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MINUTES OF THE 41st MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29th APRIL 2021 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT:
- Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
 - The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,
Dr Ellis Webster
 - The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
 - The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,
Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
 - The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge
 - The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
 - The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,
Mr Kyle Hodge
 - The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
 - Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE:
- Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
 - Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
 - Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

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CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed that the following Minutes would be approved by Round Robin: Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 14th April, 2021; Minutes of the 39th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 15th April, 2021; Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 21st April, 2021; Minutes of the 40th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 22nd April, 2021; and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday 26th April, 2021.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 21/149

COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
 Commissioner of Police, Mr David Lynch

Epidemiology

As of April 28, 2021 at 6.00 pm, Anguilla has recorded a total of 90 confirmed cases, with 29 recoveries. There are 61 active cases of COVID-19, 60 cases which are associated with the cluster first identified on April 21, and 1 imported case identified on April 19, unrelated to the cluster.

Cluster Cases Overview

The cases identified consist of 53 adults and 7 children, aged from 7 months to 77 years old. All 60 persons (21 females and 39 males)

are isolated in either home or government quarantine. Thus far, while some persons are symptomatic, none have been hospitalized.

The cases within the cluster all share common exposure, which is linked to a place, person and/or setting in time. There is a wide distribution of cases across various villages in Anguilla, with the largest number of cases located in South Hill.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing and Testing

Upon identification of the cluster, since April 22, 2021, the Ministry of Health has undertaken an aggressive contact tracing effort, which led to COVID-19 testing of 1453 persons. This included the testing of 628 persons from the Anguilla school system, which includes primarily persons in Campus B (455), OKPS (59), VPS (65) and others (49). There were no positive cases detected within the school system screening. Further testing was conducted on contacts who were identified through tracing efforts, and also any persons who requested screening. The Ministry continues to facilitate community testing on a daily basis.

The number of cases detected seems to have peaked between April 21 and 24. However, contact tracing is ongoing and will end when no more additional positives are confirmed from the cluster.

PHE rapid Antigen screening kits were used for testing. Currently, there are 70 remaining tests. The Ministry has received confirmation from PHE that an additional 460 kits are due to arrive by May 6. There are also two other types of testing kit which can be used.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of April 27 there were 7485 registered persons, of which 6638 persons have received their first dose representing 53% of the target population figure of 12,600 persons. Thus far, 1946 persons have received their second dose. The breakdown by occupation of first doses is as follows:

- 292 Healthcare workers
- 419 Civil, border protection and port staff
- 1287 Hospitality

- 877 Retired
- 3773 Others

Using 2011 census age demographics, the breakdown of individuals who have received the vaccine by age, is as follows:

- 1775 persons age 18 - 34 (44% of target)
- 1983 persons age 35 - 49 (50% of target)
- 1848 persons age 50 - 64 (77 % of target)
- 1031 persons age 65+ (86% of target)

Since April 21, there has been a significant rise in the number of first doses being administered on a daily basis, from around 15 per day, to on average 94 per day in the last 5 days, with 152 doses administered on Monday April 26, 2021. Many of these new first doses are being given to persons from the younger age categories, however, the vaccination numbers for hotel workers are lagging.

Vaccination Site – Transition to New Premises

First dose vaccinations are now offered in the AFA Stadium. Second dose vaccinations are taking place at the James Ronald Webster Park via a drive through system to allow for improved social distancing. Further, the team has streamlined the process, by eliminating the waiting period and the need to distribute vaccination records at a later date. This has allowed the process to move more rapidly, but this has sacrificed real-time updating of the vaccine registration system. The team has been able to process the majority of second doses by the early afternoon. Persons who cannot drive are being accommodated. A drive through system is being considered for first doses, but the logistics have to be considered.

Vaccine Card System

The Ministry continues to work towards introducing the vaccine ID system. This includes securing the supplies necessary for production of the cards, finalizing the transition of the vaccine registration system to government servers, and working towards ensuring the incorporation of the existing system into the vaccine ID printer and software system.

COVID-19 Escalation of Measures

The Ministry of Health continues to stress the importance of the containment measures to limit the further spread of COVID-19. The Ministry supports the full enforcement of the restrictions on movement and will be providing additional promotional material to the public to encourage adoption of these measures.

Update on Enforcement and Policing Plan

An enforcement system has been established and regular team meetings are being held. As at April 28, 7 vehicle checkpoints were established, 45 vehicles were stopped, 11 breaches of the Regulations were also recorded and 3 prosecution files are being advanced. Two rented boats are being used to conduct surveillance in Anguilla waters and they were able to intercept one boat in Little Harbour. Further information on the specific nature of the breaches will be forthcoming.

