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MINUTES OF THE 34TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2016

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott
- The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism, Lands & Physical Planning
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
- The Honourable 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: Mr Rhon Connor, Deputy Director, Policy & Administration, Dept. of
Environment
- Mr Clint Lake, Coordinator, Scientific Research & Technology Development,
Dept. of Environment
- Mr Paul Morrison, Commissioner of Police

EX MIN 16/29 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 33rd Meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 16/30 None

EX MIN 16/31

EX MEM 16/02 MANAGEMENT OF THE SARGASSUM SEAWEED IN ANGUILLA

Messrs Rhon Connor, Deputy Director, Policy & Administration, Dept. of Environment and Clint Lake, Coordinator, Scientific Research & Technology Development, Dept. of Environment joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 16/13 of 14th January 2016, Council:-

- (i) agreed that it was necessary to complete the removal of the Sargassum Seaweed from the remaining beaches that were identified for action, subject to ministerial direction;
- (ii) agreed to a Contingency Budget of EC\$100,000.00 for the Sargassum removal;
- (iii) commended the persons who were involved in the clean-up efforts of the beaches in their communities;
- (iv) agreed that the clean-up of the beaches frequented by communities and tourists should be given priority as determined by the Department of Environment; and
- (v) agreed that the long-term strategy for managing the Sargassum should be shared with stakeholders for their input.

Action: PS, MHA; DIR, ENV; DEP DIR, ENV; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/32

EX MEM 16/13 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

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

- 1) Ms Myelle Pinard - National of Dominica, who has been residing in Anguilla for the past seven (7) years. Ms Pinard attended the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School from September 2007 to July 2014. She has been working at Oasis Smile Centre as a Dental Assistant for the past year on a work permit exemption.
- 2) Mrs Emily Newman Ward - National of the USA, who is employed as a Tennis Professional with the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA). Mrs Ward has been

- employed with the ATA since October 2014 and has been the recipient of a work permit exemption for that period. The exemption expired in October 2015.
- 3) Mr Michael David Ward - National of the USA, who is employed as a Tennis Professional with the Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA). Mr Ward has been employed with the ATA since October 2014 and has been the recipient of a work permit exemption for that period. The exemption expired in October 2015.
- 4) Mr Cleve Whyte - National of Jamaica, who has been living in Anguilla since 2001. He attended the Orealia Kelly Primary School for one (1) year and subsequently the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School for seven (7) years. Mr Whyte was employed at Caribbean Associated Attorneys from 2009-2011. He has been offered a job at Fontaine and Associates.
- 5) Ms Janille Rachelle Brown - National of St. Vincent, who has been living in Anguilla for the past twelve (12) years. Ms Brown attended the Valley Primary School and subsequently the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School. She has been offered a position as Telesales Executive with Digicel.
- 6) Mr Akeem Laing - National of Jamaica, who attended the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School from September 2009 to July 2013. He has been offered employment by ANGLEC as Linesman Trainee in the Transmission and Distribution Department.

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 16/33

EX MEM 16/14 JUSTICE PROTECTION ACT, 2016

Mr Paul Morrison, Commissioner of Police joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) approved the Justice Protection Act, 2016, subject to the agreed amendments, for consultation;
- (ii) agreed that the document be placed on the GoA's website and circulated to the Anguilla Bar Association for comment;
- (iii) agreed that the Bill should go to public consultation for a period of four (4) weeks; and
- (iv) agreed that the Bill be brought back to Executive Council for further consideration and gazetting.

Action: HON AG; CL, HOA

EX MIN 16/34

EX MEM 16/15 FILLING OF ROLE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN THE ROYAL ANGUILLA POLICE FORCE

Commissioner of Police remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the Deputy Commissioner of the Royal Anguilla Police Force had retired effective 18 January 2016;
- (ii) noted that the views of Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post and a favourable response given;
- (iii) noted that budgetary provisions had already been made for the position; and
- (iv) agreed that the vacant post of Deputy Commissioner of Police should be filled.

