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MINUTES OF THE 138TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2018

PRESENT: His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

Mrs Nicola Webster, Clerk to Executive Council (Designate)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary

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

Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist

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

Ms Lisa Tessier, Senior Analyst, Castalia Strategic Advisors

Mr Gianmarco Servetti, Castalia Strategic Advisors

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

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

EX MIN 18/199 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist joined the meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 137th Meeting held on Thursday 12 April 2018.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/200 <u>EX MEM 18/108 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/191 of 12 April 2018, the Hon Minister of Home Affairs expressed the need for public awareness on the use of Cannabis prior to going to the House of Assembly. It should be made clear that the GoA was not advocating or promoting the use of drugs.

Council noted that the child safety seat provision would be implemented one year after the introduction of the Bill.

Action: HON AG; COP; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/201 PREPARATIONS FOR 2020 ELECTIONS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/196 of 12 April 2018, the Hon Deputy Governor again raised the issue of the status of the 2020 elections preparations with regard to the new legislation. The Hon Minister MHA stated that the Boundaries Act is still being reviewed by the MHA, while the Election Act is with the Attorney General's Chambers. Both pieces of legislation should be publicised for robust consultation.

Action: HON DG; HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/202 EX MEM 18/111 EXPULSION ORDER – GARVEY CUTHBERT SHILLINGFORD

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/194 of 12 April 2018, Council agreed that Mr Garvey Cuthbert Shillingford should be expelled from Anguilla according to Section 2 of the Undesirable Persons Act, R.S.A cU5.

Council instructed the Attorney General's Chambers as a matter of priority, to prepare the necessary documentation.

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

Action: HON AG; SOP; COP; CIO

EX MIN 18/203 EX MEM 18/114 NOMINATIONS FOR ANGUILLA DAY NATIONAL AWARDS 2018

Council:-

- (i) noted that the Anguilla Honours and Awards Committee met and has recommended based on the categories listed below the following persons for the 2018 Anguilla Day Awards. The Awards have been categorized as follows:
 - (a) Anguillians and/or non-Anguillians who have played a critical role during the Anguilla Revolution of 1967-1969; and
 - (b) Anguillians and/or non-Anguillians who have made outstanding contributions to the Social, Political, Economic, Cultural and (Arts, Science and Technology, Entrepreneurship) development of Anguilla since 1969.
- (ii) the Committee also recommends that section b be amended to include the period prior to 1969. The new section b would read:
 - "Anguillians and/or non-Anguillians who have made outstanding contributions to the Social, Political, Economic, Cultural and (Arts, Science and Technology, Entrepreneurship) development of Anguilla prior to and since 1969."

Mr. Beavan Crosby Hodge - Revolution

During the 1967 Anguilla Revolution Beavan who flew for Anguilla Airways was instrumental in providing an important service to the people of Anguilla in that he brought in the media who were so influential in getting Anguilla's story out to the rest of the world. In addition he transported much of the vital supplies needed by the interim government to keep things moving. Beavan worked tirelessly day after day without much regard to his safety. An account is given that on the morning of March 19th, 1969 when the British paratroopers invaded Anguilla, Beavan after landing his plane at the airport was accosted by an armed soldier demanding to see his pilot's licence. A potential situation was averted with the intervention of the late John Thomas who confronted the soldier and then the soldier walked away. There is no doubt that Beavan gave selfless service to his country above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Charles A. Liddy - Revolution

Charles was a foot soldier of note in the 1967 revolution. He would often leave his young wife and children at home for days on end to meet up with his comrades to guard the beaches and keep watch for intruders. One notable event that he would recount was when he 'boxed off' an Englishman at the airport when they went to hold up young Anguillian pilot Beavan Hodge of Anguilla Airways to probe questions about his pilot's licence. Charles was also arrested briefly but the support provided by the Father of the Nation and other freedom fighters such as Pastor Googe, Daisy Wong and Mildred Hodge who were at the airport resulted in no action being taken.

