

THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA

Copy No:

MINUTES OF THE 48TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 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 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
Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP
Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, TIO
Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT
Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer, DICUH
Mr Shaynis Connor, Roads Engineer, DICUH
Ms Kafi Gumbs, Director of Fisheries
Mr Stuart Wynne, Deputy Director of Fisheries
Mr Steve McCready, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office

ABSENT: The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

EX MIN 16/260 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 47th Meeting held on Thursday 21st April 2016.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 16/262

PRESENTATION ON THE CHAPEL HILL ROAD

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

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
 Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICTLP
 Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT
 Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer, DICUH
 Mr Shaynis Connor, Roads Engineer, DICUH

Council:-

- (i) noted the Power Point presentation by main presenter, Mr Shaynis Connor, Roads Engineer, DICUH pertaining to the Sandy Ground alternate route (the Chapel Hill Road);
- (ii) accepted the recommendation as outlined in the presentation that Option 4 (a dual carriageway road providing access in and out of Sandy Ground) should be the preferred option; and
- (iii) agreed that the project, which is estimated to be completed by July 2017, should be funded from the 2016 Capital Project, in which provision had already been made to cover the cost of this scheme.

Council thanked the officials for a comprehensive presentation.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; CPO; CE; RE; HON MIN,
 MICUHAFIT

EX MIN 16/263

EX MIN 16/247 EX MEM 16/138 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016

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

Further to EX MIN 16/247 of 21st April 2016, Council:-

- (i) supported the text of the Public Procurement and Contract Administration (Amendment) Act as presented;
- (ii) agreed that the Bill should be published in the Official Gazette and on the GoA's website;
- (iii) supported the idea that copies should be sent to the Chamber of Commerce and other coordinating agencies for the public sector; and
- (iv) agreed that the MFEDICT should arrange for public consultations.

Action: HON AG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; CHIEF PROC OFF

EX MIN 16/265

**EX MEM 16/152 PROPOSAL TO EXTEND CONTRACT OF WALES
AUDIT OFFICE**

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) the Wales Audit Office should continue as the External Auditors for the Government of Anguilla for the auditing of the 2015 to 2017 accounts; and
- (ii) the Wales Audit Office should continue as the External Auditors for the Public Service Pension Fund for the auditing of the 2015 to 2017 accounts.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; PS, PA; DIR, INT AUD; ACC, PSPF

EX MIN 16/267

**EX MEM 16/154 CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK – COUNTRY
STRATEGY PAPER (CSP) 2016-2020**

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

Council:-

- (i) supported the Caribbean Development Bank's proposed assistance programme for 2016-2020 as outlined in the attached Country Strategy Paper; and
- (ii) committed to undertake the necessary activities to achieve the desired outcomes.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; BD; DEP; CPO

EX MIN 16/268

EX MEM 16/155 PUBLIC HEALTH (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 2016; and
- (ii) agreed that the document should be published in the Official Gazette and given its first reading in the House of Assembly in May 2016.

Action: HON AG; PS, HSD; CL, HOA; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 16/269

EX MEM 16/156 INFORMATION NOTE: NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE MR. THOMAS BENJAMIN SMITH IN RECOGNITION OF HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO ANGUILLA DURING THE REVOLUTION

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council noted that the Ministry of Home Affairs had begun the process of making the following arrangements for the National Funeral for Mr Thomas Benjamin Smith, who died on Sunday, 24th April 2016 and, who was one of the prominent foot soldiers of the Anguilla Revolution:-

- (i) the holding of a National Funeral for the late Thomas Benjamin Smith 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 revolutionary;
- (iii) flags to be flown at Half Mast on the day preceding the funeral and on the day of the funeral until 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. Casket to be covered with the national flag; and
- (v) a contribution of EC\$5,000 towards the cost of the funeral expenses and EC\$3,000 towards the other expenses.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

EX MIN 16/270

EX MEM 16/157 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MARINE PARKS AND FISHERIES PROTECTION ACTS AND REGULATIONS

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, MICUHAFIT remained for discussion. The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Ms Kafi Gumbs, Director of Fisheries
 Mr Stuart Wynne, Deputy Director of Fisheries
 Mr Steve McCready, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office

Council agreed that the document with the proposed amendments (attached to EX MEM 16/157) should be utilised as the drafting brief for the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the amendments to the Fisheries Protection and Marine Parks Act and Regulations.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; HON AG; DIR, FISH; HON MIN, MICUHAFIT

EX MIN 16/271

EX MEM 16/158 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ANGUILLA'S MARINE PARK SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED SHALLOW WATER HABITATS 2015-2025

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, MICUHAFIT, Director of Fisheries, Deputy Director of Fisheries and Chief of Staff, Governor's Office remained for discussion.