14 RAPF staff remain at home in self-isolation, on the advice of the Ministry of Health.

In terms of advancing the alleged illegal reentry investigation: the Health team continue to investigate further and the RAPF will liaise with them once their investigations are concluded; the RAPF are following up on potential intelligence that may be available from the authorities in St. Maarten; and a confidential hotline and email address for the reporting of breaches will be launched shortly.

Council:

- 1) thanked the Health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted that the number of cases is increasing, however, the incremental rise in cases has slowed down. Exposure history is more important than the location of cases within Anguilla;
- 3) noted that the aggressive contact tracing process pertaining to the cluster has almost been exhausted, there has been a decline in demand for testing, less positive cases are being

identified and there has been no onward transmission at schools. However, it is concerning that anonymous calls are being received concerning persons who are refusing to test for fear of economic loss and/or other reasons;

- 4) noted that some households are not conducive to reducing the spread of COVID-19. A number of persons are in Government quarantine;
- 5) noted that whilst no curfew is in place, the Regulations have been framed with the expectation that no person should be moving outside the place of residence after 6.00pm;
- 6) noted that the RAPF will provide daily updates on enforcement and breaches of the Regulations;
- 7) noted that 10K vaccines must be utilized by May, 15 in order to ensure that the second dose can be administered after a 6-week window, therefore maximizing the use of the 20K vaccines available;
- 8) further noted that the Regulations to promulgate compulsory vaccination for front line workers will be actioned by the AG's Chambers; and
- 9) agreed that the submission of school based assessments and the dissemination of packages to children for e-learning is a process that should be facilitated; and the Hon Deputy Governor will work with the Health team and Department of Education to formalize a process to achieve the mandate outlined.

Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday 4th May 2021, in order to review the COVID-19 position.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD;
ACC, GEN; HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

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EX MEM 21/81 APPOINTMENT OF PROCUREMENT BOARD MEMBERS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Premier briefed Council. Section 12 of the Public Procurement and Contract Administration (Amendment) Act, 2016 stipulates the requirements for appointments to the Procurement Board, which shall consist of 7 members appointed by Council.

Owing to restructuring and departmental transfers, it is necessary to reconsider the constitution of the Procurement Board in order to ensure that the legislative requirements continue to be met.

Council:

1) approved the appointment of the following members to the Procurement Board, effective May 1, 2021:

- (i) Keischa Brooks (Deputy Chairperson),
- (ii) Marcia Richardson,
- (iii) Gerard Gumbs; and

2) authorized the publication of the names of the newly appointed members of the Procurement Board in the Gazette.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON, PREM

EX MIN 21/152

EX MEM 21/83 NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANGUILLA BADGE OF HONOUR AND QUEEN'S CERTIFICATE 2021

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for EDCITENR briefed Council. The National Honours and Awards Committee met on Wednesday 14th April 2021 to consider nominations for the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate for 2021. This is usually awarded to persons who

have made great contributions to Anguilla either through participation in the Revolution or through Social Development.

Council:

- 1) noted the Committee's concern that many of the persons who played a critical role in the Anguilla Revolution may have already been awarded. The Committee therefore suggests that consideration be given to expressing gratitude to persons who may have contributed, in another way. One suggestion is to create a wall of recognition at the mausoleum which houses the remains of revolutionary leader, the Honourable James Ronald Webster; and
- 2) approved the recommendation of the National Honours and Awards Committee for the award of the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate, to the following persons:
 - (i) Mrs Mona Fleming
 - (ii) Mr Anthony Bryan
 - (iii) Mrs Florence Harrigan
 - (iv) Mr Elvet Hughes
 - (v) Mr Clive Claud Davison Carty (posthumously)

Action: PS EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR

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EX MEM 21/84 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANGUILLA REVOLUTION AND ANGUILLA DAY 2021

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for EDCITENR briefed Council on the Ministry's plans for Anguilla Day. Last year the celebrations were adapted because of the pandemic and the same may be required this year.

Council:

- 1) noted the proposed budget as per the table below and that the sum can be accommodated within the Ministry's budget:

| Activity | Expenditure Estimate EC\$ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| National Day of Prayer | |
| Primary Schools' Spelling Bee | Fully sponsored |
| Cycling Race | 3,500.00 |
| Primary Schools' Anguilla Day Quiz | Fully sponsored |
| Festival of Choirs | 4,000.00 |
| Ecumenical Service | 2,700.00 |
| Anguilla Day Parade and theme | 23,500.00 |
| Senior Citizens' Luncheon | 5,000.00 |
| Anguilla Day Boat Race | Co-funded by DYC and private sponsors |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i> | 800.00 |
| TOTAL | 39,500.00 |

- 2) approved the theme, programme of activities and budget for the 54th Anniversary of Anguilla Revolution and Anguilla Day 2021, subject to any adjustments which are required because of the prevailing conditions with respect to COVID-19, and any adjustments are within the purview of the Ministry.

Action: PS EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR
