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MINUTES OF THE 176TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2014

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

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

The Honourable Acting Deputy Governor, Mr Larry Franklin

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 Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS, PA

ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

EX MIN 14/01 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 175th Meeting held on Friday 20th December 2013 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Friday 27th December 2013.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 14/03 <u>EX MIN 13/866 LETTER TO THE HON CHIEF MINISTER FROM</u> COMPANY MANAGERS OF ANGUILLA

Further to EX MIN 13/866 of Friday 27th December 2013, Council agreed that while views are being sought from the FSC on the letter, that the Director, FSC give consideration to not taking action against the Company Managers who do not meet the requirements of the Act.

HE the Governor indicated that the Director, FSC was out of office and on his return to office she would contact him concerning the matter. She hoped to report back to Executive Council next week.

Action: HE; MINS OF GOV'T; HON AG

EX MIN 14/04

<u>DESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PORTS – PORTS,</u> <u>HARBOURS AND PIERS ACT, 2010</u>

Council agreed that Mr Rawle Hazell, Director of Housing and Construction should be designated to carry out the duties and exercise the powers of Superintendent of Ports under the Ports, Harbours and Piers Act, 2010 for an additional two (2) years (that is for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015).

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

Action: PS, MICUH; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 14/05

EX MIN 13/870 EX MEM 13/214 URGENT/ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ASHARN HODGE

Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS, PA joined the Meeting.

Council noted a letter dated 17 December 2013 from Mr Arnie Hodge, a relative of Mr Asharn Hodge seeking clarification as to whether the financial assistance of EC\$15,000.00 awarded to Mr Hodge was intended to be a one-off payment, or an annual payment for the duration of his studies.

Council confirmed that Mr Asharn Hodge should be granted financial assistance in the sum of EC\$15,000.00 annually for the duration of his current studies towards a degree in Accounting and Economics for four years at UWI, Barbados, subject to the terms set out in the student bond.

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

Action: HON DG; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; TRNG OFF; ACC GEN

EX MIN 14/06

SIGNING OF 2014 BUDGET

The Hon CM thanked HE the Governor, on behalf of his Ministers and people of Anguilla for readily signing the 2014 Budget. Her Excellency in turn thanked the Ministers and Assembly members for the urgent consideration and passage of the Bill for the Anguilla Police (Amendment) Act, 2013.

Action: HE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 14/07 **BEACH VENDING ISSUE**

The Hon CM expressed concern that the beach vending issue at Shoal Bay was still unsettled despite efforts to have the necessary legislation in place.

Council agreed that Mr Karim Hodge, Director of Environment should be invited to the meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 9th January to brief Executive Council on the present position.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DIR, ENV

EX MIN 14/08 GARBAGE ISSUES AT CORITO LANDFILL SITE

Council noted that the situation at Corito Landfill site with regard to prevalence of flies continued to be of grave concern. The Hon Minister, MICUH tabled photos of garbage scenes at the site for the attention of members of Executive Council.

Council agreed that the photos should be sent to Ms Kathleen Rogers, Principal Environmental Health Officer prior to her attendance at the meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 9th January to brief Council on the garbage issues at Corito Landfill site.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN
