



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 November 2015

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm

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 Azmi **YON**
Cr Nora **KOH**
Cr Kelvin **LEE**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Rosnah **PAL**
Cr Vincent **SAW**
So Hon **GAN**
Colin **WHEADON**
Terry **CLARKE**
Boon Beng **CHEW**

Manager Finance and Admin / Acting CEO
Manager Planning Building & Health
Manager Works and Services
Manager Community Services

Minute Taker

Chris **SU**

2.2 Leave of Absence

Councillor

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

2.3 Apologies

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Recreation Services & Training Officer

Kelvin **MATTHEWS**
Olivier **LINES**

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

5.1 Cr Masli & Cr Woo – Leave of Absence

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No 123/15

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Hafiz MASLI (21/11/15 to 01/12/15) and Cr Philip WOO (01/12/15 to 19/12/15) be approved.

Carried: 8/0

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 October 2015

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr PAL

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 124/15

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held on 27 October 2015 at the George Fam Chambers be adopted.

Carried: 8/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.2.1 Cr Nora KOH asked if SOCI had received a response from the hospital on the PATS item. Shire President replied he had spoken to Leon MILLS, Director of IOTA, who referred him to the Minister. Leon MILLS had said that the PATS policy on island has changed and that R.STEPHENSON would be able to receive the PATS services she needs - at the frequency she needs.

7.2.2 Cr Azmi YON asked on the outcome of the query 4.7 raised at the 27 October meeting around the traffic management personnel at the bus stop at Kampong being discontinued during school days.

Shire President replied that a response has not been received and for staff to check if a message has been sent to the C'wealth yet on the matter.

7.2.3 Cr Nora KOH asked about item 4.8 at the 27 October meeting, Solar Lights to the airport. The Shire President responded that no action has been pursued by the Shire yet.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

8.1 Shire President informs Council that the new Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Paul Fletcher is visiting Christmas Island from the 14th to 15th December. SOCI has been requested to provide the Minister with an Agenda. Shire President puts forward several items that will likely be raised; a hospital board for IOTHS, flights, shipping and a request for a special provision for bores to be sunk at the tipsite and other sites identified by Water Corp for the purposes of water table research.

8.2 Shire President recounts the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories' (JSCNCET) Governance Inquiry into the Indian Ocean Territories Hansard minutes of 12th November. The current Administrator Barry HAASE, and two previous Administrators Brian LACY and Jon STANHOPE appeared. The Hansard minutes reflected a comment from Jon STANHOPE that the C'wealth themselves said at a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting that all hospitals must have a hospital board. The only hospital that does not have one is seemingly the one where the Commonwealth has jurisdiction; Christmas Island. The Shire President reiterated that the local hospital should have a board made up from the community.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Minutes of Transport, Land and Communications Committee Meetings

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr KOH

Seconded: Cr PAL

Res. No: 125/15

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Transport, Land and Communications Committee Ordinary meetings held on 28 July 2015, 1 September 2015 and 22 September 2015 be received.

Carried: 8/0

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Dates for Ordinary Council Meetings 2016

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res.No: 126/15

That Council adopts the following schedule of Ordinary Meetings for 2016 in accordance with section 5.25 (1) (g) of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995 and the Local Government Administration Regulations 1996 commencing at 7.00pm at the George Fam Centre Council Chambers on the fourth Tuesday of each month as follows with the exception of the 2 February 2016 ordinary meeting due to the long period of no meetings between December 2015 and February 2016:

02 February
22 March 2016
26 April 2016
24 May 2016
28 June 2016
26 July 2016
23 August 2016
27 September 2016
25 October 2016
22 November 2016
13 December 2016

Carried: 8/0

10.1.2 Report of the Returning Officer for Ordinary Election Held on 17 October 2015

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr PAL

Res. No: 127/15

That the Report by the CEO/Returning Officer be noted.

Carried: 8/0

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – October 2015

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res.No: 128/15

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in October 2015 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 8/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements – October 2015

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr LEE	Res.No: 129/15
That Council receives the Financial Statements of the 31 October 2015 for the Municipal Fund.		
Carried: 8/0		

10.3 Manager Community Services

10.4 Manager Works & Services

10.4.1 Tender Provision of Water and Sewerage Services to Light Industrial Area

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr SAW	Seconded: Cr KOH	Res.No: 130/15
That Council calls tenders by advertisement for the installation of water and sewerage services to the Light Industrial Area, Quarry Road to close on 11 th of December 2015.		
Carried: 8/0		

10.5 Manager Planning, Building & Health

10.5.1 Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)(CI) – Proposed Amendments to the Licence

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr WOO	Res. No: 131 /15
That Council endorse the action taken by the Manager Planning Building & Health in advising the Department Environmental Regulation on behalf of the Shire of Christmas Island Council that it accepts and approves the:-		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Amendments to its Environmental Protection Act 1986 Licence L8708/2012/1;b. Waives the standard 21 day consultation period; and thatc. SOCI seeks to have the new Licence issued as soon as possible.d. That Council write to the Minister Hon. Paul Fletcher to request to disallow the imposition of the license fee.		
Carried: 8 /0		

10.6 Manager Recreation Services

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 7.40 pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 15 December 2015