Ms. Brenda Hodge - Social Development

After some ten years of nursing in New York and Florida, Brenda returned home to Anguilla and worked as a Nurse at the Princess Alexandra Hospital from 2001 to 2002 and then at the Hughes Medical Centre from

2002 – 2004. In July 2004, she founded and continues to manage the Tender Loving Care Home for the elderly. Depriving herself of vacations for the last thirteen years, and setting her alarm several times per night to check on her beloved residents, Brenda gives heart and soul into providing phenomenal care to the residents – emotionally, spiritually and physically – touching the lives of Anguilla's elderly and serving an important need in the community for the past thirteen years and counting. The elderly can be found singing, chatting, praying and happily entertaining any visitors at Tender Loving Care. After Hurricane Irma, although the home was destroyed, Brenda took the residents to her childhood home in George Hill and they all still live there with Brenda's parents until the TLC can be repaired.

Mrs. Patricia Beard - Social Development

Patricia Beard affectionately known as Patsy has served her homeland well in many notable areas of community life. In the late 60's and early 70's Patsy worked in the field of education initially as an classroom teacher and following training as an Early Childhood Educator, at the infant level. She is credited with pioneering Early Childhood Education in Anguilla. Some years following, she joined the Medical and Health Department as a Family Life Educator and later as Health Promotion Officer where she was able to significantly raise the profile of HIV/AIDs awareness and programming. Patsy is a member and past president of the Anguilla Beautification Club and an active parishioner of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. Yolande O. Richardson - Social Development

Yolande continues to serve her Church, Community and Anguilla at large with unstinting service to all. She has enjoyed a distinguished career in Education serving as the first female principal of the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School and later as Chief Education Officer. Among her many other accomplishments, she helped to create opportunity for the participation of men and women in the economic development of Anguilla through the establishment of the Anguilla Craft Shop. Yolande has used and continues to use her vast array of skills and knowledge for the educational development of Anguilla's young people both in the formal and informal sectors.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

EX MIN 18/204

EX MEM 18/115 SUPPORT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/147 of 15 March 2018 and EX MIN 18/152 of 22 March 2018, Council:-

- (i) noted that it was anticipated that the cost to the Social Security Fund would be in the region of EC\$4.5m to EC\$6m. However, indications are that payouts have been considerably less than anticipated. As of 9 March 2018, payouts amounted to EC\$912,195.00;
- (ii) noted that in March 2018, Executive Council agreed that the timeline for submission of claims be extended until 30 April 2018. However, it was subsequently proposed that not only should the timeline be extended but that provision should be made for an additional payment, bringing the total payments to three instead of two. This proposal was discussed and agreed with the Social Security Board;
- (iii) reaffirmed that the Social Security Fund was satisfied that this extension was affordable;
- (iv) agreed that the timeline for submission of claims should be extended to 31 May 2018 to allow more time for persons to apply and benefit from the scheme and that there be three payments instead of two; 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 sitting on 30 April 2018.

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

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

EX MIN 18/205 EX MEM 18/116 THE FILLING OF VARIOUS VACANCIES WITHIN THE APS – APRIL 2018

Council agreed that the following vacant posts within the APS should be filled given that effort will be made to recruit first internally where possible/redeployment of staff and that these posts are budgeted and headcount neutral.

Min/Dept.	Title	Grade	No.	PS/HOD
MoF/Statistics	Statistical Assistant	K	1	LF
MoF/Statistics	Clerical Officer	L	1	LF
MSD/Probation	Juvenile Care Worker	Н	1	BRL
MSD/Probation	Senior Juvenile Care Worker	F	1	BRL
MICUH	Administrative Services Manager/ Financial Manager (ASM/FM)	D	1	KVD
Governor	Attorney General	AG/DG	1	DG
Governor	Executive Assistant	G	1	Governor

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

Action: HON DG (Acting); PS, PA

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 18/206

PRESENTATION BY CASTALIA STRATEGIC ADVISORS – DIVESTMENT OF ANGLEC SHARES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Financial Specialist and PS, FIN remained in attendance. The following persons joined the meeting:-

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT Ms Lisa Tessier, Senior Analyst, Castalia Strategic Advisors Mr Gianmarco Servetti, Castalia Strategic Advisors

Council:-

- (i) noted the oral presentation by Castalia Strategic Advisors, relating to the technical, legal and regulatory aspects of the divestment of the Government's shares in ANGLEC; and
- (ii) agreed that a formal paper should be brought to Executive Council for further consideration.

The Hon Chief Minister stressed the need for completion by June 2018 and thanked the advisors for a comprehensive discussion.

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

EX MIN 18/207

MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

The Hon Chief Minister expressed his intention to have a Meeting of the House of Assembly on Monday 23 April, 2018 at 2:00 pm to deliver the Budget Speech.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