Council accepted the document, 'Management Plan for Anguilla's Marine Park System and Associated Shallow Water Habitats 2015-2025' as the official policy document of the Government of Anguilla for the management of the marine park system and associated shallow water habitats.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; DIR, FISH; HON MIN, MICUHAFIT

EX MIN 16/272

EX MEM 16/159 ANGUILLA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, MICUHAFIT, Director of Fisheries, Deputy Director of Fisheries and Chief of Staff, Governor's Office remained for discussion.

Council noted the power point presentation by Ms Kafi Gumbs, Director of Fisheries and:-

- (i) accepted the document, 'Anguilla Fisheries Development Plan 2015-2025' as the official policy document of the Government of Anguilla; and
- (ii) agreed that the 'Anguilla Fisheries Development Plan 2015-2025', which includes the strategic action plan, specific management plans for existing and potential fisheries and the guidelines for special partnership agreements, should be used as the official policy document to guide the development of fisheries on Anguilla.

Council thanked the officials for an informative and broad presentation.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; DIR, FISH; HON MIN, MICUHAFIT

EX MIN 16/273

EX MEM 16/160 RESIGNATION OF MR ARON RUAN, ARCHITECTURAL OFFICER AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDINGS ENGINEER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. Chief Engineer remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) noted that the Architectural Officer in the Department of Infrastructure tendered his resignation from the Anguilla Public Service, effective 1st July 2016;

- (ii) noted that there were two approved Architectural Officer positions in the Department and a Design Engineer (Buildings) who also had certain architectural/design duties;
- (iii) further noted that the position of Buildings Engineer had been approved for a number of years but was only filled for a short period due to austerity measures; and
- (iv) agreed that the position of Buildings Engineer in the Department of Infrastructure should be filled.

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

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; CE; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 16/274

EX MEM 16/161 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted that ANGLEC was working closely with Uriel Renewables Inc., a multinational company based out of Madrid, Spain to develop a 1 (one) megawatt solar photovoltaic plant in the vicinity of its diesel based generation plant in Corito, Anguilla;
- (ii) noted that the work would be done over eight (8) weeks and had begun at the end of February 2016; and
- (iii) agreed that, in accordance with the Anguilla Electricity Ordinance (1991), Anguilla Electricity Company Ltd – Public Suppliers Licence Section (9) Clause 9.1, the following persons should be exempted from the work permit requirement:-
 1. Pablo Fernandez Garcia
 2. Diego Cerdeira Matalobos
 3. Inaki Gil Martinez
 4. Juan Carlos Ramirez Solchaga
 5. Dumitru Varvaroi
 6. John Green
 7. Luc Emmanuel Porter

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO; PS, MICUHAFIT; HON MIN, MICUHAFIT

EX MIN 16/275

EX MEM 16/162 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council noted that LIME was preparing to rebrand to FLOW and that a number of events were being planned to commemorate the event. One of the various events planned was a concert that would showcase a number of local performers and a band from Trinidad and Tobago.

Council agreed that the following band members, who were scheduled to arrive in Anguilla on Thursday 28th April 2016 and leave on Saturday, 30th April 2016, should be exempted from the requirement of a work permit in accordance with Section 3 (g) of the Control of Employment Act:-

1. Joanna Antonia Daisy Rashuda
2. Alanna Leona White
3. Loney
4. Alysha Patrice Alleyne
5. Candice Niayoka Marcus
6. Erikkson Kendel George
7. Dennison Gregory Maloney
8. Terri Auslyn Karaina Lyons
9. Nadia Jermaine Ambrosia Batson
10. Ricardo Ramnath Boodai
11. Navindra Junior Harbukhan
12. Candace Kesha Moore
13. Yohann Kyle Cyprian Batson

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

Action: PS, IMM; LAB COM; CIO
