



CONFIRMED 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 2nd August 2023

1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting / Announcement of Visitors

1.1 Chairperson 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

Shire CEO

Christian Fellowship

Poon Saan Club

Christmas Island Phosphates

CI Neighbourhood Centre

Christmas Island Women's Assoc.

Chinese Literary Association

Christmas Island Tourism Assoc.

Council Representative

Committee Member / Minutes

Gordon THOMSON

David PRICE

Stephanie SAMBELL

Suzane CHAN (voting)

Jacky TEH

Joy WICKENDON

Oliver LINES

Jessica SEET

Mel HAN

David MULHERON

Hafiz MASLI

Chris SU

Apologies

Union of Christmas Island Workers

Malay Association

Council Representative

Kelvin LEE

Azmi YON

Morgan SOH

Absent

Islamic Council of CI

Farzian ZAINAL

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of July 5th 2023 minutes

CCC Resolution –

Moved: Hafiz MASLI

Seconded: Oliver LINES

Res. No: CCC6/2023

That the minutes of the July 5th 2023 Community Consultative Committee be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3.2 Action Items

CCC Chairperson Gordon THOMSON summarised the public housing meetings held at the Malay Club and Poon Saan Community Hall in April 2023 and the correspondence to the Minister following the meetings after. Updated that the Minister has responded, but has elected not to take up an invitation to speak with the public housing tenants to develop a housing policy together.

CCC Chairperson Gordon THOMSON noted the co-design process with the Department of the Environment regarding developments with the Christmas Island Marine Park had been efficient and had significant community buy-in.

4. Agenda Business

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

CCC discussed the baggage removals in August 2023.

Observed that 'nothing seems to have improved' following the CCC February 2023 meeting with Virgin and DITRDC staff.

Focus on the lack of consistency for Virgin to be able to secure priority bags on the flight.

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

June CCC resolution delivered to WA Dept. Premier and Cabinet and Territories Office Perth.

WA DPC advised that a '*scope of works*' document accompanies a request from the Commonwealth to create an SDA with a WA Agency. This details what services the Commonwealth would like to procure from that agency.

SOCI to develop a '*scope of works*' for CCC consideration.

4.3 Sea Country Solutions Research Project

Could not proceed with vid-call with Sea Country Solutions because of technical difficulties.

4.4 Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund Visit

Chris SU presented to the CCC CI and CKI are now part of the NAIF program, and eligible to apply for loans for industrial sized development projects.

NAIF team including the CEO to visit CI August 15th-18th. There will be an opportunity to meet the NAIF team to learn more about the program, to be advised.

4.5 IOTHS PATs Consultation

A number of CCC members went to the IOTHS PATs consultations in July 2023.

It is confirmed now that –

- a) Patients can currently nominate their travel dates to the PATs desk.
- b) Non-approvals for Escorts and PATs flights to Perth can be escalated to the Health Service Manager for review independent of the doctor.

Both of the above were confirmed with a recent PATs consult for a CCC member.

5. General Business:

5.1 \$2 billion Social Housing Program

Chris SU advised the CCC that the Government had announced in June 2023 a \$2 billion Social Housing Program across 'all states and territories' to be rolled out. SOCI contacted the Minister for Housing and Homelessness Julie Collins MP who responded that Christmas Island was not included in this program.

Chris SU has responded to ask if the Housing Australia Future Fund will be able to be applied to Christmas Island on 2/8/23.

6. Closure of Meeting: 5.45pm next meeting TBA