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MINUTES OF THE 179TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019
AT 9:00 AM

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment and Acting Chief Minister,
Mr Curtis Richardson
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge
- The Honourable Acting Attorney General, Ms Erica Edwards
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
Comptroller of Customs, Mr Travis Carty
Deputy Comptroller of Customs, Mr Giovanni Francisca
Assistant Comptroller of Customs, Ms Karen Lake
Internal Auditor/Compliance Manager, Mrs Carolyn Richardson-Hodge
Senior Clerical Officer/Compliance Officer, Mrs Marilyn Sharplis
Customs Officer, Mr Khendon Hull
Anguilla Programme Manager, Mr Darren Forbes-Batey
- ABSENT: The Honourable Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks
- The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

EX MIN 19/128

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 178th Meeting held on Thursday 28 February 2019.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 19/129

**ANGUILLA CUSTOMS DEPT TRUSTED TRADER PROGRAMME
“EZ TRADE”**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

Comptroller of Customs, Mr Travis Carty
Deputy Comptroller of Customs, Mr Giovanni Francisca
Assistant Comptroller of Customs, Ms Karen Lake
Internal Auditor/Compliance Manager, Mrs Carolyn Richardson-Hodge
Senior Clerical Officer/Compliance Officer, Mrs Marilyn Sharplis
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Council noted a comprehensive power point presentation by main presenter, Comptroller of Customs, Mr Travis Carty on the Trusted Trader Programme “EZ Trade” initiative. Council commended the officials for an impressive presentation and for their commitment to making this materialise.

Council agreed that another meeting should be scheduled with the Customs Department to address wider issues affecting the department.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; HON DG; COC; DCOC; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/130

UPDATE ON THE ANGUILLA PROGRAMME

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. Anguilla Programme Manager, Mr Darren Forbes-Batey joined.

Council:

- (i) noted the update by Anguilla Programme Manager on the Anguilla Programme;
- (ii) noted the concerns raised; and
- (iii) agreed that there should be a further discussion on Thursday 7 March at the Governor's office with the relevant officials and the Procurement Board.

Council continued to stress the importance of getting key projects up and running.

Action: PS, MHA; PS, MICUHAFE; APM; CPO; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/131

UPDATE ON THE ELECTIONS ACT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Acting Attorney General informed Council that the draft Elections Bill was ready and that the Hon Attorney General was minded to make an amendment to

Section 79 of the Act.

Council agreed that:

- (i) the AG and the Supervisor of Elections should get together to discuss the election process going forward; and
- (ii) there be a Special Meeting of Executive Council on Friday 15 March at 1:00 pm to discuss election legislation.

Action: PS, MHA; HON AG; SOE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/132

EX MEM 19/61 WATER CORPORATION OF ANGUILLA (WCA) REQUEST FOR REFINANCING THE STORAGE TANK THROUGH A LOW INTEREST LOAN

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that:

- (i) the WCA should exercise the buyout in accordance with section (5) subsection (5.2.2) as stated below for ease of reference:

“5.2.2 WCA shall have the option to purchase the plant and/or the tank from the Company after completion of the first twelve months after the commencement date of this agreement and at any other time thereafter during the term of this agreement at the price as set forth in the schedule contained herein”.
- (ii) the WCA borrows the funds required from the Social Security Board to finance the buyout at a rate not exceeding 8% per annum, which will guarantee minimum savings of US\$281,000 over three years relative to the initial arrangement; and
- (iii) the WCA be allowed to be committed to the loan for a period not exceeding thirty-six months and the said land that is being held by Scotia Bank be released and provided as security for the loan from the Social Security Board.

Council recognised that this transaction represents debt as did the initial transaction. Council noted that the UKG must be made aware that this approval is seeking to regularise the situation that was initially presented to the UKG in 2011.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; CEO, WCA (acting); PS, FIN; HON AG; DIR, ASSB;
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/133

MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that meetings of Executive Council be held as follows:

- 1) regular meeting on Thursday 14 March at 9:00 am; and
- 2) a special meeting on Friday 15 March at 1:00 pm to deal with election legislation.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; PS, MHA
