



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 August 2015

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 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 Azmi **YON**
Cr Rosnah **PAL**
Cr Nora **KOH**
Cr Kelvin **LEE**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Vincent **SAW** (7.05pm)

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Finance and Admin
Manager Recreation Services & Training Officer

Kelvin **MATTHEWS**
GAN So Hon
Olivier **LINES**

Minute Taker

Chris **SU**

2.2 Leave of Absence

Councillor

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

2.3 Apologies

Manager Planning Building & Health
Manager Community Services
Manager Works and Services

Colin **WHEADON**
CHEW Boon Beng
Terry **CLARKE**

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

2.4.1 Cr **THOMSON** – Declared a Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests in Item 10.5.1 *Comments to DER re Clearing of Native Vegetation Request* on the basis that he is a shareholder of Christmas Island Phosphate Resources Limited.

2.4.2 Cr **WOO** - Declared a Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests in Item 10.5.1 *Comments to DER re Clearing of Native Vegetation Request* on the basis that he is a shareholder of Christmas Island Phosphate Resources Limited.

2.4.3 Cr **FOO** - Declared a Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests in Item 10.5.1 *Comments to DER re Clearing of Native Vegetation Request* on the basis that he is a shareholder of Christmas Island Phosphate Resources Limited.

2.4.4 Cr **YON** - Declared a Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests in Item 10.5.1 *Comments to DER re Clearing of Native Vegetation Request* on the basis that he is a shareholder of Christmas Island Phosphate Resources Limited.

2.4.5 Cr **PAL** - Declared a Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests in Item 10.5.1 *Comments to DER re Clearing of Native Vegetation Request* on the basis that she is a shareholder of Christmas Island Phosphate Resources Limited.

2.4.6 Cr **LEE** - Declared a Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests in Item 10.5.1 *Comments to DER re Clearing of Native Vegetation Request* on the basis that he is a shareholder of Christmas Island Phosphate Resources Limited.

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Christine **ELLIS**, 67 Gaze Road requested for update regarding disabled access progress that the Shire had committed to.

Kelvin **MATTHEWS** updated that plans for the George Fam office access have been completed and that works had been budgeted for in 2015/16 year to be completed by the end of the current financial year.

Cinema disabled access was still in discussion with other parties involved; lead Shire officer on the project is Councils Manager Planning, Building and Health who is presently off island.

Christine **ELLIS** requested advice regarding disabled access to the newly constructed Senior Citizens Centre. Kelvin **MATTHEWS** advised that the new Centre has wheelchair that will enable access from the side of the building and into the Community Hall via the Senior Citizens Centre.

Christine **ELLIS** requested Cove Day organisers provide for disabled parking to be made adjacent to the Jetty area. Cr **THOMSON** responded that several temporary Cove Day parking spaces for ACROD vehicles will be made for Cove Day at jetty area.

Christine **ELLIS** asked for the minutes of Council meeting to be put on the Shire website. Kelvin **MATTHEWS** advised that he will check and arrange to upload if not the case.

Christine **ELLIS** asked about the progress for the Skate Park relocation. Cr **THOMSON** advised that the current skate park equipment has reached the end of its life and will be dismantled. Manager of Recreation Service (Oliver **LINES**) provided updated advice that a skate park design firm (CONVIC) will be sending a design consultant to Christmas Island in late October to research local needs, logistics, designs and possible sites for a new location. Following this visit a report will be prepared for Councils consideration.

4.2 Cr Azmi **YON** requested that acknowledgement and appreciation from the Malay Association of Christmas Island and residents in Flying Fish Cove be recorded regarding the recent resealing works along Jalan Pantai and the recent school holiday programs enjoyed by residents.

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 28 July 2015

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 84 /15

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held on 28 July 2015 at the George Fam Chambers be adopted.

Carried: 8 /0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Cr **THOMSON** briefed the Council on the Shire of Christmas Island (SOCI) welcome to Dr **HUANG** Qin Guo, the Chinese Consul General based in WA along with Mr Khoon **TAN** and Mr Eddie **KWAH**, President and Vice-President of the WA Chinese Chamber of Commerce on Monday 24th August 2015.

The delegation's purpose was to learn about the island people, local culture and development opportunities on island. SOCI's Governance, Research, Policy and Grants Officer (GRPGO), Mr Chris **SU** made a presentation with Mr Herve **CALMY** of Calmy Designs on this topic, concentrating on the SOCI Local Planning Strategy and the SOCI Town Planning Scheme 2, and the need to obtain access to Unallocated Crown Land (UCL). Cr **THOMSON** said the presentation made an impression on the Christmas Island Phosphates (CIP) team that were also present being Mr Clive **BROWN** and Mr **LAI** Ah Hong, as well as the Administrator of the Indian Ocean Territories Mr Barry **HAASE**.

Cr **THOMSON** submitted to Council that Christmas Island needs investment for the jobs of the future.

SOCI Councillors also attended CIP reception dinner at the CLA on Sunday 23rd August; the Chinese delegation had a favourable impression of Christmas Island people. Shire President opened official gifts from the Consul General, a Chinese porcelain vase and a prosperity carp desk figurine. Both placed in the display cabinet.

- 8.2 SOCI was invited to present to the Joint Standing Committee on National Capital Expenditure and External Territories (JSCNET) on Thursday 20th August 2015 by phone conference together with the CEO and GRPGO. SOCI's submission was based around Water Mapping and Land Release issues.
- 8.3 Cr **THOMSON** acknowledged on behalf of Councillors and Staff, the efforts of the School Work Experience student Ms Sabrina **ZAINALABIDEEN** who completed her two week program in the Finance and Administration, and Community Services sections at the Shire. Sabrina was presented with a Shire 20th Anniversary souvenir medallion.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 9.1 Minutes of Transport, Land and Communications Committee Meeting

Council Resolution:

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 85 /15

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Transport, Land and Communications Committee Ordinary meetings held on the 26 May 2015 and 30 June 2015 be received.

Carried: 8 /0

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Local Government Managers Association Annual Conference 2015

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr KOH	Res. No: 86 /15
That the Council approve the CEO's attendance at the Local Government Managers Association 2015 Annual Conference to be held from the 28 th October to the 30 th October inclusive		
Carried: 8 /0		

10.1.2 Translation Policy Adoption

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr PAL	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No: 87/15
That the Council approves the Transport, Land and Communication Committee's Translation Policy as attached.		
Carried: 8 /0		

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – July 2015

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr WOO	Res. No: 88 /15
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in the July 2015 Schedule of Accounts.		
Carried: 8 /0		

10.2.2 Financial Statements – June & July 2015

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr LEE	Res. No: 89 /15
That Council receives the Financial Statements of the 30 June 2015 (unaudited) and 31 July 2015 for the Municipal Fund.		
Carried: 8 /0		

10.3 Manager Community Services

10.4 Manager Works & Services

10.5 Manager Planning, Building & Health

10.5.1 Comments to DER re Clearing of Native Vegetation Request

Council Resolution		
Moved: N/A	Seconded: N/A	Res. No: N/A
The item lapsed due to no quorum and will be deferred to the next Council Meeting pending advice requested by the CEO in accordance with seeking Ministerial approval under section 5.69 of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995 that would allow members to participate in the agenda item.		
Carried: N/A		

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: 22 September 2015