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**MINUTES OF THE 33<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

EX MIN 16/08 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 16/09 **EX MIN 16/02 UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE CONTRACTS**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that there should be further discussions with Ministers of Government and the relevant officials on the matter.

Action: PS, HSD; HON AG; CPO; SPC; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; PS, MICUHAFIT

EX MIN 16/11

**EX MIN 16/07 REALITY SHOW**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 16/07 of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016, the Hon Chief Minister informed Council that he had received the details from the Producer on what would be required for the show. The CM indicated that a proper paper would be submitted to Executive Council for consideration in due course.

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

EX MIN 16/12

**INF 16/01 CONSTITUTIONAL & ELECTORAL REFORM COMMITTEE**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 15/494 of 1 September 2015, Council:-

- (i) noted the first Report from the Chairperson of the Constitutional & Electoral Reform Committee;
- (ii) thanked the Chairperson and members of the Committee who were engaging in the process; and
- (iii) expressed the importance of Constitutional & Electoral Reform and the need to continue the process.

Council further expressed the view that the Committee should meet and advance the Constitutional & Electoral Reform Process utilising the knowledge, experience and skills of the members who made themselves available.

Action: MINS OF GOV'T; PS, MHA/SOE

EX MIN 16/13

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

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

In section (vi) of EX MIN 15/573 of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Council agreed that a paper should be submitted to Executive Council at the end of the year detailing the long-term strategy to deal with this issue, and to include costs which would be reflected in the 2016 Budget.

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred to the next Meeting of Executive Council to be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

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

EX MIN 16/14

**EX MEM 16/03 PROPOSED LEFT TURN LANE AT GEORGE HILL STOP LIGHT**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted the proposed acquisition of Property described as Registration Section South Central, Block 38713 B, Parcel 13, containing 0.50 of an acre of land registered to Marguerite Marcelle Violenus of Statia Valley, Anguilla as Lawful Attorney of Wilhelmina Eliza Violenus nee Richardson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ulrica Richardson Gumbs aka Ulrica Hughes and Ulrica Richardson deceased for the purpose of developing a by-pass for public purposes, subject to the following:-
  - a) the DLS should write to the Proprietor of the property to communicate Government's offer of US\$60,000.00 (EC\$161,292.00); and
  - b) consultation with and approval from Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance on the scheduling of payments.

Action: DLS, PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PS, MICUHAFIT

EX MIN 16/15

**EX MEM 16/04 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR A SCHOLARSHIP TO PURSUE A BSc IN AVIATION FIRE AND RESCUE**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) approved Aviation Fire and Rescue (BSc Degree) as a priority training area for 2016.; and
- (iii) asked that the relevant officials look at what could be done to take this forward as a priority training area in the absence of assent to the 2016 Budget.

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

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; PS, PA; OTHER PERM SECS; BD; TRNG OFF; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/16

**EX MEM 16/05 GOA UKG – EU REPRESENTATIVE**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) approved the appointment of Mrs Blondell Cluff as GoA Representative to the UKG and EU for the period February 1, 2016 to January 2017, with the

option to extend the appointment to the end of the AUF Administration Term of Office in 2020; and

- (ii) agreed that the compensation package be clarified.

HE The Governor noted that, given the pressure on public finances, the change in representative offered an opportunity to reduce the monthly budget of GBP £6,250 paid to the previous incumbent, an amount higher than that paid to any public servant.

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

EX MIN 16/17

**EX MEM 16/06 FILLING OF SOCIAL WORKER POSITION**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the present holder of the post of Social Worker - Child Maintenance in the Department of Social Development would proceed on maternity leave on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and would then begin a 20 day vacation leave, returning to work on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016;
- (ii) noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the temporary filling of the post and a favourable response given;
- (iii) additionally noted that budgetary provisions had already been made to cover the cost of a temporary officer; and
- (iv) agreed that the post of Social Worker, Child Maintenance in the Department of Social Development should be temporarily filled.

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

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

EX MIN 16/18

**EX MEM 16/07 FILLING OF A JUVENILE CARE WORKER POST DUE TO RESIGNATION DECEMBER 2015**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that a Juvenile Care Worker at Zenaida Haven, the Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre had tendered his resignation;
- (ii) noted that the views of all the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post and a favourable response given;

- (iii) further noted that budgetary provisions had already been made for the post; and
- (iv) agreed that the vacant post of Juvenile Care Worker in the Ministry of Social Development should be filled.

