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MINUTES OF THE 186TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2014

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott
- The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing and Acting Chief Minister
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
- The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Sports and Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood QC
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT
Mrs Candis Niles, Director of Tourism
Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer
Mr Remington Lake, Airport Manager/CEO (Ag.), AASPA
Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
Major Andy Nixon, Royal Engineer
Warrant Officer, Carl Green
Ms Aurjul Wilson, PS, MHA/LANDS
Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD
Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC
Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS, PA
Ms Michelle Daley, Chief Parliamentary Counsel
Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager
Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS
Mr Calvin Andre Samuels, Deputy Director, Strategic Research Programme
Mr Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, DICUH
- ABSENT: The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister of Labour and Immigration and Minister of Social Development and Health

EX MIN 14/159

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Council agreed that the Minutes of the 185th Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2014 should be confirmed at the continuation of the Meeting of Executive Council to be held on Monday 17th March 2014 at 9:00 am.

EX MIN 14/160

MONETARY ASSISTANCE TO THE BRITISH DEPENDENCY BAND

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT and Mrs Candis Niles, Director of Tourism joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that monetary assistance should be given to the British Dependency Band, through the Anguilla Tourist Board, who are currently touring the USA and promoting Anguilla. Council noted that through no fault of the Band there was a delay in realising funding arrangements. This resulted in the Band needing US\$9,000.00 to facilitate transport arrangements while on tour. Council further agreed that the Ministry of Tourism should fund this expenditure through an appropriate mechanism.

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/161

STRUCTURAL SURVEY OF THE ROAD BAY JETTY: PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

PS, EDICT remained for discussion. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer
 Mr Remington Lake, Airport Manager/CEO (Ag.), AASPA
 Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
 Major Andy Nixon, Royal Engineer
 Warrant Officer, Carl Green

Council noted the power point presentation made by Royal Engineers, Major Andy Nixon, and Warrant Officer 2 Carl Green, with regards to the structural survey of the Road Bay Jetty. Council recognised that the Road Bay Jetty was in an advanced state of deterioration.

Council agreed with the recommendation from the engineers that some urgent repairs needed to be undertaken and operational restrictions implemented immediately to prolong the life of the jetty.

The CEO (Ag.), AASPA informed Council that he had had a meeting with the shipping agents, the Management of AASPA and other relevant personnel who have agreed with the proposals going forward. The CEO (Ag.), AASPA indicated that he intended to approach the GoA for financing for the project before the final report was submitted by the engineers.

Council further agreed that given the declining state of the jetty urgent steps had to be taken as a temporary measure and that the long term vision of a proper

functioning pier at the designated location should be maintained.

Action: PS, MICUH; CE; PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; AIR MAN/CEO (Ag.); AASPA

EX MIN 14/162

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PS, EDICT and PS, MICUH remained for discussion. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Ms Aurjul Wilson, PS, MHA/LANDS
 Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD
 Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC
 Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS, PA
 Ms Michelle Daley, Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Council agreed that there should be an update of the legislation every two months to determine what has been delivered.

Council asked that the Chief Parliamentary Council review the full list of priorities for 2014 and propose how these might be timetabled during 2014.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PERM SECS; CPC

EX MIN 14/163

EX MEM 14/73 THE FORMAL DISCONTINUATION OF TIEA DISCUSSIONS WITH JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE PARTY TO THE CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN TAX MATTERS

Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax matters should be the primary instrument of Exchange of Information with signatories; and
- (ii) Anguilla should secure agreement to formally cease TIEA discussions with jurisdictions that are signatories to the Convention.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PAS, FIN; COM MAN

EX MIN 14/164

EX MEM 14/78 FILLING OF POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Council agreed that the matter should be discussed at the continuation of the Meeting of Executive Council to be held on Monday 17th March at 9:00 am.

Action: HON DG; DIR, DIS MAN

EX MIN 14/165

**EX MEM 14/79 CONTINUOUS VOTER REGISTRATION –
REMUNERATION OF ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER**

Council agreed that the matter should be deferred until the Hon CM is present.

