



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 23 July 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 23 July 2024

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.07pm.

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 Azmi **YON**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Chief Executive Officer

Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker

Director Community/Recreation Services

Director Finance and Corporate Services

Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Services

David **PRICE**

Chris **SU**

Olivier **LINES**

Kevin **WILSON**

Wei **HO**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

Councillors

Cr Philip **WOO**

Cr Swee **TUNG**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

2.3 **Apologies**

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

2.4.1 Cr Kelvin LEE declared an interest in item 10.1.2 Community Assistance Grants as Vice President of the Union of Christmas Island Workers.

2.4.2 Cr FOO Kee Heng declared an interest in item 10.1.2 Community Assistance Grants as President of the Union of Christmas Island Workers, and Temple Committee member for the Sheng Wong, South Point, Tai Pak Gong and Waterfall Ma Chor Nui Nui Temple.

2.4.3 Cr Vincent SAW declared an interest in item 10.1.2 Community Assistance Grants as Executive Committee Member of the Union of Christmas Island Workers.

2.4.4 Shire President Gordon THOMSON declared an interest in item 10.1.2 Community Assistance Grants as General Secretary of the Union of Christmas Island Workers.

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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 Budget 2024/25

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 47/24

1. Council adopts the 2024/25 Annual Budget of the Shire of Christmas Island as presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 23 July 2024.
2. A materiality level of plus/minus 10% or plus/minus \$10,000 (whichever is the greater) to define significant variance in budget estimates and monthly reports is endorsed.
3. Council adopts the accounting policies contained within the budge.
4. The Shire President/Deputy President and Councillors' allowances to be paid as follows:
 - a) Pursuant to section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the following annual fees for payment of elected members in lieu of individual meeting attendance fees:
Shire President \$27,425
Councillors \$17,711
 - b) Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:
Shire President \$38,988
 - c) Pursuant to section 5.98A (1) of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition of the annual meeting allowance (25%):
Deputy President \$9,997

Carried: 5/1

For Cr Gordon THOMSON Cr Kelvin LEE Cr Azmi YON
Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew SAW Cr Kee Heng FOO

Against Cr Steve PEREIRA

10.1.2 Community Assistance Grants

Council Resolution**Moved: Cr YON****Seconded: Cr LEE****Res. No: 48/24**

1. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make payments to those organisations listed under "Proposed" in Attachment 10.1.2.1.
2. The Chief Executive Officer writes to each applicant advising the outcome of their application and, in the case of unsuccessful applicants, offering any in-kind assistance that may be available to enable the organisation to achieve their objectives.

Carried: 5/1

For Cr Gordon **THOMSON** Cr Kelvin **LEE** Cr Azmi **YON**
 Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW** Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Against Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – June 2024

Council Resolution**Moved: Cr FOO****Seconded: Cr SAW****Res. No: 49/24**

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

Carried: 6/0

For Cr Gordon **THOMSON** Cr Kelvin **LEE** Cr Azmi **YON**
 Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW** Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Against

10.2.2 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 30 June 2024

Council Resolution**Moved: Cr YON****Seconded: Cr FOO****Res. No: 50/24**

The report is noted.

Carried: 6/0

For Cr Gordon **THOMSON** Cr Kelvin **LEE** Cr Azmi **YON**
 Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW** Cr Kee Heng **FOO** Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Against

10.2.3 Financial Statements – June 2024

Council Resolution**Moved: Cr LEE****Seconded: Cr SAW****Res. No: 51/24**

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

Carried: 6/0

For Cr Gordon **THOMSON** Cr Kelvin **LEE** Cr Azmi **YON**

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

10.5.1 Major Grants Received to Date 2024

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 54/24

That Council note the successful grant approvals actioning elements of the 2023-2033 10 Year Strategic Community Plan 'Our Island, Our Responsibility' and its first 5 Year Corporate Business Plan 2023-2028

Creative Australia – \$25,366 for Cocos (Keeling) Island – Christmas Island Exchange Program

Festivals Australia – \$21,560 for Strengthening Indian Ocean Ties

Housing Support Program - \$738,500 for CI Housing Futures Masterplan

Carried: 6/0

For	Cr Gordon THOMSON	Cr Kelvin LEE	Cr Azmi YON
	Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew SAW	Cr Kee Heng FOO	Cr Steve PEREIRA

Against

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 7.50pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 27August 2024