



Formal meeting of the Ascension Island Council

1630 on Thursday 27th June 2019 at the Court House

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: HE Dr Philip Rushbrook, Governor
HH Steven Chandler, Administrator
Gareth Morris, Director of Resources
Allen Cansick, Acting Attorney General
Councillor Samantha Arms-Lawrence
Councillor Keturah George
Councillor Nicholas John
Councillor Terence Young

In attendance: Sarah Roberts-Favell, Head of Administrator's Office
Helen Tyte, Acting Clerk of Council
Apologies:
Councillor Alan Nicholls [St Helena]

Minutes of the formal Council meeting held on 16th May 2019 were agreed. These minutes would be placed on the AIG website. Matters arising from that meeting were discussed. A draft Marine Protected Area Management Plan is currently being drawn up for presentation to the Council in August. The Road Safety and Appropriation Ordinances have been amended and will be published in the near future. Testing will be taking place of the pump and pipes at the Georgetown swimming pool. The AIG website is currently being worked on and improved.

An Income Tax and Allowances Order to amend the Income Tax Ordinance was approved by Councillors and subsequently by the Governor. This will be published once the Order is formalised.

The Administrator submitted a Memorandum proposing dates for the dissolution of Council (1 September), candidate nominations (11 September) and the next General Election (26 September). These dates were approved by Councillors and subsequently by the Governor. A Dissolution of the Island Council and a Notice of the General Election will be signed and released soon.

Councillors had previously raised comments and questions in regards to the Medical Complaints Policy. These were dealt with and the Policy returned to the AG Chambers for approval. The Administrator approved the policy document, which will be published soon.

Any other business raised a query surrounding the police wearing body cameras to record incidents. Other issues discussed were in relation to trading standards and the provision of receipts in stores, and the possibility of purchasing protection nets for the MUGA. The effectiveness of the Hydroponics site was raised, including investigating what steps can be taken to bring the site back in line with the vision it was originally set up to be. Visits will be arranged to the AIG and US Hydroponics sites and any findings or recommendations will be reported back.

The meeting closed at 1715hrs.

Helen Tyte

Acting Clerk of Council