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MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2015

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 Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Sonia Brooks, Acting Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP

Mr Gerry Halischuk, Director Anguilla Financial Services Commission (AFSC)

Mr Robert Hudson, Deputy Director AFSC

ABSENT: The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,

Utilities, Housing, Agriculture and Fisheries and Information Technology

EX MIN 15/444 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 13th Meeting held on Thursday 23rd July

2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/445 EX MIN 15/430 EX MEM 15/237 PROPOSED INVESTMENT BUSINESS

ACT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, EDICTLP remained for discussion. Messrs Gerry Halischuk, Director AFSC and Robert Hudson, Deputy Director AFSC joined the meeting.

The Director and Deputy Director of the Anguilla Financial Services Commission made a presentation to Council on the Investment Business Act.

Council agreed to make a decision on the proposed Investment Business Act after reviewing the information presented.

Council thanked Messrs Halischuk and Hudson for their presentation.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 15/448 EX MEM 15/248 RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, EDICTLP remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (a) approved the reallocation of EC\$350,000 within the 2015 Capital Budget to support the implementation of the Tourism Sector Development Project which is necessary to complete the Archeology and Amerindian Centre and fulfil project commitments.
- (b) agreed that this should be financed by reallocating EC\$120,000.00 from the Anguilla Population and Housing Census Project and EC\$\$230,000.00 from the Information Systems Development Project to the Tourism Sector Development Project.

Action: PS, EDICTLP; PS, FIN; CO-ORD, TSDP; PS, MICUH

EX MIN 15/449 EX MEM 15/249 EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) 11: PROGRAMMING PHASE

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, EDICTLP remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (a) approved Education as the focal sector for support under Anguilla's territorial EDF 11 programme;
- (b) supported the development of the Fisheries Sector Plan to access the upcoming round of EU Technical Cooperation funds in February 2016.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; CPO; OTHER PERM SECS

EX MIN 15/450 **EX MEM 15/250 THE NEED FOR A PLACE OF SAFETY**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (a) noted the paper;
- (b) agreed that provisions be made in the 2016 budget to accommodate the need for a place of safety;
- (c) approved regulations to designate a house as a place of safety.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; COM SD

EX MIN 15/451 EX MEM 15/251 IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL FEE AT THE AASPA PORTS

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed to withdraw the paper.

Action: PS, MICUH

EX MIN 15/452 EX MEM 15/252 APPROVAL OF PHD CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AS A PRIORITY TRAINING AREA ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT OF A SCHOLARSHIP

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council approved the proposal to change the level of the approved scholarship award from an MSc to a PhD in Clinical Psychology.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, HSD; PS, FIN; BD; CEO

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the following persons be awarded Financial Assistance:-

(i) Shauna Connor MEd. Teacher Leadership

(ii) Neil Gumbs BA History(iii) Chandra Hodge Nursing

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; BD

EX MIN 15/454 **EX MEM 15/254 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS W**

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

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Ms W should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$51,299.64 to assist her with the medical expenses that she will incur in relation to seeking medical attention in England.

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

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

EX MIN 15/455 **EX MEM 15/255 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS X**

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

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Ms X, who was employed with the Government of Anguilla should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$11,644.22 to assist her with the medical expenses that the family incurred in relation to her father's illness.

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

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

EX MIN 15/456 EX MEM 15/256 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR TROPICAL TREATS

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Tropical Treats (c/o Mr Kyle Hodge) on the attached list of items for a period of one year while a manufacturing policy is being established.

Council further asked that officials looked into having the manufacturing policy in place as a matter of urgency.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is US\$75,957.00.

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

EX MIN 15/457 <u>EX MEM 15/257 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ANGUILLA ROADS & CONSTRUCTION</u>

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred.

Action: PS, FIN

EX MIN 15/458

EX MEM 15/258 APPOINTMENT OF MR CLEMVIO HODGE AND MS GLENNEVA HODGE TO THE POST OF CARICOM YOUTH AMBASSADOR FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council approved the appointment of Mr. Clemvio Hodge and Ms. Glenneva Hodge to serve as Anguilla's CARICOM Youth Ambassadors for the year 2015-2016.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC

EX MIN 15/459

EX MEM 15/259 APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEALTH AUTHORITY OF ANGUILLA BOARD CHAIR

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

(a) agreed that Mr Fritz Smith should serve as Chair of the Board of the Health of Authority of Anguilla effective 1 August 2015.

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

Action: PS, HSD

EX MIN 15/460

EX MEM 15/260 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS Y

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

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed exceptionally that Ms Y, employee of the Health Authority of Anguilla, should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$30,418.10 to assist her with the financial difficulties being experienced as a result of her medical condition for which she required surgery.

Council further agreed that the subvention for the Health Authority of Anguilla will be reduced by the same amount (EC\$30,418.10).

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN; PS, HSD

EX MIN 15/461

EX MEM 15/261 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS Z

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

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Ms Z, should receive partial repayment of **EC\$10,179.55** of her deferred salary which totals \$40,179.55 to assist her with defraying some of the costs associated with a medical condition that her sister is experiencing.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; ACC GEN; DIR SD

EX MIN 15/462 EX MEM 15/262 PRIORITY TRAINING NEEDS 2016

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred.

Action: HON DG

EX MIN 15/464 **EX M**

EX MEM 15/264 ANGUILLA AIR AND SEA PORTS AUTHORITY (SPECIAL PORT DUES) (ROAD BAY) REGULATIONS, 2015

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council approved the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority (Special Port Dues) (Road Bay) Regulations, 2015 under section 86 of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority Act for the period 1st to 15th August 2015.

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

Action: PS, MICUH; HON AG; CEO AASPA

EX MIN 15/465

DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS INTERESTS

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

The Governor reminded Council that she had written to Ministers on 5 May asking them to reply by the end of May with a disclosure of their business interests and those of their close family members. To date, she had only received responses from Ministers Richardson and Richardson-Hodge. She looked forward to replies from the Chief Minister and Minister McNiel Rogers in the near future.

Action: HON CM; HON MIN HSD