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

Action: COP; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/35

EX MEM 16/16 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR X

[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]

Council agreed that Mr X, who is employed by the Anguilla Public Service should be paid his deferred salary of EC\$6,891.64 to assist him with costs associated with his medical condition.

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

Action: CL, HOA; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/36

EX MEM 16/17 CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP – HIGHER EDUCATION LICENSING BOARD

Council:-

- (i) noted that the following persons are Members of the Higher Education Licensing Board:-
- Mr Ensor Gumbs (Ministry of Physical Planning) - Chairman
- Dr Phyllis Fleming-Banks (UWI) - Deputy Chairperson
- Mrs Kiesha Gumbs-Bibby (Ministry of Social Development)
- Mrs Mary Clare Haskins-Banton (Attorney General's Chambers)
- Mrs Shantelle Richardson (Ministry of Finance and Economic Development)
- Ms Sherise Brooks (Civil Society)
- Mrs Rhonda Connor (Chief Education Officer – Ex Officio Member and Secretary)
- (ii) noted that Ms Sherise Brooks is currently pursuing studies overseas and Mr Ensor Gumbs, having retired from the Anguilla Public Service, is to be replaced;
- (iii) noted that Ms Sherise Brooks would be replaced by Ms Tirichmir Gumbs (National Youth Ambassador) and that Mr Ensor Gumbs would be replaced by Mrs Sharon Roberts-Hodge, Deputy Director of Physical Planning;
- (iv) additionally noted that Mrs Kiesha Gumbs-Bibby would be appointed as Chairperson of the Board; and
- (v) agreed that the Attorney General's Chambers should prepare the necessary Notice and Instrument of Appointment.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; HON AG

EX MIN 16/37

EX MEM 16/18 GOA UKG – EU OFFICE BUDGET

Further to EX MIN 16/16 of 14th January 2016, Council approved the amount of GBP £72,207 for the operation of GoA's UK-EU Office for the period 1 February 2016 – 31 January 2017 as attached.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 16/38

**EX MEM 16/19 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR
QUINTESSENCE HOTEL**

Council:-

- (i) agreed that the paper should be deferred;
- (ii) raised concerns regarding some of the quantities on the list of items and agreed that the Customs Department should check the quantities in the container including unit costs;
- (iii) agreed that Customs identifies those items to be duty paid; and
- (iv) agreed that the paper with revised list be referred back to Executive Council for consideration.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 16/39

**EX MEM 16/20 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY ROMEO
VILLAS**

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Romeo Villas (c/o Mr Kenneth Harrigan) on the attached list of items. Council noted that a Motion Schedule #417 was previously approved by the House of Assembly for Mr Harrigan who was unable to utilise the exemption for the period indicated in the Motion. Council has now agreed to an additional period to the end of December 2016.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$116,734.15.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 16/40

**EX MEM 16/21 ELECTRICITY (VALIDATION AND AMENDMENT)
ACT, 2016 AND THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2016**

Council approved the Act and Regulations in principle, subject to review by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

Action: CPC; HON AG; PS, FIN; PS, MICUHAFIT

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 16/41

FIREARM LICENCES IN ANGUILLA

Commissioner of Police remained for discussion.

Further to EX MIN 16/22 of 14th January 2016, the Commissioner of Police elaborated on the process regarding applications for firearm licences for 2016.

The Commissioner additionally briefed Council on the proposed new Policing Plan, on which community consultations had taken place before Christmas. He indicated that the draft Plan would be submitted to Executive Council in February for consideration.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; COP

EX MIN 16/42

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CHEF/DIRECTOR OF FOOD & BEVERAGE AT CAP JULUCA HOTEL

Council agreed that, in light of the ongoing discussions with owners of Cap Juluca Hotel and the GoA to resolve all of the outstanding administrative matters and, in light of the fact that Cap Juluca continues to operate, the work permit application for Jose Bochenski to be employed as Executive Chef/Director of Food & Beverage at Cap Juluca Hotel should be approved.

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

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