



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 18 June 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 18 June 2024

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18 June 2024

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

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**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Philip Tuck Sang **WOO**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Cr Swee **TUNG**

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Director Community/Recreation Services

Assistant Director Finance & Corporate Service

Troy **DAVIS**

Olivier **LINES**

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 YON raised a concern with the vegetation debris left on Murray Rd after slashing. Cr THOMSON said there was a CEO direction to prioritise the condition of Murray Rd. Acting CEO DAVIS said clearing of debris was an ideal scenario, however Works Staff are very stretched at the moment between East West Baseline Rd reconstruction and general maintenance activities, and full resources were not always available. Acting CEO DAVIS said he would address this with the Supervisor.

4.2 Cr LEE asked what the Shire could do about all the wasps nests in trees. Acting CEO DAVIS said there is a program currently underway to pressure clean all the Shire's playground equipment, park furniture and shelters to remove wasps nests, dirt and salt, however wasp nests on trees are not generally the Shire's responsibility. Acting CEO DAVIS said he would speak to the Parks team to see what is normally done.

- 4.3 Cr TUNG asked if the Shire was going to renew the kerb house numbers. Acting CEO DAVIS said the original numbering was completed under a Commonwealth grant several years ago, and that it is not a Shire responsibility to provide physical numbers to properties; solely to provide the numbering system/address. Acting CEO DAVIS said that in his experience, kerbside numbering has been undertaken by NFPs for a nominal fee from residents and that this could be an option. Cr TUNG requested a notice be put out letting people know that the Shire doesn't provide this service.
- 4.4 Cr PEREIRA asked how often roads were inspected for work to be done as Jalan Ketam Merah was in need of work. Acting CEO DAVIS said that he personally inspected all roads annually to condition rate them to develop long term road programs. Jalan Ketam Merah is in the 23/24 Reseal Program due to its condition. Additionally the Shire's Works Foreman regularly inspected roads for routine maintenance which is programmed regularly.
- 4.5 Cr PEREIRA raised a question regarding controls/inspections on food premises and their facilities. The question was lengthy and contained a number of elements. Acting CEO DAVIS requested Cr PEREIRA to forward the question via email so it could be accurately represented in the Minutes. At the time of issuing the Minutes, the question had not been received.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Application for leave of absence – Cr Swee TUNG

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr YON	Seconded: Cr SAW		Res. No: 38/24
That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Swee TUNG (13/07/2024 to 30/07/2024) be approved.			
Carried: 9/0			
For	Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Hafiz MASLI	Cr Azmi YON
	Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew SAW	Cr Kee Heng FOO	Cr Steve PEREIRA
	Cr Philip Tuck Sang WOO	Cr Kelvin Kok Bin LEE	Cr Swee TUNG
Against			

Application for leave of absence – Cr Philip Tuck Sang WOO

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr YON	Seconded: Cr SAW		Res. No: 39/24
That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Philip Tuck Sang WOO (28/06/2024 to 30/07/2024) be approved.			
Carried: 9/0			
For	Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Hafiz MASLI	Cr Azmi YON
	Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew SAW	Cr Kee Heng FOO	Cr Steve PEREIRA
	Cr Philip Tuck Sang WOO	Cr Kelvin Kok Bin LEE	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 28 May 2024

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr SAW **Seconded: Cr FOO** **Res. No: 40/24**

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 28 May 2024 Council Meeting.

Carried: 9/0

For Cr Gordon **THOMSON** Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW** Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Philip Tuck Sang **WOO** Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE** Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

Item 4.7 Cr YON requested an update on the CEO's discussion with the School Principal. As the CEO is on leave, no update could be provided.

Item 4.3 Cr Lee requested an update on a location for a Vet to undertake cat de-sexing and microchipping. Cr THOMSON deferred the discussion to Item 9.1 of the Agenda.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Minutes of the Community Consultative Committee Meetings

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr WOO** **Res. No: 41/24**

That Council receive -

- Confirmed Minutes of the December 6th 2023 CCC Meeting
- Confirmed Minutes of the March 11th 2024 CCC Meeting
- Confirmed Minutes of the May 15th 2024 CCC Meeting
- Unconfirmed Minutes of the June 10th 2024 CCC Meeting

Carried: 9/0

For Cr Gordon **THOMSON** Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW** Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Philip Tuck Sang **WOO** Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE** Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI **Seconded: Cr PEREIRA** **Res. No: 42/24**

That Council:

1. Facilitates the visit of a veterinarian to undertake de-sexing and microchipping of cats for the purpose of registration; and
2. Provides flights, accommodation, meal allowance and transport.

Carried: 9/0

For Cr Gordon **THOMSON** Cr Hafiz **MASLI** Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW** Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**
Cr Philip Tuck Sang **WOO** Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE** Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – May 2024

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 43/24

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

Carried: 9/0

For

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Cr Philip Tuck Sang **WOO**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Swee **TUNG**

Against

10.2.2 Financial Statements – May 2024

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr SAW

Res. No: 44/24

That Council receives the Financial Statements of May 2024.

Carried: 9/0

For

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Cr Philip Tuck Sang **WOO**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

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 8.00pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23 July 2024