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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JUNE 2013

PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Alistair Harrison

The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister
of Labour and Immigration

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Edison Baird, Minister of Social Development, Health, Sports
and Education

The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human
Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries

The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities and Housing

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT

EX MIN 13/412 **EX MIN 13/400 EX MEM 13/193 APPLICATION FOR DUTY**
EXEMPTION FOR SKYLINE DRY CLEAN PLUS

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 13/400 of 10th June 2013, Council agreed that Skyline Dry Clean Plus (c/o Mr Clement Ruan) should be refunded customs duty in the sum of EC\$176,767.09 for two (2) dry cleaning operations on the grounds that it falls in line with duty exemption policy objectives which support local companies that invest large resources into an industry with great benefits to the island.

Council noted that this venture is not the first for the island but that it will bring an economic boost to the island with the employment of fifteen workers.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; PS, EDICT; COC; FO

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EX MIN 13/413 **EX MIN 13/401 EX MEM 13/194 APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO MANAGE THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT UNIT**

PS, FIN remained for discussion.

Further to EX MIN 13/401 of 10th June 2013, Council agreed that the paper should be deferred. Council further agreed that the matter should be reconsidered at the meeting of Executive Council to be held on Thursday 20th June 2013.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; PS, EDICT; CIR

EX MIN 13/414 **EX MIN 13/402 EX MEM 13/195 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ADJUSTMENTS AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW AMENDMENT**

PS, FIN remained for discussion.

EX MIN 13/402 of 10th June 2013 refers.

Council:-

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the Benefits Regulations;
- (ii) approved the proposed amendment to the Social Security Act;
- (iii) instructed the AG's Chambers to draft the approved amendments;
- (iv) agreed to the implementation date of January 7th 2013.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; PS, EDICT; AG; PS, PA; DIR, SS; ACC GEN

EX MIN 13/415 **EX MIN 13/403 EX MEM 13/196 TRAINING OF PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS**

In EX MIN 13/403 of 10th June 2013, it was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the Special Meeting of Executive Council to be held on Tuesday 11th June.

Council did not discuss the paper.

Action: PS, HSD

EX MIN 13/416 **EX MIN 13/404 EX MEM 13/197 IMPLICATIONS OF THE WASTE TO ENERGY PROJECT ON THE LANDFILL SITE CONTRACT**

In EX MIN 13/404 of 10th June 2013, it was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the Special Meeting of Executive Council to be held on Tuesday 11th June.

Council did not discuss the paper.

Action: PS, HSD

EX MIN 13/417

EX MIN 13/405 EX MEM 13/198 REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE BRITTO AGENCY TO PROVIDE LUXURY BRANDING SERVICES FOR THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT joined the Meeting.

With reference to EX MIN 13/405 of 10th June 2013, Council agreed:-

- (i) the contract for The Britto Agency for the provision of Luxury Branding Services for the Ministry of Tourism;
- (ii) the Terms of Reference which will govern The Britto Agency's operations;
- (iii) the Terms of Reference for the Oversight Committee for Tourism and International Representation (TIR Committee).

Council authorised the Hon Chief Minister and Minister of Finance to sign the contract on behalf of the Government of Anguilla.

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

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; PARL SEC

EX MIN 13/418

EX MIN 13/407 EX MEM 13/200 FILLING OF THE POSITION OF SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL – ATTORNEY GENERAL CHAMBERS

EX MIN 13/407 of 10th June 2013 refers.

The Hon Minister of Social Development indicated that he did not have an opportunity to study the paper thoroughly and would not be in a position to make an informed decision. He requested that the paper be deferred.

The Hon Chief Minister, the Hon Minister, Infrastructure and the Hon Minister, Home Affairs indicated that their position will remain as set out in the recommendations of EX MEM 13/200 below:-

- 1) If the position of Senior Parliamentary Counsel is not filled internally as previously approved by EXCO the second position will be taken from the budget;
- 2) No other position in the Attorney General's Chambers be filled until this matter is fully investigated and until further notice;

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- 3) Positions for filling in the Attorney General's Office are approved by Executive Council after sufficient justification is provided like all other departments.

HE the Governor pointed out that he will continue to be guided by the Constitution which cannot be amended by Executive Council.

Action: HE; MINS OF GOV'T; AG

EX MIN 13/419

EX MEM 13/201 APPOINTMENT OF MR WILBERT FLEMING AND MS SIMONE CONNOR TO THE ANGUILLA TOURIST BOARD

PS, EDICT remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) noted that it had become necessary to appoint two new members to the Anguilla Tourist Board due to the resignation of two members (resignation dates, 7 May 2013 and 1 June 2013);
- (ii) agreed in accordance with the Anguilla Tourist Board Act that Mr Wilbert Fleming and Miss Simone Connor be appointed as Members of the Anguilla Tourist Board.

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

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; PARL SEC

EX MIN 13/420

EX MEM 13/202 IMPORTATION OF AIR GUNS

Council was not in favour of the possession of air guns in Anguilla and agreed that the legislation should be amended to ban the importation of air guns. Council authorised the AG's Chambers to amend the legislation to effect this.

Action: AG

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 13/421

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Council agreed that the next regular meeting of Executive Council should be held on Thursday 20th June 2013 at 9:00 am.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 13/424

CONTRACT FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN THE RAPF

Council noted that the contract for the Deputy Commissioner of Police in the RAPF comes to an end in early August. Council agreed that:-

- (i) the position should continue to be filled;

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- (ii) confirmed that one of the posts of Superintendent, RAPF should remain vacant due to financial constraints.

Action: HE; PS, PA; COP; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 13/425

HOMICIDE

HE the Governor informed Council that during his weekly meeting with the Commissioner of Police on Tuesday, the COP confirmed the fatal shooting of Mr Troy Connor, a twenty-three year old mentally ill man from the Valley.

The Governor indicated that the police had promising leads and were vigorously investigating the matter. The motive for the killing was not known.

Action: HE; COP
