

The meeting was adjourned to prepare the ballot papers at 10.13am.

The meeting was resumed at 10.18am.

The CEO handed out a ballot paper to each Councillor. Councillors voted and folded their ballot papers. The ballots were then collected and counted by the CEO who advised there are 6 votes for Cr THOMSON and 2 votes for Cr PEREIRA. Cr THOMSON was declared elected as the Shire President.

The CEO called upon Cr THOMSON to read out his affirmation.

Councillor THOMSON declared that having been elected as the Shire President he will take up office with honesty and integrity to fulfil his duty and to observe the Local Government Rules and Regulation 2007 WA CI on this day 23 October 2023 at the Shire Council Chambers.

Councillor THOMSON was sworn in as the Shire President.

5.3 **Election of Deputy Shire President**

The CEO, David PRICE acted as Returning Officer for the election of Shire Deputy President and called for nominations for the Shire Deputy President.

Cr THOMSON nominated Cr YON, Cr PEREIRA nominated Cr TUNG and Cr LEE nominated Cr FOO for Shire Deputy President. Cr FOO declined the nomination.

The CEO advised that it would have to go to a secret ballot.

The meeting was adjourned to prepare the ballot paper at 10.25am.

The meeting was resumed at 10.30am.

The CEO handed out a ballot paper to each Councillor. Councillors voted and folded their ballot papers. The ballots were then collected and counted by the CEO who advised that there are 6 votes for Cr YON and 2 votes for Cr TUNG. Cr YON was declared elected as the Shire Deputy President.

The CEO called upon Cr YON to read out his affirmation.

Councillor YON declared that having been elected as the Shire Deputy President he will take up office with honesty and integrity to fulfil his duty and to observe the Local Government Rules and Regulation 2007 WA CI on this day 23 October 2023 at the Shire Council Chambers.

Councillor YON was sworn in as the Shire Deputy President.

President Cr THOMSON took the Chair.

5.4 Election of Committee Members

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| Council Resolution | | | |
| Moved: Cr YON | Seconded: Cr LEE | Res. No: | 83/23 |
| The item for Election of Committee Members is to be deferred to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 October 2023. | | | |
| Carried: 8/0 | | | |
| For – Crs THOMSON, LEE, PEREIRA, TUNG, LEE, SAW, FOO and MASLI | | | |
| Against -None | | | |

5.5 Seating Arrangements

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| Council Resolution | | | |
| Moved: Cr YON | Seconded: Cr LEE | Res. No: | 84/23 |
| That a ballot for the sitting arrangements be conducted. | | | |
| Carried: 8/0 | | | |
| For – Crs THOMSON, LEE, PEREIRA, TUNG, LEE, SAW, FOO and MASLI | | | |
| Against -None | | | |

The President called on the CEO to prepare a ballot for the sitting arrangements and to conduct the ballot. Meeting was adjourned meeting for that purpose at 10.37am

The meeting resumed 10.45 am and the CEO reported the results of the ballot for the seating arrangement.

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| Council Resolution | | | |
| Moved: Cr YON | Seconded: Cr LEE | Res. No: | 85/23 |
| That the seating arrangements as determined by the ballot be agreed. | | | |
| Carried: 8/0 | | | |
| For – Crs THOMSON, LEE, PEREIRA, TUNG, LEE, SAW, FOO and MASLI | | | |
| Against -None | | | |

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.53am

7 DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

7.1 The date of the next Council Meeting is 24 October 2023 at 7.00 pm.