



PITCAIRN ISLAND COUNCIL
Public Meeting Notes Meeting held at the Public Hall
Commencing at 10:30am Friday Aug 16th 2019

Present:

Mayor Shawn Christian & Cr Michele Christian Deputy Mayor Charlene Warren-Peu, and Temp Cr Lea Brown, Cr Kevin Young, Cr Sue O’Keefe, Isec Heather Menzies, Cr L Jaques & Administrator Nick Kennedy

In attendance: Governor Laura Clarke

Daphne Warren, FCA Fran, Kevin Young, Hanna, Daniel, Leslie Jacques, Pastor John and wife Ruby, Michele Christian, Nick Kennedy, Nadine Christian, David Brown, Paul Warren, Jay Warren, Kimiora Warren-Peu, Jayden Warren-Peu, Charlene Warren-Peu, Lea Brown, Kevin Young, Shawn Christian, Robert William (Tristan) (visitor) Meralda Warren, Melva Evans, Mike Lupton, Brenda Christian, Kay-Anna Lawson, Kerry Young, Mike Warren

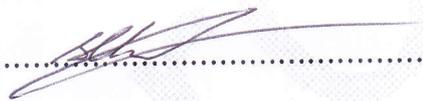
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Welcome: The Mayor welcomed Governor Clarke.

Agenda Item	Tabled by
	<p>The Governor warmly greeted the community.</p> <p>She said the Pitcairn Islands the Pitcairn population is extraordinary and stated she is doing all that she can to champion Pitcairn regionally and internationally. She covered the current stance UK, BREXIT and politics i.e. the new Prime Minister says Britain will leave the European Union on the 31st Oct regardless of a deal or not. She advised that HMG is opening 3 new High Commissions in the region; Tonga, Vanuatu and Samoa and noted that climate change is a big focus for the region going forward. Protecting oceans, protecting against plastics pollution sits within this climate change focus and this is where Pitcairn is already playing a part.</p>
	<p>Questions/Comments from the Gallery and Answers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It was noted that the Governor’s video about her first visit to the island generated an immense response. It is posted on both the PI Government & Tourism websites. The Governor acknowledged the comment and thanked Meralda Warren for her work as Cultural teacher at the school. 2) Communications: It was noted the island is still experiencing problems with the telephone system which is still not working properly. It was noted that the telecoms technicians should stay longer on island so as to get the necessary work done. It was noted that if the contractors have not delivered the service they were engaged to provide the contract should be terminated.

	<p>The Administrator agreed that there have been unforeseen challenges in getting the system fully operational and this has been exacerbated by the fact that the copper system is deteriorating. He advised he and the Operations Manager are scheduled for a Teleconference with the contractors next week to work up next steps. He will report back to the community as to progress.</p> <p>3) BREXIT: What will happen for Pitcairners travelling to and through French Polynesia? The Governor said as much progress as possible has been made. If there is a deal it will likely be covered but if there is a no deal exit it cannot be foreseen. Everyone will have to wait and see. HMG will do all that it can for anyone holding a British Passport. A lot of work is going into mitigating the impact of a no deal situation. It will be challenging and may well result in another election</p>
	<p>The Mayor and Governor thanked those who had attended and closed the meeting.</p>

Meeting Closed: 11:45am

Mayor Shawn Christian: 

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