



## **UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Centre at 4.30pm April 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

#### **1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting / Announcement of Visitors**

1.1 Gordon THOMSON declared the meeting opened at 4.35pm

#### **2 Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence/Declarations of Financial, Proximity or Impartiality Interest**

##### **Attendees:**

##### **Community Consultative Committee**

Shire President	Gordon THOMSON
Christian Fellowship	Stephanie SAMBELL
Union of Christmas Island Workers	Kelvin LEE
Christmas Island Phosphates	Joy WICKENDON
Council Representative	Hafiz MASLI
Christmas Island Tourism Assoc.	Simon PENN
Chinese Literary Association	Mel HAN
CI Neighbourhood Centre	Oliver LINES
Shire CEO	David PRICE

Committee Member / Minutes                      Chris SU

##### **Apologies**

Malay Association	Azmi Yon
Christmas Island Women's Assoc.	Rosnah PAL

##### **Absent**

Islamic Council of CI	Farzian ZAINAL
Poon Saan Club	Suzane CHAN

##### **Observer**

Research and Grants Officer                      Karin LINES

#### **3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

3.1 Confirmation of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

##### **CCC Resolution –**

**Moved: Kelvin LEE**

**Seconded: David WATCHORN**

**Res. No: CCC  
1/23**

That the CCC confirm that the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> November Ordinary Meeting is a

true and accurate record

Carried 10/0

### 3.3 Action Items

CCC reviewed the document describing the paper trail from 2019 to present in trying to obtain the Community Engagement Protocol from IOTA.

Chairperson THOMSON notes the Freedom of Information request made for the Australian Health Associates *Christmas Island Aged Care Report 2014* which yielded version 1 of the 17 versions of the *Christmas Island Aged Care Report*. Version 17 was the version made live by the Department.

The CCC recalled the 2019 visits from APP Architecture and the Department of Infrastructure's Special Projects Team for the *Christmas Island Residential Aged Care program*. They had a comprehensive engagement program with residents and local organisations who were thoroughly canvassed for their input. The APP Architecture and DIRD Special Projects Team advised that the process from this point on was firstly the development of a *Detailed Business Case* for the establishment of a CI RAC facility by 2022, with a view for possible funding 1 July 2023.

Follow ups from the CCC in 2022 revealed that the *Detailed Business Case* did not get funding approval; CCC secretariat has made enquiries as to acquiring the *Detailed Business Case* for our records. This has been unsuccessful to date.

The CCC discussed this pattern of lack-of-follow up with the present Christmas Island Strategic Assessment project with a late cancellation from the Department lead Amy NEALE on the project in March 2023 postponing her visit to Christmas Island. There seems to be documents in existence regarding the CISA Plan and Report, but these have not been made available to Christmas Island stakeholders as yet. Chairperson THOMSON summarised the Council's wish for the alignment of its own statutory *Town Planning Scheme / Local Planning Strategy* and the CI Strategic Assessments' *Land Use Plan*.

The CCC notes that the Strategic Assessment is the result of the Minister for Territories and the Minister for the Environment signing off on its commencement in 2019.

CCC discusses that potentially the cessation may have to do with available funding for the project? The CCC had praise for the IOTHS health service workers in the local aged care space.

The CCC noted that its airline services task request in September 2022 relayed from the Minister to the Shire President and chair of the CCC was to '*work with the community to understand the options possible in the present envelope of funding*' regarding the flight services.

Chairperson THOMSON summarises that the Shire is in contact with the Minister about getting projects developed for the island (ie Commonwealth Settlement Sports Hall redevelopment proposal).

**CCC Resolution –**

**Moved: David PRICE**

**Seconded: Joy WICKENDON**

**Res. No: CCC 2/23**

*That the CCC requests the Shire of Christmas Island identifies each and every report the Commonwealth has created dealing with Christmas Island community matters and whether or not there were reports made available or other community follow up made.*

Carried 10/0

**4. Agenda Business**

**4.1 Standing Item – Updates from CCC members for Airline Services Contract**

CCC discussed the idea of limiting baggage to two bags only. Identified a possible scenario where luggage still doesn't make it onboard even though the community had agreed to give up the right of a third bag. This would not be accepted by residents.

CCC member noted that there doesn't seem to be 'rhyme or reason' to people's bags being loaded. Some persons received three and others received zero. "Priority" tags seemed not guarantee uplift.

CCC members remarked that 'hand-carry' was the only sure bags making it to the island.

CCC members supposed that there would be internal Virgin records of how many bags were sold and this could be put against what is the amount in weight that can actually be carried on the flight.

CCC noted that businesses who used the freighter service for commercial purposes can pass on the freight costs to the end consumer.

Oliver LINES re-iterated that it would be difficulty to walk back on a self-imposed two bag limit in the event that luggage continues to be offloaded.

David PRICE summarised that there was no easy solution and that we should wait until the Department's survey was released. If it is something that is identified as to what the community wants, then it should come with conditions. David PRICE suggests the survey be made to the CCC before it goes out.

**4.2 Public Housing Policy Changes**

CCC considers its role as a WA Service Delivery Agreement chamber for comment and feedback. Public Housing is a WA service that is delivered by the Commonwealth.

Chairperson THOMSON summarises the history of the CCC and the leading role the CCC made in recent years with the Fishing Regulations and the Christmas Island Marine Park being designed 'in record-time' with co-design

with the local community.

**CCC Resolution –**

**Moved: David PRICE**

**Seconded: Joy WICKENDON**

**Res. No: CCC 3/23**

*That the CCC support the public housing tenants' initiative to request the Minister to consult with them on a new set of public housing rules and that the CCC will participate in any forum with the Minister regarding Christmas Island Public Housing to help create a better fitting system for Christmas Island at the request of the public housing tenants.*

*That the CCC nominate Oliver LINES, Chris SU and Hafiz MASLI in any such forum*

Carried 10/0

**4.3 Service Delivery Agreement Review – Dept of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation**

The CCC notes the agenda item and will await for Chris SU's presentation at the following meeting informing the CCC what JTSCI does for the WA economy, and how it could benefit Christmas Island if we had access to their expertise.

**5. General Business: Nil**

**6. Closure of Meeting: 6.10pm, next meeting TBA**