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**MINUTES OF THE 152ND MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST 2018**

PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands
and Physical Planning

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs and Education

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

The Honourable Attorney General (Ag), Mr Ivor Greene

Mrs Nicola Webster, Clerk to Executive Council (Designate)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary
Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA
Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist
Ms Joanna Foakes, Chief Staff Officer
Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT
Mr Rawle Hazell, Director of Housing and Construction
Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, Social Development
Mr Bren Romney, Director of Youth and Culture

ABSENT: Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

EX MIN 18/400 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 151st Meeting held on Thursday 26 July 2018.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/401

**EX MIN 18/341 AND EX MEM 18/181 ANGUILLA PROGRAMME –
PRIORITISATION OF PROJECTS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/352 of 12 July, EX MIN 18/369 of 19 July and EX MIN 18/388 of 26 July Council agreed that Lord Ahmad should be informed of the approved revised project list.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/402

**UPDATE ON HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS, SHELTERS AND LIFE
IMPACT CENTRE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/345 of 6 July and EX MIN 18/372, Council agreed that the Red Cross should be invited to Executive Council for discussion on 16 August, 2018.

Action: HON DG; DDM; PS, MICUHAFE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/403

**EX MEM 18/203 FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (THE
“GOVERNMENT”) AND PARKSTONE INCORPORATED (THE
“DEVELOPER”)**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/393 of 26 July, Council agreed that the matter should be deferred.

Action: PS, FIN; COM OFF; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/404

**ANGUILLA SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (R S A c S45 – BENEFITS
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2018**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/394 the Hon. Attorney General (acting) informed Council that the Anguilla Social Security Act (R S A C S45 – Benefits (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 will be laid before the House of Assembly on 2 August 2018.

Action: HON AG (acting); PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; HON CM/MOF

EX MIN 18/405

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Following on from EX MIN 18/385 of 19 July and EX MIN 18/395 of 26 July the Hon Deputy Governor informed Council that a request for financial assistance was made and subsequently awarded. He also indicated that since the matter is a Public

Administration matter, an application should be made to Public Administration for additional funding.

Action: HON DG; PS FIN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/406

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR JOHNOS, DADS AND MS A EDWARDS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/396 of 26 July, the Hon Minister of Finance informed Council of his wish to contribute EC\$8,000.00 instead of EC\$5,000.00 to the three (3) persons that were affected by the disastrous fire in Sandy Ground.

H E The Governor understood the desire to show support and solidarity with the individuals affected but noted the need to be mindful of setting precedence. He also noted that – in accordance with the FAA - this expenditure would need to come from the approved budget of the relevant department which in this case was Social Development.

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

Action: HON DG; PS FIN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/407

CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/397 of 26 July, the Hon Minister of Home Affairs informed Council that the cleanup campaign has started using persons from the Prison. She indicated that the island has already showed signs of improvement and that persons need to be mindful of the consequences of tossing their waste in remote areas. She further indicated that there is a need to source contributions and funding for the duration of the cleanup campaign and that Tropical Distributors have already contributed by supplying water and drinks.

Council commended the prisoners for their assistance and agreed that the Prison Officers remain vigilant during the campaign.

Action: PS SD; PS MICUHAFE; SUP OF PRISON; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/408

CIVIL SERVANTS VEHICLES DAMAGED DURING HURRICANE IRMA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/397 of 26 July, The Hon DG informed Council on the status of the Civil Servants vehicles that were damaged during hurricane Irma. He indicated that the total cost of repairs has amounted to EC\$150,000.00. Council:-

- (i) agreed that the allocation of funds should come from the budget of the Department that the Officer was working for at the time; and

(ii) directs the Hon DG to liaise with respective PSs and report in two (2) weeks.

Action: HON DG; PS MICUHAFE; BD; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/409

BRIEFING ON THE BREXIT WHITE PAPER

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Joanne Foakes, Chief Staff Officer joined the meeting.

