



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 28 May 2024



**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 28 May 2024

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Deputy President declared the meeting open at 7.01pm.

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

1.2 Record of Attendance

Deputy President
Councillors

Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Chief Executive Officer
Assistant Director Finance
Director Community/Recreation Services

David **PRICE**
Wei **HO**
Olivier **LINES**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**
Councillor

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

2.4 **Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest**

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr TUNG ask if the Shire would consider a Glass Crushing machine and for the removal of the crushed glass to be removed from the Island.

CEO PRICE provided some background to the Commonwealth's strategic waste management planning to date, and that the Commonwealth is committing to funding an Environmental Management Plan for their Vagabond Tip site which includes identifying its useable life. It will also make recommendations on how to manage waste to that exit point, including the possibility or not of recycling.

4.2 Cr PEREIRA Ask as to what procedures the Ranger applied when entering premises to possibly capture feral cats.

CEO PRICE indicated the Ranger would be required to follow acceptable processes and ask for more specific information on where that might be not occurring. Cr PEREIRA indicated he would provide the CEO with the information.

4.3 Cr PEREIRA Ask if the Shire had facilities in which a VET could perform desexing operation on cats.

CEO PRICE indicated that none of the Shire’s facilities would be suitable for a Vet to perform such function in a manner that demanded the strictest adherence to public health requirements. Cr PEREIRA was asked if he had any alternative sites and he indicated he would provide that for the CEO to raise with the Administrator.

4.4 Cr PEREIRA raise the positive mental health aspect that pets provide community members.

CEO PRICE agreed that there could be a positive aspect that pets provide to the mental health of certain community members. He also suggested that with a review of the Shire’s BY Laws in a few years there could be included in that process a community engagement on this issue.

4.5 Cr TUNG raised the possibility of the utilisation of the roundabout in more broader community celebrations such as Chinese New Year and Hari Raya.

CEO PRICE indicated that through the Community Cultural Planning & Heritage Reference Group a request from community groups on their desire or not for the utilisation of the Roundabout for such events could be sought.

4.6 Cr PEREIRA ask if the Shire had the financial capacity to participate in the training of firefighters for the airport operations.

CEO PRICE indicated that the Shire would not be financially responsibly for that as it was not part of the Shire’s core business. He also indicated the Shire fully supports the introduction of fulltime firefighting facilities at the airport and is in constant discussions with the Department of Infrastructure in Canberra regarding that and could keep CR PEREIRA abreast of those discussions.

4.7 Cr YON Indicated his disappointment that only non-Halal food was provided at a recent event at the Christmas Island school.

CEO PRICE indicated he would discuss this with School Principal.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr THOMSON

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW

Seconded: Cr MASLI

Res. No: 30/24

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Gordon THOMSON (27/05/2024 to 04/06/2024) be approved.

Carried: 7/0

For:	Cr Azmi YON	Cr Philip WOO
	Cr Hafiz MASLI	Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew SAW
	Cr Kee Heng FOO	Cr Steve PEREIRA
	Cr Swee TUNG	

Against:

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 23 April 2024

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr TUNG **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 31/24**

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 23 April 2024 Council Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Azmi **YON** Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against:

7.2 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 Fee & Charges 2024-25

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr PEREIRA **Seconded: Cr SAW** **Res. No: 32/24**

1. Council adopts the rates, fees and charges for financial year 2024/25 as listed in the attachment.
2. All rates, fees and charges to apply from 1 July 2024.
3. The Internal rate will apply to any work carried out for the Commonwealth within the Road Funding/Contract Agreement.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Azmi **YON** Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against:

Absolute Majority

10.1.2 WALGA Conference 2024

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW **Seconded: Cr FOO** **Res. No: 33/24**

That Council –

1. nominate the following elected members CRs FOO, TUNG, PEREIRA, WOO, SAW and MASLI to attend the 2024 Annual West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) conference to be held at the Perth Convention Centre from 8 to 10 October 2024 inclusive, and
2. nominate two elected members 1. Cr MASLI, 2 Cr WOO as voting delegates and two elected members 1 Cr PEREIRA, 2 Cr TUNG as proxy delegates to register for the forthcoming 2024 conference.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Azmi **YON** Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against:

10.1.3 New Org Chart

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI **Seconded: Cr FOO** **Res. No: 34/24**

Council endorses the new 2024 Organisational Chart.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Azmi **YON** Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against:

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – April 2024

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr SAW** **Res. No: 35/24**

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in April 2024 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Azmi **YON** Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against:

10.2.2 Financial Statements – April 2024

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW **Seconded: Cr MASLI** **Res. No: 36/24**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of April 2024 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Azmi **YON** Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against:

10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 30 April 2024

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr FOO **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 37/24**

The report is noted.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Azmi **YON** Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**
Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against:

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

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 7.55pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18 June 2024