



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Centre Training Room on Wednesday September 25th 2019 commencing at 3.30 pm

1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting / Announcement of Visitors

1.1 Gordon **THOMSON** declared the meeting opened at 3.40 pm.

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

2.1 Record of Attendance

President-SOCI	Gordon THOMSON
Council Representative	Kelvin LEE
Poon Saan Club	Patrick CHAN
Union of Christmas Island Workers	Chris SU
CI Women's Association	Nora KOH
CI Phosphates	Joy WICKENDEN
Chinese Literary Association	Teik Kiang TAN
	Wan Yi HAN
Council Representative	Hafiz MASLI
Christmas Island Neighbourhood Centre	Oliver LINES

HAN Wan Yi assisting **TAN** Teik Kiang, President of the CLA in place of CLA Secretary Gee **FOO** who is an off island apology.

2.2 Apologies

Islamic Council of Christmas Island	Greg MCINTOSH
Chinese Literary Association	Gee FOO
CEO-SOCI	David PRICE

2.3 Declaration of Financial, Proximity or Impartially Interest

Nil.

2.4 Public Question Time

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Resolution:

That the Minutes of 11 September 2019 held at the George Fam Centre, Shire of Christmas Island be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved:	Kelvin LEE	Seconded:	Hafiz MASLI
Carried	9/0	Resolution:	CCC11 / 2019

3.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Chris **SU** provided that the Action Items of the last meeting were completed, with members cc'd into email correspondence accordingly as the Action Items were completed. These were:

- a) CCC Secretariat wrote to Dept. of Fisheries requesting copy of science used to create the exposure draft fisheries ordinance on 23rd August. No response received as yet.
- b) The CCC also notes that the Dept. of Fisheries and DIRDC travelled to Cocos on Tuesday 17th September 2019 for four days to Friday 20th September to have two community engagement sessions with the Cocos people and have not come to Christmas Island.
- c) The CCC sent a copy of the Community Petition and signatures to the Dept. of Fisheries and DIRDC on August 31st 2019, a day before the deadline of 1st September to the email addresses provided in A/63 "*Community Consultation extended on proposals to change fishing rules.*" No receipt or acknowledgement has been received from Dept. of Fisheries or DIRDC.

4 Agenda Business

4.1 Abbott's Booby Conservation Advice.

CCC discussed the Resolution CCC 10/2019 passed at the September 11th CCC meeting concerning the Draft ABCA. Chairperson Gordon **THOMSON** presented an early copy of The Islander newsletter due for publication in two days' time with a '*Depopulation 2.0 Strategy?*' working title for the article on the CCC's position on the Draft ABCA.

The CCC discussed the need to inform the community first of the matter at hand before going to any further stage of public forums on the matter. CCC discussed the high profile opportunities with the Territory Week Festival commencing Friday October 4th through to 11th as being a jumping off point for presenting this to the community. Chairperson Gordon **THOMSON** asked each CCC member in turn on their thoughts of the appropriateness of raising such a serious matter during a time of festivity.

Consensus was that Gordon **THOMSON** as Shire President, should raise the matter in his public speaking at the Opening Night for the Festival within the context of the Territory Week's theme of Islanders' aspirations for the island and a future for ourselves.

CCC went on to further discuss methods for informing the community; it was decided that any article prepared should be translated and a public forum be held. Patrick **CHAN** put up that CCC members should go back to their respective memberships to inform them of the issues discussed at the CCC. It was also decided that the CCC should again meet in a fortnight's time with the Hon. Warren **SNOWDON** MP invited to join as he will be on island.

Motion:

The CCC recommended the Shire continue to inform the community on the Draft Abbott's Booby Conservation Advice and the implication of a new depopulation strategy inherent in that and that a meeting be convened on Friday 18th October at the Post Office Padang be had.

Moved: Patrick **CHAN**
Carried: 9/0

Seconded: Oliver **LINES**
Resolution: CCC 12/2019

4.2 Norfolk Island design of new Hospital and Aged Care Facility

CCC noted that DIRDC has released an EOI for design of replacement Norfolk Island Health and Residential Aged Care facility. CCC noted that in past meetings that DIRDC only provided Residential Aged Care on NI over CKI and CI.

4.3 DIRDC Community Engagement Protocol

CCC Secretary Chris **SU** reported that he sent on 15th August an email to Karen **LINDSAY** at DIRDC to request a copy of the DIRDC Community Engagement Protocol as confirmed completed by Vanessa **BENNET**. CCC notes there is no public disclosure of it.

4.4 CCC PATS Contact Initiative

The CCC decided that it will be a recipient of complaints about the IOTHS PATS scheme and forward complaints to the CCC Secretary for filing. The CCC Secretary to present the complaints to the CCC monthly.

4.5 State Agency Annual Performance Reports

CCC noted that that all State Agencies provide their annual performance reports to DIRDC for previous financial year on 31st October for DIRDC to create an Annual Performance Report.

Chairperson Gordon **THOMSON** expressed that he is dissatisfied with DIRDC not consulting with the CCC on SDA matters before renewal; this marginalises the CCC in its role in providing feedback to DIRDC on the provision of state services.

4.6 September 2020 Cruise Ship

CCC noted that the Genting Dream will depart from Singapore – Belitung (INDO) – Christmas Island (AUS) and return over five nights in September 2020. Early planning stages underway for management of vessel; it has 1674 cabins with a capacity of 3,300 passengers.

4.7 New Medical Equipment at IOTHS

CCC noted the media from the Hon. Nola Marino *'New Wave of Investment to Improve Health Outcomes on Christmas Island.'*

5 General Business

6. Closure of Meeting

6.1 The Meeting closed at 16.55

7 Date of Next Meeting

7.1 The date of next meeting is Tuesday 8th October at 11am 2019 at the Shire, lunch provided.