Council was briefed on the Brexit White Paper by Ms Joanne Foakes. Special attention was made to the five key objectives which included the economy, communities, the union, democracy and the UK's place in the world.

Council thanked Ms Foakes for her timely information and agreed that the Chief Minister and the Governor would continue to discuss this matter regularly.

Action: HE; HON CM

EX MIN 18/410

UPDATE ON THE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Mr Rawle Hazel, Director of Housing and Construction joined the meeting.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the tender for the Valley Primary School development were out and that the demolition of the Ministry of Home Affairs is still on Procurement;
- (ii) noted that the demolition of the Valley Primary School old buildings and bathroom and the excavation are expected to start before the school year begins;
- (iii) further noted that the development will be a one phase development and that the superstructure should be completed before school starts;
- (iv) additionally noted that the timeframe for completion was set for 18 to 24 months subject to the contractor;
- (v) agreed that a meeting with key officials and the Ministry and Department of Education should be effected to discuss the matter further; and
- (iv) further made a suggestion that the procurement board meet weekly instead of monthly.

Action: DHC; PS ED; CEO; PS MICUHAFE; CPO; MIN MHA

EX MIN 18/411

DISCUSSION ON THE ANGUILLA SUMMER FESTIVAL BUDGET

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Mr Larry Franklin, PS EDICTIT, Dr Bonnie Richardson Lake, PS, Social Development and Mr Bren Romney, Director

of Youth and Culture joined the meeting.

- (i) noted that out of the \$845,500.00 allotted to the Anguilla Summer Festival EC\$393,500.00 had been used to pay 2017 arrears;
- (ii) noted that there was insufficient money to run a full 2018 Summer Festival;
- (iii) agreed that the monies required to meet the standard which Ministers wanted would need to come from the Department's 2018 budget; and
- (iv) agreed that – in accordance with the FAA - if the Department was unable to find funds from within its approved 2018 budget it should make a supplementary budget to be tabled at the next sitting of the House of Assembly.

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

Action: PS, SD; DIR, Y & C; PS, FIN (Acting); PS, EDICTIT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/412

EX MEM 18/205 REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF WEST END BRANCH FROM NBA TO NCBA SITUATED IN REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28211 B, PARCEL 358

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA Financial Specialist and PS EDICTIT remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted the request from the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla for exemption from the payment of Taxes/Stamp Duties. This was consistent with the Purchase and Assumptions Agreement governing the transfer of assets NCBA from the two predecessor banks; and
- (ii) consequently agreed that the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla (NCBA) should be exempted from the payment of Stamp Duty under Section 60 (d) of the Stamp Act R.S.A. c. S055 for the transfer of the National Bank of to NCBA, being the property situated in Registration Section West Central Block 28211 B, Parcel 358.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS FIN; PS EDICTIT

EX MIN 18/413

EX MEM 18/206 LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA Financial Specialist and PS EDICTIT remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted its disappointment in the feasibility study which the Chord Group had presented;

- (ii) noted that any Definitive Agreement is subject to the submission and acceptance of a feasibility study that will be undertaken by BDO;
- (iii) agreed – on the advice of the Hon acting Attorney General – that the letter of intent did not amount to a contractual agreement; and
- (iv) approved the signing of a Letter of Intent with the Chord Group for the development of a Special Economic Zone on the clear understanding that this did not bind the government to provide the Chord Group with any duty exemption or further payment.

Action: PS EDICTIT; COM OFF; PS FIN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/414

EX MEM 18/207 REPORT ON EXEMPTIONS FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA
Financial Specialist and PS EDICTIT remained in attendance.

Council noted that exemptions from the work permit requirement had been approved in accordance with the guidelines and procedures.

Action: PS, MHA; CIO; LAB COM

EX MIN 18/415

EX MEM 18/208 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – JOAN V.R TELEMAQUE – REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL, BLOCK 38612 B, PARCEL 334, CONTAINING 0.33 ACRE (1/3 SHARE)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA
Financial Specialist and PS EDICTIT remained in attendance.

