



Informal meeting of the Ascension Island Council
1630 on Thursday 25th July 2019 at the Court House

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Steven Chandler, HH Administrator
Gareth Morris, Director of Resources
Councillor Keturah George
Councillor Nicholas John
Councillor Alan Nicholls
Councillor Terence Young

In attendance: Dave Kewley, Police Inspector
Jane Disley, Clerk of Council
Apologies:
Allen Cansick, Acting Attorney General

2. Matters arising (from last informal meeting on 11 Jul 2019) covered: **Firearms Ordinance** (*Update: this item would be held over until the arrival of the new Crown Counsel*); **Street lighting** (*Update: The poles were delivered on the last FIRS but the heads and batteries would arrive on the 29 July FIRS. Once off-loaded and assembled the trial would start*); **Electoral Register** (*Update: Employing organisations have been contacted to update their lists. The Administrator would arrange for the Council dissolution/Date of election notice to be issued soon*); **Georgetown Swimming pool** (*Update: Owing to unfavourable sea conditions the work was now planned for 2 Aug. The ladders were due to arrive on the 20 Sep FIRS*); **Turtle Ponds** (*Update: The wall repairs had been completed and there was some minor landscaping still to do. A public notice would be issued in August when the smaller pond would be officially reopened. Work on the larger pond would continue in slower time*); **Shopping Basket** (*Update: After some discussion about the merits of a 'shopping basket' system and about which items/expenditure ought to be included, all agreed that starting some kind of annual record would provide a useful comparison tool for decision making in future*).

3. Island Policing: the discussion covered concerns about noise and public order. Insp Kewley outlined his aspirations to encourage the clubs to take a firmer position with regard to patrons' behaviour and music volume in return for greater flexibility at certain times. He also confirmed that Police investigations were victim-led and so would normally require a formal complaint to be made. In response to questions about drones Insp Kewley offered to prepare a notice to explain their capabilities, likely uses and restrictions. It was agreed that Insp Kewley's participation would become a regular feature of informal meetings at approx 3 monthly intervals.

4. Payment of AIG food allowance: the Administrator introduced a Memorandum to explain AIG's decision to pay the food allowance to staff while off island. All agreed that this was a positive decision.

5. Any other business covered: (a) Resignation of Dir Ops & Facilities; (b) MPA designation with conditionality; (c) Pier head access during ship-to-shore operations; (d) School bus roadworthiness; (e) Council sub-committees membership.

6. Date of next meetings: the following forthcoming dates have been agreed:

- Formal – 8 Aug 2019 at 1630
- Informal – 22 Aug 2019 at 1630
- No further meetings for current AI Council (dissolved on 1 Sep)

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 1835hrs.

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Jane Disley

Clerk of Council