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MINUTES OF THE 237TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2015

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 Hon 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 Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Sonia Brooks, Acting Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary

ABSENT: The Hon Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

EX MIN 15/246 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 236th Meeting held on Friday 10th April 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/247 None

EX MIN 15/248

EX MEM 15/124 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council:

- (a) approved the recommendation that Mr Roosevelt Harris be appointed for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 and Mrs Jacqueline Bryan-Niles be appointed for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 December 2015.
- (b) agreed that Mr Roosevelt Harris and Mrs Jacqueline Bryan Niles should be paid retroactive.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; DIR SS

EX MIN 15/249

EX MEM 15/134 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS H*[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]*

Council agreed that Ms H, a teacher employed by the Anguilla Public Service, should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$37,540.43 to enable her to meet some of the costs associated with her medical condition.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; CEO

EX MIN 15/250

EX MEM 15/135 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR G*[note on publication: names redacted to protect personal health information]*

Council agreed that Mr G, in the Royal Anguilla Police Force, should be paid his deferred salary of EC\$17,849.10 to assist him in defraying the medical costs associated with his wife's medical condition.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; COP

EX MIN 15/251

EX MEM 15/136 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

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

- 1) Mr Gary Moving - National of St. Christopher and Nevis who will be representing the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) in Anguilla as a Consultant Accountant at NBA.

- 2) Mr Andrew M Blake - National of Jamaica who has been residing in Anguilla since 2001. Mr. Blake was employed by Central Christian School as a Teacher. On 2nd January 2015 he applied for and was granted a variation of said Work Permit to work as a Marketing Associate with Proxy Group Ltd. until 6th April 2015 when the Work Permit expired. Mr. Blake is desirous of continuing his employment with Proxy Group as a Marketing Associate.
- 3) Ms Kadisha Cupid - National of St. Vincent and the Grenadines who has been residing in Anguilla for the past eight years. Ms. Cupid has been offered employment at Lime Anguilla as a Back Office Support – Corporate.
- 4) Mr Federico Martinez - National of the Dominican Republic who has been residing in Anguilla since 2006. Mr Martinez has been employed with Bryan Hughes Construction since July 2013 as a Mason.

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 15/252

EX MEM 15/137 FINAL RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL TO THE BRITTO AGENCY INITIATIVES

Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary remained for discussion.

Council, noting that the contract for The Britto Agency is due to end on 31 July 2015:-

- (i) approved the Sounds of Anguilla, Volume 1, Compilation 1, subject to the Accounting Officer approval of the invoice;
- (ii) agreed that the launch of rebranding should not take place before the election so as to allow incoming Ministers to decide whether or not to proceed with the branding recommendations from The Britto Agency;
- (iii) approved the 'We are Anguilla' Recipe book, subject to the Accounting Officer and the Oversight Committee approval;

- (iv) noted that the deposit of US\$50,000 for the Women Inspiration and Enterprise (WIE) symposium had been already paid.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT

EX MIN 15/253

EX MEM 15/138 WORK PERMIT APPLICATION REFUSALS

The Hon Minister of Labour after consultation with the Executive Council and in accordance with Section 4 (1) of the Control of Employment Act, decided not to approve the work permit for the following:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position</u>
Lucas Andre Vance Rocke	St Lucia	Cable & Wireless (Anguilla) Ltd	Field Service Supervisor

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 15/254

EX MEM 15/139 CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

Council agreed that the position of Chief Parliamentary Counsel at the Attorney General's Chambers be advertised with immediate effect.

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS; EDICT; BD; HON AG

EX MIN 15/255

EX MEM 15/140 APPEAL AGAINST PLANNING PERMISSION - WILFRED LAKE, ROBERTO JUSTO AND ANEURY RICHARDSON

Following a site visit to the property at South Hill, Council agreed to allow the Planning Appeal of Mr Wilfred Lake to construct a dwelling house at Spanish Town, South Hill (Block 28411B Parcel 74).

Council further agreed that it would be minded to approve equivalent appeals from Roberto Justo and Aneury Richardson should such appeals be made in the correct way.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PPO; DLS

EX MIN 15/256

EX MEM 15/141 CANCELLATION OF THE WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Haydn Hughes joined the meeting.

