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MINUTES OF THE 133RD MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2018

PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

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

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

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

The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment

The Honourable Acting Attorney General, Mr Ivor Greene

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT

Mr Chris Boundikas, Co-founder and CEO, Enigma Blockchain Group, Anguilla

Mr Judd Burdon, Partner, Enigma Blockchain Group, Anguilla

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

EX MIN 18/142 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 132nd Meeting held on Thursday 8 March 2018.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/143 <u>EX MEM 18/83 EU BLACKLISTING OF NON-COOPERATIVE</u> JURISDICTIONS FOR TAX PURPOSES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Following on from EX MIN 18/141 of 8 March, Council:-

- (i) noted the importance and commitment by Anguilla to revise and make the relevant amendments to the current IBC legislation by 30 June 2018 in line with the commitment made to the CoCG;
- (ii) noted the importance of being ready to implement any and all changes to legislation by 31 December 2018 in line with the commitment made to the CoCG; and
- (iii) accepted the list of persons who agreed to sit on the Working Group.

H E The Governor thanked all those involved in this important work, including Miss Blondel Cluff, GoA Representative to the UK & EU.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COM OFF; HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/144 <u>EX MEM 18/84 CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB) POLICY-BASED LOAN AIDE MEMOIRE</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN joined.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the GoA had applied to the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) for a policy-based loan as part of the debt restructuring efforts in 2018;
- (ii) noted that CDB officials had conducted an on island scoping mission in January 2018, in collaboration with GoA officials, to identify policy and institutional reforms to help safeguard stability in the wake of hurricane Irma that could be supported by a PBL;
- (iii) further noted that the CDB had submitted the Aide Memoire detailing the findings of the mission, and a list of possible conditions that could be linked to the disbursement of the PBL. The list consists of actions that have been completed, and those that have not been completed, should be agreed on and signed off by the third week in April to enable the loan application to be presented to the CDB Board Meeting in May;
- (iv) agreed that the PS, Finance should sign the Aide Memoire; and

(v) agreed that discussions with CDB and MFEDICT concerning the PBL and its conditions should continue and that the FCO should be brought quickly into these discussions.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; DEP; DM; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/145

EX MEM 18/85 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – GAGAN PREET SINGH GILL AND LAURA CHRISTINE GILL – REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL, BLOCK 38409 B, PARCELS 18 AND 29 CONTAINING 0.40 OF AN ACRE AND 0.13 OF AN ACRE RESPECTIVELY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Laura Christine Gill and Gagan Preet Singh Gill to hold property situated in Registration Section South Central, Block 38409 B, described as Parcels 18 and 29, located at Lockrum, Anguilla for residential purposes with a dwelling house thereon, subject to the following:-

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$833,342.00

EC\$41,667.10

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$833,342.00

EC\$41,667.10

TOTAL

EC\$83,334.20

- (b) with the expressed condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencees must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands; and
- (c) Parcels 18 and 29 must be amalgamated within three (3) months of registration.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 18/146

EX MEM 18/86 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – ESTHER PATRICIA BRYAN-DIXON (REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END; BLOCK 17709 B; PARCELS 89 AND 95, AND ON BLOCK 17809 B PARCELS 60 AND 63 CONTAINING 0.75, 0.38, 0.37 AND 0.25 OF AN ACRE RESPECTIVELY)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Esther Patricia Bryan-Dixon to hold, on a freehold basis, 0.75, 0.38, 0.37 & 0.25 of an acre respectively of vacant land described as Registration Section West End, Block 17709 B, Parcels 89 & 95, Block 17809 B, Parcels 60 & 63 located at West End, subject to the payment of the following fees:-

(i) under a Will of an Intestacy EC\$200.00

(ii) Stamp Duty on Transfer on for four (4) parcels

EC\$20.00 per parcel EC\$ 80.00

TOTAL EC\$280.00

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PS, FIN

EX MIN 18/147 <u>EX MEM 18/87 SUPPORT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that in November 2017, Council approved legislation to give effect to a proposal to pay a temporary unemployment benefit to persons, who were affected by hurricane Irma, based on certain conditions;
- (ii) noted that the scheme came into effect on 1 December 2017, and the legislation specified that claims should be submitted by 28 February 2018, with provision in exceptional circumstances for late claims to be submitted up to 31 March 2018;
- (iii) further noted that there was an anticipated cost to the Social Security Fund. However, noted that Social Security Fund was satisfied that this extension was affordable':
- (iv) agreed that the timeline for submission of claims should be extended to 30 April 2018 to allow more time for persons to apply and benefit from the scheme; and
- (v) agreed that the Attorney General's Chambers should, as a matter of priority, prepare the necessary legislative amendment to effect this and to enable it to be presented to the House of Assembly at its next sitting.

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

Action: PS, MHA; HON AG; DIR, SSB; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/148

INF 18/01 INFORMATION NOTE: MILITARY FUNERAL FOR THE LATE MR. ELLIOTT RICHARDSON IN RECOGNITION OF HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council noted the passing of Mr Elliott Richardson on Tuesday 6 March 2018. The Late Mr Elliott Richardson was a former Commissioner of Police. He was awarded with the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate in 2010 for his outstanding contribution to Anguilla in the category of Social Development.

In keeping with EX MIN 14/612 (vii) and EX MIN 15/535, the Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with the Royal Anguilla Police Force, has therefore begun the process of making arrangements for a Military Funeral on Friday 23 March at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Anglican Church which will include:-

- (i) the holding of a Military Funeral for the late Elliott Richardson in collaboration with the family;
- (ii) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding individual;
- (iii) flags to be flown at Half Mast on the day preceding the funeral and on the day of the funeral immediately following the funeral ceremony;
- (iv) a Police Guard of Honour to be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of uniformed officers to bear the body in and out of the church and at the graveside; the casket will be draped with the national flag; and
- (v) other formal procedures for a Military Funeral will be undertaken as determined and initiated by the Royal Anguilla Police Force.

Council noted that because Mr Richardson was awarded in the category of Social Development, in keeping with the current policy, no monetary contributions would be made towards the funeral or other expenses.

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA (Acting)

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 18/149

BRIEFING ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, FIN and PS, EDICTIT remained in attendance. Messrs Chris Boundikas, Co-founder and CEO, Enigma Blockchain Group, Anguilla and Judd Burdon, Partner, Enigma Blockchain Group, Anguilla joined.

The officials briefed Council on the Blockchain Technology and the potential for Anguilla.

Council welcomed the initiative and thanked the officials for an informative presentation.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; MINS OF GOV'T
