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MINUTES OF THE 107TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2017

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology

The Honourable Acting Deputy Governor, Mrs Kathleen Rogers

The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs and Education

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTLP

Mrs Donna Banks, Chairperson, Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB)

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, HSD

Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams, Health Planner

ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,

Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment

EX MIN 17/326 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 106th Meeting held on Thursday 13th July

2017.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 17/327 None

EX MIN 17/328 <u>EX MEM 17/210 NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE IMPLEMENTATION</u> 2018

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTLP Mr Foster Rogers, PS, HSD Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams, Health Planner

Council agreed that the following activities should take place to begin the process in moving the National Health Insurance (NHI) forward:-

- (1) complete the PAHO-funded gap analysis and roadmap for implementation of NHI over the next 10 weeks;
- (2) commence activities geared at identifying a legal draftsman to review and revise the National Health Fund Act based on new model (Government of Anguilla to fund professional fees with financial assistance from PAHO for per diem etc.);
- (3) develop plans for and commence a robust public consultation process (may necessitate the engagement of a communications/public relations expert in due course); and
- (4) during the analysis stage, consideration be given to removing ceilings and floors from NHI contributions to assess the impact this would have on the scheme's funding.

Action: PS, HSD; HP; PS, EDICTLP; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/329 EX MEM 17/211 ADDITIONAL BUDGET FOR THE MARKETING OPERATIONS OF THE ANGUILLA TOURIST BOARD (ATB)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained in attendance. PS, EDICTLP remained for discussion. Mrs Donna Banks, Chairperson, Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB) joined the Meeting:-

Council noted a comprehensive oral presentation by the Chairperson, ATB on the marketing and wider operations and activities of the ATB.

Council approved the allocation of additional funds in the amount of US\$400,000.00 over the amount allocated in the 2017 Budget to enable the Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB) to pay for additional marketing activities for the remainder of 2017 and to pay-off outstanding debts from 2016, which would enable Anguilla and the ATB to

maintain credibility in the tourism market place and remain top of the mind of the traveller. This would also allow the ATB to address its outstanding financial commitments.

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

EX MIN 17/330 <u>INF 17/05 INFORMATION NOTE:- PASSING OF MR MAXWELL</u> VANTERPOOL OF WELCHES, ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council noted the passing of Mr Maxwell Vanterpool of Welches, Anguilla on Friday 7th July 2017. Mr Vanterpool was regarded as a pillar of the Welches community, and his shop and home served as a focal point for persons to congregate on a regular basis. He was one of the island's early heavy equipment operators and was instrumental in building most of Anguilla's road network from 1967 to the mid 1990's.

The late Mr Maxwell Vanterpool was awarded with the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate in 2008 for his outstanding contribution to Social Development.

In keeping with EX MIN 15/535, the Ministry of Home Affairs has therefore begun the process of making arrangements which will include:-

- (i) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding Anguillian; and
- (ii) flags to be flown at Half Mast on Thursday 27th July, 2017 and Friday 28th July, 2017. The funeral will take place on Friday 28th July at the St. Augustine's Anglican Church at East End beginning at 10:00 am.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 17/331 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

The Hon Chief Minister/Finance informed Council that he would be off island from Thursday 20^{th} July - Sunday 23^{rd} July 2017 to attend a Monetary Council Meeting in Dominica.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