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

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

EX MIN 16/19

**EX MEM 16/08 FILLING THE POST OF HEAD OF SECURITY**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the officer who was promoted to the post of Head of Security on probation was returned to his substantive post at the close of his probationary period, and that the post had since been filled by an acting officer;
- (ii) noted that the views of all the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post of Head of Security substantively and a favourable response given;
- (iii) additionally noted that budgetary provisions had been made to support the filling of the post; and
- (iv) agreed that the post of Head of Security at HM Prison should be filled.

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

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

EX MIN 16/20

**EX MEM 16/09 APPOINTMENT OF A HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SOCIAL PROTECTION BOARD**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that in EX MIN 15/617 of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Mrs Alma Hughes was appointed as the Health Representative on the Social Protection Board;
- (ii) noted that Mrs Hughes was not resident in Anguilla presently; and
- (iii) supported the recommendation by the Hon Minister of Social Development that Mrs Patricia Beard be appointed to replace Mrs Alma Hughes on the Social Protection Board.

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

Action: PS, HSD; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN; DIR, NS

EX MIN 16/21

**EX MEM 16/10 FILLING THE POST OF SUPERVISOR OF ZENAIDA HAVEN DUE TO EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the post of Supervisor at Zenaida Haven in the Department of Probation would become vacant in April 2016 due to the expiration of the officer's contract;
- (ii) noted that the views of the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post and a favourable response given; and
- (iii) agreed that the post of Supervisor, Zenaida Haven should be filled.

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

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

**ORAL MENTION**

EX MIN 16/22

**FIREARM LICENCES IN ANGUILLA**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

HE The Governor briefed Council on the matter of Firearm Licences in Anguilla and explained the approach that the Commissioner of Police was taking as he considered applications for licenses for 2016. Council agreed that the Commissioner should be invited to Executive Council for further discussion on this.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS; COP

EX MIN 16/23

**OUTSTANDING LEGISLATION**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

The Hon Minister of Social Development expressed the desire that the following outstanding legislation/documents be given priority:-

- 1) Health Professionals Bill
- 2) Policy on Non-National Children born in Anguilla

Action: HON MSD; PS, HSD; PS, IMM; HON AG

EX MIN 16/24

**MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Ministers expressed the intention to have a Meeting of the House of Assembly on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016, subject to communication with the Speaker.

Action: CLERK, HOA

EX MIN 16/25

**OFFICIAL VISIT TO DUTCH, ST. MAARTEN**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

EX MIN 15/630 of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 refers.

The Hon CM/Finance briefed Council on a recent visit to Dutch, St. Maarten between Dutch Officials, GoA Ministers and other relevant Government officials for discussion on the following:-

- 1) Late Night Ferry Services from St. Maarten to Anguilla
- 2) Matters associated with legal residence in Anguilla

The CM expressed concern that travellers in transit to Anguilla on late night flights would have to overnight in St. Maarten thus incurring further costs by having to find accommodation. GoA believes that a late night ferry service would generate business and build access to Anguilla. The CM indicated that this service would be a very important one for Anguilla's tourism and that it was intended to operate for the period January 17<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. The necessary Immigration services would be put in place in SXM on a nightly basis until 1am at a cost of US\$420.00 per night.

Council agreed that the necessary extension to the MoU to accommodate any agreements would have to be submitted to Executive Council for consideration.

On the matter of legal residence in Anguilla, the Hon CM pointed out that travelling documents were not a problem provided that the authorities were aware of what the travelling document was. Officials would discuss further how to deal with this issue and report back to the GoA.

Action: PS, EDICTLP; PS, FIN; COC; DCOC; CIO; PS, PA; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/26

**BUSINESS LICENCE FEES**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council noted the concerns of the Hon CM/Finance pertaining to Car Rental Business Licence Fees and Temporary Drivers Licences. Council agreed that the CM should have discussions with the relevant officials on these issues and come back to Council with the appropriate details for consideration.

Action: HON CM/FIN; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

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