



MINUTES

Special Meeting held on 31 May 2016

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CONFIRMED MINUTES
**Special Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Centre
Chambers on 31 May 2016 commencing at 4:15pm**

1. Declaration of Opening/Announcement of Visitors

1.1 The Shire President opened the meeting at 4.25pm

2. Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence/Declarations of Financial Interest

2.1 Attendance

Shire President	Gordon THOMSON
Deputy Shire President	FOO Kee Heng
Councillors	Azmi YON
	Hafiz MASLI
	Kelvin LEE
	Philip WOO
	Vincent SAW
Chief Executive Officer	Kelvin MATTHEWS
Manager Planning Building & Health	Colin WHEADON
Acting Manager Finance & Admin	Rostyna OH
Manager Works and Services	Terry CLARKE
Manager Recreation & Training Officer	Oliver LINES
Governance, Research, Policy & Grants Officer	Chris SU
Minute taker	Shikin HASINUDIN

2.2 Leave of Absence

2.3 Apologies

Cr Rosnah PAL & Cr Nora KOH

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Proximity/Impartiality Interest

3. Public Question Time

4. Announcements by Presiding Member without Discussion

5. Business of the meeting

5.1 Policy & Procedures for Dealing with Anti-Islamic Harassment

The below dot points were put forward to the Council by the Shire President and each point was discussed.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 61/16

1. The Council of the Shire of Christmas Island condemns the campaign against Halal facilities and Muslim religion and traditions currently being conducted in mainland communities and on Christmas

Island by people who promote hostility towards Islamic people.

2. Council objects in the strongest terms to any external interference in the affairs of our community; in particular the attempt to undermine our harmonious Island community by a small group of people from outside our community with their attacks on our Islamic community and facilities. We object most strongly to the attacks on our people and our community by the external purveyors of hatred. We defend absolutely our right to have a public Halal BBQ facility at Flying Fish Cove and any other Halal facility anywhere else our community chooses.
3. The Council expresses sincere and heartfelt sympathy for all people who have suffered hurt and humiliation inflicted by people in Australia who promote anti-Islam propaganda and actions.
4. Council requests the CEO prepare a written procedure to be used by staff for dealing with people who make calls to the Shire or send emails using abusive or threatening language or containing messages of hostility towards our Shire staff or members of our Muslim community.
5. The President is requested to present a public statement on behalf of the Council about:
 - Providing facilities for the community, including erection of BBQs in several locations in our community;
 - Presenting the historical perspective from which our policies and actions are derived;
 - Stating our rejection of racism and intolerance;
 - Stating our commitment to multi-cultural values;
 - Our commitment to the democratic principles which govern our actions and determine our responsibilities in serving the needs of our community;
 - Our concern at the lack of leadership by mainland political leaders, when our multi-cultural values are attacked.
6. Council authorizes the CEO to expend Shire funds to stage a Solidarity Event with our Muslim community. The event is to be organized in consultation with the community organisations that are represented on the Community Consultative Committee.

Carried: 7/0

6. Closure of Meeting

The Shire President closed the meeting at 5.15pm

7. Date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting: 28 June 2016