

Minutes

Gun Crime and Violence Committee 2023

Minutes of Proceedings

The Second Meeting of the First Session of the Gun Crime and Violence Committee

Date: 13th June, 2023

Start Time: 8:45a.m.

Present

Hon Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Hon Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge

Hon Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster

Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Jose Vanterpool

In Attendance

Mr. Lenox Proctor, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Ms. Vanisha Proctor, Clerk of Committees

Ms. Anesia Powell, Secretary

Absent

Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge with apologies.

1. Prayers

Prayers were said by Ms. Vanisha Proctor, Clerk of Committees.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Jose Vanterpool put the Question.

Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge Seconded.

Agenda adopted without amendments.

3. Selection of Expert Advisors

The Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee:

- Selected two Expert Advisors as members of the Committee.
- Will send a letter to the Department of Youth & Culture for availability of a Youth Ambassador to form part of the Committee as a Youth Advisor.

4. Review Term of Reference

The Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee:

- Agreed to the following points as the terms of reference;
 - Undertake a situational analysis of the incidence of gun crime and gang violence in Anguilla.
 - Examine the causes of the existing situation as it relates to the rising incidence of gun crime and gang violence;
 - Seek to detail the impact of gun crime and gang violence on individuals, families and the community;
 - Promote an understanding of the potential solutions and mitigation methods to the rising incidence of gun crime and gang violence as drawn from international and regional best practice;
 - Examine any matters related to the question at hand and;
 - Recommend to the Assembly and those concerned strategies to address the issue.

5. Plan Forward Work Program

The Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee:

- Will formally invite the selected Expert Advisors as Committee members at the upcoming meeting.
- Will visit and select three villages to have Community outreach as a means of data collection.
- Will have an open day session where the public is welcomed to give information.
- Will have a week of interviews which will consist of open and closed door interview sessions.

6. Any Other Business

- A draft work-plan will be sent to all members of the Committee.

7. Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 10:00am.

Ended at 9:31a.m.