



CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) of the Shire of Christmas Island
held at the George Fam Centre Training Room on Wednesday
November 6th 2019 commencing at 4.15 pm**

1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting / Announcement of Visitors

1.1 Gordon **THOMSON** declared the meeting opened at 4.35 pm.

2 Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence/Declarations of Financial, Proximity or Impartiality Interest

2.1 Record of Attendance

President-SOCI	Gordon THOMSON
Union of Christmas Island Workers	Kelvin LEE
SOCI Manager of Governance	Chris SU
CI Women's Association	Nora KOH
Chinese Literary Association	Jeanie KU
Malay Association of Christmas Island	Hafiz MASLI
Shire Councillor	Morgan SOH

2.2 Apologies

Poon Saan Club	Suzane CHAN
Islamic Council of Christmas Island	Greg MCINTOSH
CEO SOCI	David PRICE
CI Phosphates	Joy WICKENDEN
CI Neighbourhood Centre	Oliver LINES

2.3 Declaration of Financial, Proximity or Impartially Interest

Nil.

2.4 Public Question Time

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Resolution:

That the Minutes of 25th September 2019 held at the George Fam Centre, Shire of Christmas Island be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved:	Kelvin LEE	Seconded:	Morgan SOH
Carried	7/0	Resolution:	CCC14 / 2019

3.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

CCC reviewed Action Items 3.2 to 3.7 in the Agenda

Agenda Item	Item	Status
3.2	CCC 8 th October lunch with Warren Snowdon	CCC recalled items discussed with Member for Lingiari
3.3	Action Item Sept: CCC members to raise awareness of Abbott's Booby Conservation Advice to their membership organisations	Members reported they have
3.4	Action Item Sept: CCC members attended CITA reception for Dr. Andrew DEAN	Dr. DEAN's proposal for a cancer wellness retreat program now is a commercial decision for him.
3.5	Action Item August: DIRDC requested to provide CCC copy of Community Engagement Protocol from email of 15.8.2019	No response received yet. Tabled as business arising for next meeting
3.6	Action Item August: CCC sent Community Petition 31/8/2019 to DITCRD; no response received. CCC sent letter to Minister 22/8/2019 on Fisheries	No response received or acknowledgement from DITCRD or Minister's Office.
3.7	Action Item August: CCC still yet to receive a copy of scientific data from Fisheries as requested 23/8/2019	Paula Kalinowski sent email 4/11/2019 to CCC secretariat cc'd CCC team that <i>'It is important to note that the management framework was proposed in the manner it has been because of the absence of scientific information regarding the waters and populations surrounding Christmas Island. As such, the proposed recreational rules are primarily based on a risk based, precautionary approach. This is a nationally recognised approach in fisheries management best practices.'</i>

4 Agenda Business

4.1 Abbott's Booby Conservation Draft Advice.

Gordon **THOMSON** updated CCC on the following:

That the Shire has had the first of the monthly phone meetings with DITCRD in October and that a key action item was created for DITCRD to get legal advice on the standing a Conservation Advice has over planning; SOCI and DITCRD were at different understandings of how a Conservation Advice would impact planning and it was hoped the legal advice would clarify.

Gordon **THOMSON** to report to the CCC an update on this when one is received from DITCRD.

4.2 CCC PATS Feedback

Chris SU briefed the CCC on two residents' feedback on PATS services:

Resident One –

Elderly patient denied an escort; family subsequently requested that Virgin provide 'VA Travel Assistance' (baggage assistance) for the patient. This was provided at the Perth arrival, but not on the subsequent Christmas Island arrival.

Resident Two –

Patient denied an escort to Perth for follow up scans to determine extent of damage done on a mobility injury. Patient informed IOTHS that she had difficulty utilising the knee brace independently and she required assistance especially as she would be alone in Perth accommodations and in carrying luggage. It was an open ended PATS visit (return trip not scheduled as relying on outcome of scans). Patient denied escort.

Patient purchased ticket for husband and child to accompany her to Perth.

4.3 Fisheries Feedback Consultations

Chris SU presented a letter Hon. Warren SNOWDON wrote to Asst. Minister Nola MARINO dated 5th November 2019 which asked the Minister to conduct public meetings on CKI and CI regarding the fisheries feedback process. Members discussed the objections raised in the community petition and regarded them as valid concerns. Members discussed how to move forward with a fairer system of governance.

Motion:

4.3 Fisheries Feedback Consultations

Chris SU presented a letter Hon. Warren SNOWDON wrote to Asst. Minister Nola MARINO dated 5th November 2019 which asked the Minister to conduct public meetings on CKI and CI regarding the proposed CKI and CI Fish Resources Management Ordinances. Members discussed the objections raised in the community petition and regarded them as valid concerns. Members discussed how to move forward with a fairer system of governance.

Motion:

The Minister is requested to propose an Ordinance covering the Christmas Island Fishery for public consultation that:

- 1 Provides for the establishment of a Christmas Island Fish Resources Management Authority (the Authority) to be constituted by so many members as the Council of the Shire of Christmas Island may determine, including at least one person qualified and practising in a field of marine science specialising in fish resource management and at least one person qualified and practising in a field of the law or government.
- 2 Provides all powers and authority of the Australian Government's Minister responsible for the administration of the Territory of Christmas Island are delegated to the Christmas Island Fish Resources Management Authority, so far as those powers of the Minister are relevant to the management of fish resources on land and in the ocean within the territory and territorial waters of Christmas Island.

- 3 Provides that the Authority shall be responsible for making and enforcing regulations about all matters pertaining to aqua-culture, marine research, commercial and recreational fishing. Such regulations shall only have effect when approved by a popular vote of persons registered to vote in a Local Government election.

Moved: Hafiz **MASLI**

Seconded: Kelvin **LEE**

Carried: 7/0

Resolution: CCC15/2019

4.4 Proposed CCC meeting with DIRDC and Fisheries November 11th

CCC noted the 'Listening to the IOT communities on fish rules' notice sent by Administration on 31st October 2019 advising CI residents they could schedule a meeting with the Administrator, DITCRD and Fisheries team between Friday November 8th and Tuesday 12th November. CCC agreed to reconvene for a meeting on Monday 11th November at 4.15pm at the George Fam Centre. CCC notes calls for public meetings on Cocos (Keeling) and Christmas Islands and that public meetings should be supported by all CCC member organisations.

5 General Business

6. Closure of Meeting – 5.30pm, 6th November

7 Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The date of next meeting is Wed 4th December. The CCC will meet on 11th November for the Fisheries meeting.