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred until after the elections.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/257

LETTER OF APOLOGY

Hon Minister of Home Affairs noted that he had written to the Supervisor of Elections, copying the Governor, requesting an apology from an election official with regard to an incident he said had occurred and which in his view merited such. H E the Governor informed him that she would touch base with Ms Wilson regarding any follow-up.

Action: H E The Governor

EX MIN 15/258

NON ANGUILLIAN CIVIL SERVANTS OVERSEAS

The Hon Minister of Home Affairs suggested that it would be a good idea to remove the charges currently levied on non-Anguillian public servants to register their children for immigration purposes. Such officers, including many who put themselves at risk in the line of serving Anguilla (e.g. in the RAPF or prison service), were performing essential functions for the Government of Anguilla. The additional charge for registering their children should therefore be removed or zero-rated.

Council agreed that the matter should be researched by officials and further advice provided.

Action: HON, MIN, HA; PS, MHA

ORAL STATEMENTS

EX MIN 15/259

HON CHIEF MINISTER

I wish the minutes of the Executive Council to reflect a final statement from me as I plan to demit office after the April 22nd general elections.

As a native born Anguillian, I have made many sacrifices as I endeavoured to serve Anguilla in a political role over the better part of my life. I even abandoned a very successful and comfortable life in the UK where I resided collectively up to a period of 8 years.

I returned to Anguilla first in 1961 to contest elections as this island had then a single candidate in the three island colony of St Kitts – Nevis – Anguilla. When I failed to win the seat, I returned to the UK in 1962 coming back finally to Anguilla in 1964.

I finally got elected as the lone opposition member, following the general elections of 1976 under the first Anguilla Ministerial Constitution of 1975. In 1977, I was appointed Political Advisor to the Emile Gumbs Government, and after 1980 elections I became a leading Minister in the Government of Mr Ronald Webster.

In 1994 and 1999 I was twice sworn in as Anguilla's Chief Minister. Finally I became Chief Minister in February 2010.

During my time in and out of government, I have fought against Administrative corruption and paid heavily for doing so.

My main frustration has been with the failure with the FCO and with its chosen officials including a succession of Governors to ensure good governance. On numerous occasions I have pointed out clear cases of official corruption – far too much to be detailed in this statement to our British Governors but to no avail. I even supplied names of offenders and gave evidence of their corrupt deeds. An English doctor who was invited to Anguilla to perform a special assignment eventually abandoned the project stating that Anguilla ranks among the ten (10) most corrupt countries in the world.

My experience is that official corruption is covered up by those responsible for exerting discipline. I will continue to tackle corruption as long as I live. No one is currently being challenged. There needs to be a code of ethics, including for politicians.

EX MIN 15/260

HON MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

Thanks to the people of Anguilla, Chief Minister and colleagues for affording me the privilege to serve this term. It was a learning experience. I wish Anguilla and Executive Council well. It is not a farewell but to say 'see you later'. My thanks go to supporters of District 2 for allowing me to represent them. Thanks too to Executive Council, even though we have not always been on the same wave length. My thanks to the Governor; I wish you well.

EX MIN 15/261

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Thanks to District 4 for giving me the privilege to serve them. I feel honoured to have served them. It was not easy but I made it through. Thanks to members of Executive Council. Our views differed at times but I was elected to serve the people. Thanks for your patience with me. It made me a better person. I wish Anguilla all the best and the future government whoever it may be. Thanks to my Ministers for their support including Mr Baird. I wish Mr Hughes all the best as he exits office. This is not a farewell but 'see you later'.

EX MIN 15/262

HON ATTORNEY GENERAL

It was enjoyable working with you Chief Minister. Concerning the issue regarding aggregates, the matter is still under investigation and if you have any evidence of allegations you should report them to the police.

EX MIN 15/263

HE THE GOVERNOR

At your final Executive Council meeting, let me add that it has been a pleasure working with you Chief Minister. We have not always seen eye to eye, but I

have appreciated the courteous way in which we have thrashed out our disagreements.

I have repeatedly endorsed your comments that we need to tackle corruption in any area, be that in politics or in the public service. I would therefore encourage you again, as I have done on other occasions, to share with the police any evidence you have of corruption or criminal activity, so that it can be investigated in the proper way.
