



**Formal meeting of the Ascension Island Council**  
**1630 on Wednesday 18 Dec 2019 at the Court House**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

Present: HE Dr Philip Rushbrook, Governor  
Gareth Morris, Acting Administrator  
Allen Cansick, Attorney General

Councillor Katharyn Chadwick  
Councillor Andrew Ellick  
Councillor Andrew Hobson  
Councillor Alan Nicholls

In attendance: Linda Hardiman, Head of Administrator's Office  
Rob Cheeseman, Crown Council  
Jane Disley, Clerk of Council

Apologies:  
HH Steven Chandler, Administrator  
Councillor Kitty George

Following adoption of the minutes from the last formal meeting on 7 Nov, the matters arising were as follows: **optician survey** (the survey had been drafted and will be distributed in the new year); **additional flights at school holiday time** (the request had been put to the PCA members and a response was expected early in the new year); **'donkey bath' at the hospital** (a request had been submitted to the Operations Directorate to remove this); **Council committees** (the relevant information had been sent to the Governor and formal approval was expected shortly, after which details would be published in the Islander); **employment legislation 'away day'** (a meeting date during the week commencing 20 January would be arranged); **runway update** (AIG had been advised that from the 3 tenders received, a preferred bidder had been identified and the decision would potentially be confirmed by the end of the year).

The Island Council (Procedure) Rules had been removed from the published agenda prior to the meeting because the AG's Chambers needed more time to review the proposed statutory change. However, after some discussion the Council was content to accept the provisions as a guide to good practice in the interim.

The Births & Deaths (Registration) Ordinance had been circulated ahead of the meeting and all were content to recommend its acceptance to the Governor.

There were several items of other business: (i) the Operations Directorate would be asked to include new areas to their pot holes schedule; (ii) the Finance Committee had met and discussed various issues including the future business levy; (iii) a request had been received from several local fishermen to access their boats to go fishing while ship operations were being carried out so this would be reviewed; (iv) a request had been received to remove the wrecked bus (part of the Christmas "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign) from the edge of Georgetown as it was an eyesore and created the impression of a drink/drive problem on the Island, it would be passed to Insp Kewley for consideration; (v) concerns about the impact of runway repair activities were discussed and it was proposed that this become a standing agenda item; (vi) concerns were also raised about the pier repairs and so the CSSF Project Manager would be asked to provide a brief on this and other projects; (vii) a food security concern was raised about the potential impact if the Seafish Chandlery chose to withdraw from Ascension and it was felt that a contingency plan was needed just in case this decision was ever made; (viii) a question was raised about the safety of AIG-provided washing machines so this would be investigated; (ix) an update was requested on the street lighting project since there had been no obvious progress recently.

The meeting closed at 1730hrs.

**J Disley**

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Clerk of Council