



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the **George Fam Chambers** at
7.00pm on Tuesday 2 FEBRUARY 2016

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

- 1.1 Deputy Shire President, Cr FOO Kee Heng declared the meeting open at 7.01pm

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

2.1 Record of Attendance

Councillors

Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr **FOO** Kee Heng
Cr Rosnah **PAL**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Kelvin **LEE**
Cr Vincent **SAW**

A/Manager Finance and Admin
Acting CEO and Manager Planning Building & Health
Manager Community Services
Manager or Recreation Services and Training Officer

Rostyna **OH**
Colin **WHEADON**
CHEW Boon Beng
Oliver **LINES**

Minute Taker

Chris **SU**

2.2 Leave of Absence

Councillors

Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Nora **KOH**

2.3 Apologies

Shire President
Chief Executive Officer
Manager Finance & Admin
Manager Works and Services

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
Kelvin **MATTHEWS**
GAN So Han
Terry **CLARKE**

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

Cr Kelvin LEE, Cr Azmi YON, Cr Rosnah PAL, Cr Hafiz MASLI, Cr FOO Kee Heng declared a Financial Interest in item 10.5.3 , Application for Planning Approval by Christmas Island Phosphates, in accordance with section 5.60a of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995 whereby these councillors are shareholders in Christmas Island Phosphates that may result in a financial gain, loss or benefit to CIP shareholders and therefore did not participate in accordance with section 5.67 of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995.

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 4.1 Cr Azmi YON raised that the Halal BBQ at the Cove foreshore was currently out of order and sought to have the Shire make repairs. Colin WHEADON advised that the Commonwealth has the key for the BBQ pit and had informed SOCI that they lacked the spare parts for the pit. SOCI uncertain of whose responsibility it is for the BBQ pit.

Cr Azmi YON requested if SOCI could fix the BBQ pit and invoice the Commonwealth for the works. Suggested that SOCI could reimburse Commonwealth if they made repairs and the responsibility had been SOCI's. Colin WHEADON advised he will discuss with CEO Kelvin MATTHEWS upon his return.

- 4.2 Cr Azmi YON asked for SOCI to investigate a traffic calming measure on Poon Saan Road, near the proximity of Roslan and Kim Mun's residences, adjacent to the hardware store. Colin WHEADON to investigate with Works and Services team the options available.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Hafiz MASLI

Seconded: Cr Kelvin LEE

Res. No: 1/16

Councillor Woo be granted a leave of absence for the Council Meeting of 2nd February 2016.

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 15 December 2015

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Rosnah PAL

Seconded: Cr Vincent SAW

Res. No: 2/16

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 15 December 2015 Council Meeting.

Addition to 4.1 of December 15 minutes:

Cr PAL suggested kayaks to be mounted to the retaining wall as an option for storage.

Carried: 6 / 0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Cr FOO reads out invitation to Councillors to attend a luncheon at the Malay Club on Sunday 7th February to meet the X-tra Divers Resort representative. Council recounts that with the upcoming gazettal of the Town Planning Scheme number 2, that the previous option of the Cemetery is off limits and that the X-tra Divers group is looking at alternative locations.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – December 2015

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Kelvin LEE

Seconded: Cr Rosnah PAL

Res. No: 3/16

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

Carried: 6/0

10.2.2 Financial Statements – December 2015

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Vincent SAW

Seconded: Cr Azmi YON

Res. No: 4/16

That Council receives the Financial Statement of the 31 December 2015 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 6/0

10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 31 December 2015

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Hafiz MASLI

Seconded: Cr Kelvin LEE

Res. No: 5 /16

The report is noted.

Carried: 6/0

10.3 Manager Community Services

10.3.1 Community Assistance Grant

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Azmi YON

Seconded: Cr Rosnah PAL

Res. No: 6/16

That Council advise the applicant to submit an application under Councils Community Assistance Fund in the 2016/17 financial year.

Carried: 6/0

10.3.2 Representation on Council Committees

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Kelvin LEE

Seconded: Cr Azmi YON

Res. No: 7/16

That Council endorse the following nominees as members of the following respective committees and reference groups:

1. Community Consultative Committee

Nominee

Ms Gee Foo/Ms Suzane Chan

Ms Nora Koh/Ms Regine Anderson

Ms Joy Wickenden

Name of organisation

Chinese Literary Association

CI Women's Association

CI Phosphates

2. Cemeteries Management Reference Group

Nominee

Mr Stephen Elliott

Mr Ron De Cruz

Name of organisation

CI Christian Fellowship

CI Catholic Church

3. Community Cultural Planning & Heritage Reference Group

Nominee

Ms Annie Henderson/Ms Wendy Wong
Ms Joy Wickenden

Name of organisation

CI Women's Association
CI Phosphates

4. Senior Citizens Centre Advisory Committee

Nominee

Mr Ang Ah Him
Mr Khaw Khye Khoon
Ms Lewi Chan
Mr Ang Mui Chye

Name of organisation

CI Seniors Association
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Carried: 6/0

10.4 Manager Works & Services

10.5 Manager Planning, Building & Health

10.5.1 Application for Planning Approval 10/2015

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Kelvin LEE

Seconded: Cr Rosnah PAL

Res. No: 8 /16

Council grant its planning approval for the proposed unroofed deck and stairs at House #1, Lot 164 Rocky Point Crescent as depicted upon the submitted plans subject to the applicant submitting an Application for a Building Permit inclusive a Certificate of Design Compliance addressing all structural aspects.

Carried: 6 /0

10.5.2 Application for Planning Approval 11/2015 – Hidden Garden Sustainable Organic Farm Project

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Rosnah PAL

Seconded: Cr Kelvin LEE

Res. No: 9/16

That Council:-

1. be advised Development Application 11/2015 for the overall 'Hidden Garden Sustainable Organic Farm Project' submitted to SOCI on 19 January 2016 is currently being processed for presentation at a future Council meeting; and
2. that in the interim period Council approval for the proponent to commence the erection of two (2) sets of sheds upon Lot 3100 is assisting the project to progress.

Lost: 6/0

10.5.3 Application for Planning Approval 09/2015

Council Resolution

Moved:

Seconded:

Res. No: /16

The item lapsed due to no quorum and will be deferred to a future Council Meeting pending advice requested by the CEO from the WA Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) and 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.

That Council acting in accordance with Schedule 2 Part 4 clause 27 (2) (a) & (b) of the Planning Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 advise the applicant with regard to development upon Lot 3022 by Phosphate Resources Limited (PRL) the following:

1. That SOCI grants planning approval re DA 09/2015 specifically for the new modular mining laboratory facility and its associated loading dock and 120 square metres of landscaping only and does so without requiring the submission by PRL of a 'Structure Plan';
2. That further SOCI provides this approval without prejudicing itself in that a 'Structure Plan' may need to be provided by PRL in future in SOCI achieving compliance with the Planning Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Schedule 2 Part 4 clause 15 (a) (i) (ii); (b) or (c) where same is deemed applicable;
3. PRL are to submit a Certified Application for Building Permit;
4. PRL are to have the local WA Water Corporation assess, sign and stamp the building plans prior to submission to SOCI for approval; and
5. PRL are to have the landowner of Lot 3022 being DIRD to sign off on the DA.

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 Acting Chair FOO Kee Heng closed the meeting at 7:41 pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22 March 2016