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MINUTES OF THE 197TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 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 Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
- 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: Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary
Mr Patrick Hanley, Personal Assistant to the Hon CM/Finance
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT
Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, TIO
Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS
Mr Andrew Gumbs, Director, Internal Audit

EX MIN 14/361 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 196th Meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2014 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Wednesday 29th January 2014.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 14/362

EX MIN 14/360 MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

With reference to the above minute of 10th June 2014, Council agreed that the Meeting of the House of Assembly scheduled for Tuesday 24th June 2014 should begin at 9:00 am.

Action: CLERK, HOA

EX MIN 14/364

EX MIN 14/342 UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR, INTERNAL AUDIT INTO ENQUIRY OF AGGREGATES MATTER

Parliamentary Secretary, PA to Hon CM/Finance and PS, EDICT remained for discussion. Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN and Mr Andrew Gumbs, Director of Internal Audit joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 14/342 of 22nd May 2014, Mr Andrew Gumbs, Director of Internal Audit informed Council that he had interviewed employees at MICUH and Mr Ivor Greene at the Attorney General's Chambers. He indicated that he had to meet with Mrs Sandra York-Gumbs who had the relevant files pertaining to the matter, but stated that Mrs York-Gumbs was off island and would be back next week. Mr Gumbs said that the investigation was in progress and that the facts would be reviewed thoroughly before coming to a reliable conclusion.

With reference to the interview of person/persons from St. Maarten/St. Martin, the Director indicated that, that might require police involvement.

Council asked the Director, Internal Audit for a further update to Executive Council on Thursday, 10th July 2014.

Action: DIR, INT AUD; MINS OF GOV'T; PS, MICUH

EX MIN 14/365

EX MEM 14/198 MANDATE TO PROCEED WITH EXPLORATORY WORK TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ANGUILLA AS A HUB FOR "CIRCULAR ECONOMY" PROJECTS AND A GLOBAL CENTRE FOR GREEN FINANCE

Parliamentary Secretary, PA to Hon CM/Finance, PS, EDICT and PS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council agreed in principle to securing the services of Dr Leonard Lerer and Mr Jacques Degroote to undertake the scoping work on the feasibility of establishing Anguilla as a centre for Circular Economy Activities and Green Economy Finance, subject to:-

the PS, FIN providing a detailed paper to Executive Council (to include terms of reference, definition of the scope, indicative costs and where these costs would come from, travel expenses - amount of visits to the island by the experts) for further consideration.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PARL SEC; PA/HON CM/ FIN

EX MIN 14/366

EX MEM 14/199 GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON SUPPORT FOR DRAG RACING

Parliamentary Secretary, PA to Hon CM/Finance, and PS, FIN remained for discussion.

Ministers were minded to support the granting of financial contributions for overseas events pertaining to Drag Racing. They noted the growing passion for this sport and were supportive of the efforts of the Drag Racing Association in advocating for the construction of a properly equipped race track. The Governor pointed out the potential difficulty in funding an activity that was illegal in Anguilla, given the possibility that funds may be used to test vehicles on Anguilla's roads. This was not just illegal but posed a threat to public safety.

Council tasked officials in the Ministry and Department of Sports, the MoFEDICT and other relevant departments to work out what steps would need to be taken to address the concerns raised. Council requested that a detailed paper be brought back to Executive Council for further consideration. Once addressed, then the Sports Department's budget for 2015 Budget and onward would be able to consider funding from the Drag Racing Association in the usual way alongside bids from other sporting organisations.

Action: PS, ELSYC; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 14/367

EX MEM 14/200 ESTABLISHING A BUDGET DELIVERY COMMITTEE FOR ANGUILLA

Parliamentary Secretary, PA to Hon CM/Finance, PS, FIN and PS, EDICT remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) approved the establishment of the Budget Delivery Committee to operate on the basis of the prepared terms of reference, as attached;
- (ii) agreed that someone from the Chamber of Commerce should be nominated to serve on the Committee; and
- (iii) noted that Executive Council and the Fiscal Evaluation Group would receive updates following the Budget Delivery Committee's quarterly meetings. This would enable those bodies to monitor financial performance and to be informed of any actions recommended by the Committee that should be taken to manage financial risks.

Action: DG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; PAS, FIN; BD; OTHER PERM SECS

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/368

2014 CAPITAL BUDGET – PRIORITISED IMPLEMENTATION OF UKG GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

Council agreed that Executive Council should be provided with an update on the position of the approved 2014 capital projects (e.g. tendering process etc. on Thursday 19th June 2014) .

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

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