



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 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 23 May 2017

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

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

2.1 Record of Attendance

Shire President
Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
Cr Nora **KOH**
Cr Rosnah **PAL**
Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Kelvin **LEE**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Vincent **SAW** (7.10pm)

Acting Manager Finance and Admin
Manager Recreation Services and Training Officer

Rostyna **OH**
Olivier **LINES**

Minute Taker

Shikin **HASINUDIN**

2.2 Leave of Absence

2.3 Apologies

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

Cr SAW entered the chambers at 7.10pm.

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Disability Access - Christie Ellis from 67 Gaze Road, Settlement – Christina informed the Council that she has been to a few Council meetings in the past three years to question about disability access. She questioned why there were no progress on disability access to the Public Library, Cinemas and the George Fam Centre Chambers.

Two years ago she was provided plans from Manager Planning Building and Health (MPBH) for access to the Library, the Council Chambers and the Cinemas. July 2015 she was advised there will be progress in place then July 2016 she was told that Council had no budget for it. Will there be a disability access budget? She had also asked for a disability car park for the cove and pharmacy two years ago. She also mentioned that someone had sprayed by hand a disability car bay near the stairs at the cove but it hasn't been made official.

The Shire President replied that the disability access to the Community Hall was a great achievement and was not aware of any plans for other places. He informed Ms Ellis that Council hasn't adopted the budget for next financial year and will consider looking into a budget for disability access. It is noted that this matter will be followed up by the MPBH regarding the plans and other disability access. MPBH will respond to your matter within a

week. Manager Works and Services will look into the disability car parks for the pharmacy and the cove which will also need to be discussed with Mark Slattery.

- 4.2 Greens in solo bins – Cr MASLI – Cr MASLI informed Council that residents are throwing greens (vegetation) into solo bins which are filling up and making it impossible for people to throw wet household rubbish. He also informed Council that there is still no skip bin.

The Shire President requests that the MPBH looks into this matter.

- 4.3 Rubbish litter around cinemas – Cr KOH – Cr KOH informed Council that she realised there were more rubbish litter the morning after the Saturday night movies.

The Shire President requests the Council speaks to the CI Cinemas to remind the community to place their rubbish in the bin after movie nights.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr MASLI & Cr KOH– Leave of Absence

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

Res. No: 35/17

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr MASLI (10/6/17 to 4/7/17) and Cr KOH (17/6/17 to 1/7/17) be approved.

Carried: 8/0

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr Stephen GOODALL from Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) introduced himself. EOC's role is dealing with discrimination and harassment complaints. The number of enquiries from the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) has been in various numbers. Travelling to the IOT and the presence that we had being able to assist community members and employees, we've resolved different issues that they've had and these are the ongoing things that we will have.

Rachel BEARD introduced herself and Katy LAWTON who are from Health and Disability Services Complaints Office (HADSCO) came up to the island with EOC and has visited the island a few times in the past years. They visited different other companies providing information about their services and the role of HADSCO. Their role is dealing with complaints relates to health, mental health and disabilities services in WA and the IOT. They receive approximately 2,500 complaints per year.

Susan BURTON and Lynette RYAN from Working With Children (WWC) introduced herself and her working background. Most people get a WWC check but 17% of applicants have criminal records and within that 17% they have to determine whether they're a risk with working with children. Most organisations and associations have employees who work with children for example bus drivers, sports and recreation officer. After their visit last year, there was an increase of 20% of applicants from the island. They process more than 10,000 applications in a normal month. This is the first time they've come to the island with profiles and organisations where they can estimate a number of people that is in child related work and can match that with how many cards they do or do not have. It is very important to comply with the legislation and it is the law and they want the same standards for Christmas and Cocos Islands and remote WA. They're here working with everybody and hoping to catch up with organisations and they're doing an information session on Friday.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 April 2017

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr WOO

Seconded: Cr KOH

Res. No: 36/17

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 18 April 2017 Council Meeting.

Carried: 8/0

7.2 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 16 May 2017

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 37/17

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 16 May 2017 Special Council Meeting.

Carried: 8/0

7.3 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Lease Renewal – 5 Jalan Ketam Merah

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 38/17

That Council approves the proposed lease for 5 Jalan Ketam Merah between the Shire of Christmas Island and the Indian Ocean Territories Administration for a two (2) year period beginning 1 July 2017 in accordance with Terms of the Lease Agreement at the rental amount of \$26,000 per annum.

Carried: 8/0

10.2.1 Fees & Charges 2017-18

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 39/17

1. Council adopts the fees and charges for financial year 2017/18 as listed in the attachment.

2. Council adopts following rates for financial year 2017/18:

Gross Rental Value (GRV)	9.1817 cents in the dollar (0.091817\$)
Unimproved Value (UV)	20.1238 cents in the dollar (0.201238\$)

Minimum Rate	\$555.00 GRV Properties \$335.00 UV Properties
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Discount for full early payment of rates paid within 35 days of issue of notice	7.5%
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Interest on overdue rates	10%
Administration fee for instalments	\$39.00

3. All rates, fees and charges to apply from 1 July 2017.

4. The Internal rate will apply to any work carried out for the Commonwealth within the Road Funding Agreement.

Carried: 8/0

10.2 Manager Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – April 2017

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr PAL

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 40/17

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in April 2017 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 8/0

10.2.2 Financial Statement - April 2017

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr PAL

Seconded: Cr KOH

Res. No: 41/17

That Council receive the Financial Statement of the 30 April 2017 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 8/0

10.3 Manager Community Services

10.4 Manager Works & Services

10.5 Manager Planning, Building & Health

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 9.05pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 27 June 2017.