



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 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 10 December 2024

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 December 2024

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Deputy Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

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

1.2 Record of Attendance

Shire President

Deputy President

Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON** (7.10pm)

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Philip **WOO**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Swee **TUNG**

Chief Executive Officer

Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker

Director Community/Recreation Services

Director Works, Services & Waste

Assistant Director Finance and Corporate Services

David **PRICE**

Chris **SU**

Olivier **LINES**

Troy **DAVIS**

Wei **HO**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

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

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr Mel TUNG enquired about Shire's preparation regarding live streaming ordinary council meetings after 1 January 2025. CEO David PRICE advised that the Shire of Christmas Island is not required to follow the new regulations around broadcasting of council meetings as required of WA local governments to do so according to their designation (Band 1,2,3 and 4).

CEO David PRICE sought advice from the WA Local Government Association earlier in the year and received written advice on the matter in the negative. This is because the Shire of Christmas Island is not a gazetted council in the schedule of WA local governments that must comply with the new regulation.

CEO David PRICE advised that he had responded to Cr Steven PEREIRA who raised this matter at an earlier council meeting; CEO David PRICE indicated that he would forward the advice to Cr Mel TUNG.

- 4.2 Cr FOO Kee Heng passed on a thank you from the South Point Temple committee and festival goers for the municipal works SOCI provided to support the festival.
- 4.3 Cr Kelvin LEE inquired about potholes along Murray Road in the recent rains. He observed that some potholes were yet to be addressed. Director for Works and Services Troy DAVIS advised that Shire was awaiting for materials to arrive on the next ship to further works in this area. CEO David PRICE advised that the shipping delay was having an impact not only on civil works but also retail shortages around the island overall.
- 4.4 Cr TUNG raised a query about the proposed Crown Land Enquiry Form application on the agenda and asked if Council intended to reject building applications in the December agenda as Council was planning to build houses with the CLEF?

CEO David PRICE advised that building applications are considered on their own merit. He advised that no Building Application had been rejected during his tenure as CEO and that the agenda items 10.1.2.1 to 10.1.2.4 were concerning Development Applications and not Building Applications.

Cr TUNG asked if Council had plans to use funds to construct on the land set to be acquired in the CLEF process? CEO David PRICE advised that there were no plans for Council to utilise council ratepayer funds to build houses on Christmas Island and that he could not foresee recommending this option to Council in the future.

- 4.5 Cr Vincent SAW asked how frequently does SOCI conduct inspections of Shire buildings? CEO David PRICE advised that inspections are conducted regularly; Director Troy DAVIS advised that he conducts an annual asset inspection, and that there was a separate regular pest inspection. Structural inspections require a certified engineer to check construction integrity; Director Troy DAVIS advises that this is in pursuit.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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 19 November 2024

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No:	87/24
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 19 November 2024 Council Meeting.			
Carried:	8/0		
For:			
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Melissa TUNG	Cr Vincent SAW	
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI	
Cr FOO Kee Heng	Cr Azmi YON		
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 Annual Report 2023/24

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr SAW	Seconded: Cr WOO	Res. No: 88/24
<p>1. The Shire of Christmas Island Annual Report for 2024 is accepted.</p> <p>2. An Elector’s General Meeting is held on Tuesday 4 February 2025 commencing at 6.30pm for the purpose prescribed by the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CI).</p> <p>3. The Chief Executive Officer is to give notice of the Elector’s Meeting and to ensure that statutory requirements regarding the acceptance of the Annual Report 2024 are met.</p>		
Carried:	8/0	
Absolute Majority		
For:		
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Melissa TUNG	Cr Vincent SAW
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI
Cr FOO Kee Heng	Cr Azmi YON	
Against:		

10.1.2.1 Single Dwelling

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr YON	Res. No: 89/24
<p>That Council REFUSES the application for a Single Dwelling at Lot 1007 Poon Saan Road, Christmas Island.</p>		
Carried:	7/1	
For:		
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Azmi YON	Cr Vincent SAW
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI
Cr FOO Kee Heng		
Against:		
Cr Melissa TUNG		

10.1.2.2 Single Dwelling

Council Resolution		
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr FOO	Res. No: 90/24
<p>That Council REFUSES the application for a Single Dwelling at Lot 1008 Poon Saan Road, Christmas Island.</p>		
Carried:	7/1	
For:		

Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Azmi YON	Cr Vincent SAW
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI
Cr FOO Kee Heng		
Against:		
Cr Melissa TUNG		

10.1.2.3 Single Dwelling

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr SAW	Seconded: Cr YON	Res. No:	91/24
That Council REFUSES the application for a Single Dwelling at Lot 1009 Poon Saan Road, Christmas Island.			
Carried: 7/1			
For:			
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Azmi YON	Cr Vincent SAW	
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI	
Cr FOO Kee Heng			
Against:			
Cr Melissa TUNG			

10.1.2.4 Single Dwelling

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No:	92/24
That Council REFUSES the application for a Single Dwelling and Ancillary Dwelling at Lot 1010 Poon Saan Road, Christmas Island.			
Carried: 7/1			
For:			
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Azmi YON	Cr Vincent SAW	
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI	
Cr FOO Kee Heng			
Against:			
Cr Melissa TUNG			

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – November 2024

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr YON	Res. No:	93/24
That Council approves the expenditure as presented in November 2024 Schedule of Accounts			
Carried: 8/0			
For:			
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Melissa TUNG	Cr Vincent SAW	
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI	

Cr FOO Kee Heng	Cr Azmi YON
Against:	

10.2.2 Financial Statements – November 2024

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr MASLI	Res. No:	94/24
That Council receives the Financial Statements of November 2024 for the Municipal Fund.			
Carried:	8/0		
For:			
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Melissa TUNG	Cr Vincent SAW	
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI	
Cr FOO Kee Heng	Cr Azmi YON		
Against:			

10.2.3 Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2034

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr YON	Seconded: Cr MASLI	Res. No:	95/24
That Council endorse the Long-Term Financial Plan 2024-2034			
Carried:	8/0		
For:			
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Melissa TUNG	Cr Vincent SAW	
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI	
Cr FOO Kee Heng	Cr Azmi YON		
Against:			

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

10.5.1 Planning Application 93 Gaze Road

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr YON	Seconded: Cr SAW	Res. No:	96/24
That Council rejects the planning application for a home store walk up / drive through coffee shop service at the residential premises on Lot 1060, Gaze Road, Christmas Island.			
Carried:	8/0		
For:			
Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Melissa TUNG	Cr Vincent SAW	
Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Phillip WOO	Cr Hafiz MASLI	
Cr FOO Kee Heng	Cr Azmi YON		

Against:

10.5.2 Crown Land Enquiry Form Application for Phosphate Hill and Silver City Sites

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 97/24

That Council approves the Crown Land Enquiry Form application for identified sites in the Phosphate Hill and Silver City precinct structure plans under the Housing Support Program Stream 1.

Carried: 8/0

For:

Cr Gordon THOMSON

Cr Melissa TUNG

Cr Vincent SAW

Cr Kelvin LEE

Cr Phillip WOO

Cr Hafiz MASLI

Cr FOO Kee Heng

Cr Azmi YON

Against:

10.5.3 Financial Policy 4 Update

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 98/24

That Council adopts the updated Financial Policy 4 – Significant Accounting Policy

Carried: 8/0

For:

Cr Gordon THOMSON

Cr Melissa TUNG

Cr Vincent SAW

Cr Kelvin LEE

Cr Phillip WOO

Cr Hafiz MASLI

Cr FOO Kee Heng

Cr Azmi YON

Against:

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The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.40pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 4 February 2025**