Action: SUP/ELECTIONS; HON DG

EX MIN 14/166

EX MEM 14/80 EXEMPTION WORK PERMIT REFUSAL

PS, MHA/LANDS & IMMIGRATION remained for discussion.

Council agreed, in accordance with Section 4 (1) of the Control of Employment Act that the work permit applications for the following positions (detailed list attached) should be refused:-

- 1) 3 Cooks
- 2) 4 Bartenders and Clerks
- 3) 3 Maids and Housekeepers
- 4) 1 Barber
- 5) 1 Store Supervisor

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS & IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 14/167

**EX MEM 14/81 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT
REQUIREMENT**

PS, MHA/LANDS & IMMIGRATION remained for discussion.

Council agreed that the following persons should be exempted from the work permit requirement in accordance with Section 3 (g) of the Control of Employment Act:-

- 1) Ms Linda Joseph - National of Dominica who is employed at Albert's Marketplace as a Store Clerk.
- 2) Mr Edward Mejia Castillo - National of the Dominican Republic who has been residing in Anguilla for over nine (9) years. Mr Castillo is employed at Global Technologies as a Technician.

Council noted that the jobs were advised during the period 21st October to 4th November 2013 and 25th November 2013 to 11th December 2013 respectively.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS & IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 14/168

EX MEM 14/82 EXEMPTION FROM PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE FEES

PS, MHA/LANDS & IMMIGRATION remained for discussion.

Council noted that Ms Cherrie Christie, a national of Guyana has been residing in Anguilla since 1995. She attended the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School and graduated in 2004. Ms Christie is presently working as a Pupil Assistant, dealing with disabled children at the Teacher Orealia Kelly Primary School.

Council was minded to approve the exemption of EC\$2,000.00 for the permit of Permanent Residence for Ms Christie for the period 2012 to 2014, subject to confirming if this action is sanctioned by the relevant legislation.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS & IMM; AG; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 14/169

EX MEM 14/83 APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

PS, MHA/LANDS & IMMIGRATION remained for discussion.

Council noted that Mr Clayton Orin Deane, a national of Guyana has been residing in Anguilla since 1997 to 1998 and 2004 to present. Mr Deane is currently employed by the Health Authority of Anguilla (HAA) as an Accounting Officer II.

Council agreed that Mr Clayton Orin Deane should be granted a Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 (1) of the Immigration and Passport Act.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS & IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 14/170

EX MEM 14/84 AUTHORIZATION TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE SEAPORTS FEES REGULATIONS, 2013

Council agreed that the matter be deferred until the Hon CM is present.

Action: PS, MICUH

EX MIN 14/172

EX MIN 14/149 EX MEM 14/26 VALLEY FOOD COURT

PS, EDICT and PS, MHA/LANDS remained for discussion. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS
Mr Calvin Andre Samuels, Deputy Director, Strategic Research Programme
Mr Nigel Connor, Deputy Chief Engineer, DICUH

Council noted the comprehensive presentation made by the Deputy Director, Strategic Research Programme on the proposed operational detailed plan for the Valley Food Court.

Council agreed that the Committee should come back to Executive Council on Thursday 17th April with proposed detailed plans to include:-

- (i) an area close to the market to be designated for a clothing/craft mall;
- (ii) the Landsome Bowl Road to be utilised for food stalls/vans; and
- (iii) the area outside the JRWP to be utilised for food stalls/vans.

Council shared the view that the People's Market should be returned to its original use.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DLS; DCE; PS, MICUH

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/173

EX MIN 14/137 EX MEM 14/72 PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE ROYAL ANGUILLA POLICE FORCE (RAPF)

PS, EDICT remained for discussion.

In reference to EX MIN 14/137 of 26th February 2014, Council noted that the Commissioner of Police had decided to forgo the construction of the wall at the rear of the Police Headquarters at this time in an effort to purchase an additional Police Patrol vehicle. The total for the purchase of the police vehicles will now be US\$327, 500.00.

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; HE; PS, MICUH; COP
