



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 18 April 2017



SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18 April 2017

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.10pm.

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

2.1 Record of Attendance

Shire President
Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO**
Cr Nora **KOH**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Finance and Admin
Manager Works and Services
Manager Community Services
Manager Recreation Services and Training Officer

David **PRICE**
GAN So Hon
Terry **CLARKE**
CHEW Boon Bong
Olivier **LINES**

Minute Taker

Chris **SU**

2.2 Leave of Absence

Cr LEE & Cr PAL

2.3 Apologies

Manager Planning, Building and Health, Colin WHEADON, Cr Azmi YON & Cr Vincent SAW

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 PAK KAM LOH skip bin is still missing according to Cr FOO. Residents request to know when it will be replaced. T.CLARKE advises that the skip bin may be at the tip site; it is the Manager of Planning, Building and Health's section to oversee.

Council wishes to see the skip bins rotated around the island; CEO to follow up with MPBH on this.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr YON

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 22/17

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr YON (15/4/17 to 25/4/17) be approved.

Carried: 5/0

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 28 March 2017

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 23/17

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 28 March 2017 Council Meeting.

Carried: 5/0

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

President **THOMSON** informed meeting that Sunny **CHAN** of Meng Chong Trading had erroneously identified Council as being the government agency responsible for the care of the wharf crane. To this end, Sunny **CHAN** had created and circulated a petition demanding that Council absorb the additional costs involved in the delayed storage of containers.

The wharf crane has been inoperable for several months, with the Commonwealth (being the government agency responsible for maintenance of the crane) informing the community via public notice that the crane will be repaired by July 2017. Zentner Shipping had stored the IOT bound containers in a container yard in Singapore for the time being, awaiting for adequate facilities to be made available on the island; this incurred extra storage costs.

President **THOMSON** reported that Council responded publically via *The Islander* of April 14th 2017 that it was not the management of the wharf crane was not a municipal responsibility and it was the Commonwealth's responsibility for said management. A DIRD notice was published in the same Islander issue stating the repair work for the crane would be completed by July 2017.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr KOH

Res. No: 24/17

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee meeting held on 1 February 2017 and the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee meeting held on 13 March 2017 be received.

Carried: 5/0

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 WALGA Local Government Conference 2017

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 25/17

That Council –

1. nominate elected members Cr **THOMSON**, Cr **YON**, Cr **FOO**, Cr **KOH**, Cr **LEE** and Cr **PAL** and the CEO to attend the 2017 Annual West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) conference to be held at the Perth Convention Centre from 2 to 4 August 2017 inclusive, and
2. nominate two elected members, Cr **FOO** Kee Heng and Cr Nora **KOH** as voting delegates and

two elected members as proxy delegates to register for the forthcoming 2017 conference.

Carried: 5/0

10.2.1 Appointment of Acting CEO

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr KOH** **Res. No: 26/17**
That Council appoints the Manager Planning, Building and Health, Mr Colin Wheadon as Acting Chief Executive Officer from 20 May to 25 June 2017.
Carried: 5/0

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – March 2017

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr KOH** **Res. No: 27/17**
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in March 2017 Schedule of Accounts.
Carried: 5/0

10.2.2 Financial Statement - March 2017

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 28/17**
That Council receive the Financial Statement of the 31 March 2017 for the Municipal Fund.
Carried: 5/0

10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 31 March 2017

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr KOH** **Res. No: 29/17**
The report is noted.
Carried: 5/0

10.3 Manager Community Services

10.3.1 Celebrating 2017 Seniors Week

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 30/17**
That the Shire of Christmas Island coordinates the celebration of 2017 Seniors Week from 17 to 23 July 2017 and invites sponsorship from community organisations to assist in facilitating this annual event.
Carried: 5/0

10.3.2 Senior Citizens Centre Advisory Committee

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 31/17**
1. That Council endorses the Senior Citizens Centre Advisory Committee comprising the following members:

Cr FOO Kee Heng	Councillor's Representative / Presiding Member (SOCI)
Mr CHEW Boon Beng	Manager Community Services (SOCI)
Mr ANG Ah Him	CI Seniors Association Representative

Ms Ismay IDROOS
Mr KHAW Khye Khoon
Mr ANG Mui Chye

CI Seniors Association Representative
CI Seniors Association Representative
CI Seniors Association Representative

Carried: 5/0

10.4 Manager Works & Services

10.5 Manager Planning, Building & Health

10.5.1 Renewal of amended 'Licence to Enter and Use Crown Land on Christmas Island'

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr KOH

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 32/17

That Council resolve to:

1. Accept the amendments to the subject Licence as proposed;
2. Renew the expired 'Licence to Enter and Use Crown land on Christmas Island' as it pertains to Lot 518 on Deposited Plan 220518 in Crown Land Title Volume 3112 Folio 353, portion of dedicated road, portion of Lot 515 on Deposited Plan 220518 in Crown Land Title Volume 3127 Folio 179 and portion of land of Lot 523 on Deposited Plan 220549 in Crown Land Title Volume 3112 Folio 954, as outlined on the plan in Schedule 2;
3. To affix the Shire of Christmas Island Common Seal, record the number assigned in the SOCI register and have the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer sign off on the subject renewal Licence; and
4. Return the documents to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development - Christmas Island for final sign off by an officer from the Department of Lands duly delegated the Commonwealth Minister's powers to do so under Section 8G(3)(b) of the Christmas Island Act 1958.

Carried: 5/0 Absolute Majority

10.6 Manager Recreation Services & Training Officer

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 7:25pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23 May 2017.