Council agreed that that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be granted to Joan Virginia Roselle Telemaque, to hold, on a freehold basis, 1/3 share of 0.33 of an acre of vacant land described as situate Registration Section South Central, Block 38612 B, Parcel 334, located at South Hill to construct a dwelling house thereon and that the reasons and grounds for requesting the waiver of the 10% refundable deposit and permission to build are justifiable, subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

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| (i) under the Stamp Act 5%
of EC\$29,570.20 | EC\$ 1,478.51 |
| (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 14 (3) | <u>EC\$ 200.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>EC\$1,678.51</u> |

- (b) with the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must apply to the Inland Revenue Department for permission to rent their dwelling house.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS FIN; PS EDICTIT

EX MIN 18/416

EX MEM 18/209 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – BRIAN W BROOKE AND ANN HAMMOND BROOKE REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH EAST, BLOCK 79214 B, PARCEL 202, STRATA LOTS SL B1 AND G1, CONTAINING 1,376 AND 260 SQUARE FEET RESPECTIVELY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA Financial Specialist and PS EDICTIT remained in attendance.

Council agreed that that an Aliens Land Holding Licence should be granted to Brian W Brooke and Ann Hammond Brooke to hold property situated as Registration Section South East, Block 79214 B, described as Parcel 202 Strata Lots SL B1, containing 1,376 sq. ft. and SL G1 containing 260 sq. ft. of located at Sandy Hill, Anguilla for residential purposes with intent to rent subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$685,491.00	EC\$34,274.55
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$685,491.00	EC\$34,274.55
TOTAL	----- EC\$68,549.10 =====

- (b) Sandy Hill Beach Resort Club Development should be the exclusive renting agent for the villa.
- (c) The Licensees should be required to enter into an agreement with Sandy Hill Beach Resort Club Development for the management and use of the villa for at least forty-four (44) weeks in each calendar year.
- (d) The licensees shall have the right to reside in the villa for a maximum of eight (8) weeks in each calendar year without being liable for the payment of accommodation tax. However, if the applicants wish to live in their villa for a period longer than eight (8) weeks, then they should be required to pay the accommodation tax.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS FIN; PS EDICTIT

EX MIN 18/417

**INF 18/04 INFORMATION NOTE:- PASSING OF MR. EVERET ROMNEY,
MBE, RESIDENT ON THE BLOWING POINT ROAD**

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

Council noted the passing of Mr. Everet Romney, MBE, resident on the Blowing Point Road.

Mr. Everet Romney was the first locally appointed General Manager of Cable & Wireless (W.I.) and Anguilla Branch, 1977. In 1986, under his tenure, Anguilla saw the commissioning of the Northern Telecom DMS-100 switch with the main feature being IDD calls. He also oversaw the expansion of the telephone network and had the foresight to install this when the economy began to grow in the mid-80s with the tourism industry.

He contested General Elections in 1972, 1976 and 1994 and served as the Second Nominated Member in the House of Assembly during the period 1977 - 1978.

In earlier years, he served as Director Island Press, Director and First Vice Chairman of the National Bank of Anguilla, Chairman of the Anguilla Electricity Company, Anglec, President of the Rotary Club of Anguilla, Congregational Steward and Chairperson of the Resources & Development Committee, Maranatha Methodist Church. He was community-minded, a philanthropist, firm believer in God and a strong family man.

The late Everet Romney, MBE, was awarded with the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate in 2017 for his outstanding contribution to Social Development.

In keeping with EX MIN 15/535, the Ministry of Home Affairs has therefore begun the process of making arrangements which will include:

- (i) The publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding Anguillian;
- (ii) Flags to be flown at Half Mast on the day preceding the funeral and on the day of the funeral until immediately following the funeral ceremony;

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA
