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MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2015

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Commerce, Lands & Physical Planning and Tourism

The Hon Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Hon Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration,
Labour, Environment, Human Rights, Gender Affairs, Constitutional Affairs and
Information and Broadcasting

The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities, Housing, Agriculture and Fisheries and Information Technology

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT

EX MIN 15/281 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2015**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Reverend Wycherley Gumbs, Chairman of the Christian Council gave the opening prayer in Executive Council as a part of the National Day of Prayer 2015.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 15/282 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion. The Hon Chief Minister

explained to Executive Council that the presence of the Parliamentary Secretary in Council would not be on a regular basis, but that presently, he wanted him to have the opportunity to see how the Executive Council functioned.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 1st Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2015 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Monday 4th May 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/283 None

EX MIN 15/284 **MINUTES OF THE BUDGET DELIVERY COMMITTEE (BDC) MEETING**

Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion.

Council noted the Minutes of the Budget Delivery Committee Meeting held on 21st April 2015. Council particularly noted paragraphs 7 and 8 of the recommendations/action points which highlighted, exploring avenues for training for the Procurement Unit/Board from some of the GoA's development partners such as CDB, CARTAC, and the completion of briefs by Permanent Secretaries (outlining key current and future initiatives critical to the respective Ministry) for the new Ministers of Government, respectively.

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minutes of the BDC Meeting, Council agreed that the Chairman, Procurement Board and the Chief Procurement Officer should be invited to Executive Council for a briefing on the procurement process on Thursday 21st May 2015.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; OTHER PERM SECS; CHAIR, PB; CHIEF PROC
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EX MIN 15/285 **EX MEM 15/149 PROPOSAL FOR REVISITING STUDENT BONDS WHERE STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES AND DEFAULT ON THEIR BONDS BUT RETURN TO ANGUILLA TO WORK IN THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR DURING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THEY ARE BONDED**

Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion.

Council approved the Policy to facilitate the revisiting of Student Bonds which are in default and the Variation Bond as set out in the attached documents, subject to the Hon Deputy Governor in collaboration with Public Administration and the Attorney General's Chambers reviewing page 2, paragraph nine (9) of the Policy which begins, "The absence of success in seeking a job in the private sector.....". The review should consider including a nine (9) month period during which returning students would be required to secure a job and/or the waiver of the repayment of funds if the student is unable to find a job.

Action: HON DG; PS, PA; HON AG; TRNG OFF; OTHER PERM SECS; BD;
ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/286

EX MEM 15/150 CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion.

Council deferred the matter for the input of the PS, Social Development who was off island. Council asked that the PS be invited to attend a future Executive Council Meeting for discussion.

Action: PS, HSD

EX MIN 15/287

EX MEM 15/151 ASSIGNMENT OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) noted the assignments and the terms of the assignments of the attached Agreements;
- (ii) agreed that under ‘Specific Terms of Usage’ of the Agreements, Points 3 and 5 should be amended to read respectively:-
 - a) “the Assigned Person should be mindful of their responsibility towards the general care and protection of the GoA’s property;
 - b) the Assigned Person shall return the vehicle to the Assigning Department with its keys when leaving the island for an extended period or at the end of the assignment period;
- (iii) agreed that the persons with the assigned vehicles would continue the practice of paying for the fuel for the vehicles; and
- (iv) concurred that the Ministry of Infrastructure would submit a memo to Executive Council on fleet replacement in 14 days after consulting with the MOF.

Action: PS, MICUH; MINS OF GOV’T; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT

EX MIN 15/289

EX MEM 15/153 GRATUITY PAYMENT FOR FLORENCIA SMITH OF ISLAND HARBOUR

Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion.

Council agreed in EX MIN 12/478 of 12th July 2012 that persons working ten or more consecutive years as wage workers in the employ of the Government of Anguilla would be eligible for gratuity at the discretion of Executive Council.

Based on the formula for the calculation of gratuity as outlined in EX MIN 12/478 ($\frac{1}{2}$ monthly wage x number of years worked = gratuity), Council agreed that Ms

Florencia Smith who worked as a Solid Waste Beach and Roadside Cleaner with the Department of Health Protection for fourteen years should be paid gratuity in the sum of ECS\$6,650.00.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HSD; DHP; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PS, PA; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/290

EX MEM 15/154 FILLING THE POST OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) noted the recommendation that the post of Community Service Officer be filled as soon as possible to minimize disruption in the operations of the Department of Probation;
- (ii) noted that the views of all the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post and that a favourable response was given;
- (iii) additionally noted that the filling of the post would not result in increased expenditure, as budgetary provisions had already been made for the position; and
- (iv) agreed that the post of Community Service Officer in the Department of Probation should be filled.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/291

EX MEM 15/155 SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF THE 11TH ANGUILLA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Council noted that the 11th Anguilla House of Assembly would be sworn in at a ceremony to be held on Monday 11th May 2015 at the Atlin Noraldo Harrigan Parliamentary Building at 2:00 pm.

Council agreed that the following expenditures should be financed by the GoA for the ceremony:-

1) Refreshments and Catering (200 invitees)	US\$ 3,161.00
2) Drinks	US\$ 2,000.00
3) Decorations, rental of tents and chairs	US\$ 4,808.00
4) Rental of Audio/Visual System exterior invitees	US\$ 1,500.00
5) Overnight accommodations for 7 regional Gov't heads	US\$ 1,750.00
6) Rental of Cars for Heads	US\$ 720.00
7) Live Internet Streaming	US\$ 1,500.00

8) Dinner (Ministers & Spouses & Regional Heads)	US\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL	<u>US\$ 16,639.00</u>

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

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EX MIN 15/292

GRATUITY PAYMENTS

Council noted the frequency of papers to Executive Council seeking approval for the award of gratuity payments to persons working ten or more consecutive years as wage workers in the employ of the Government of Anguilla (this decision was agreed in EX MIN 12/478 of 12th July 2012). Council requested all Ministries/ Departments to identify such persons who are eligible for the award of a gratuity payment.

Council directed the Hon Deputy Governor to submit a paper to Executive Council on Thursday 4th June 2015 setting out all the liabilities on this matter.

Action: HON DG; PERM SECS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 15/293

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Council agreed that a Special Meeting of Executive Council should be held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 9:00 am to discuss the following matters:-

- a) The Britto Agency
- b) Water Corporation of Anguilla Board

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 15/294

OFF ISLAND TRAVEL

The Hon Minister of Infrastructure informed Council that he would be off island from the 14-15 May 2015.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
