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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 2020
AT 4:00 PM

- PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers
- The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge
- The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul Morrison

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COVID-19 ANGUILLA RESPONSE MEASURES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul Morrison

Further to EX MIN 20/167 of 6 April, Council:

- (i) noted that the three (3) previously notified cases remain the only confirmed instances of COVID-19 in Anguilla – no test results are pending;
- (ii) agreed to extend the regulations issued by the Hon Minister of Health on Friday 27 March to Tuesday 21 April. Noted that there are many people who are ignoring the regulations, but reiterated that the regulations are under constant review and measures could be increased, if not adhered to;
- (iii) agreed that ports should remain closed for the movement of all passengers until 00.01 after midnight on Tuesday 21 April;
- (iv) noted the need to protect Anguilla from illegal entry – the greatest risk at this time comes from someone infected with COVID-19 reaching Anguilla via an illegal boat landing. Because of this, the air, sea and land patrols have been strengthened. Further noted, that to assist the patrolling effort, HE The Governor signed a notice and regulations (on Wednesday 8 April) under the Emergency Powers Act (EPA) prohibiting the use of any boat in Anguilla’s waters unless specifically exempted. Agreed that this prohibition should come into force immediately and would remain until 00.01 after midnight on Tuesday 21 April;
- (v) noted that the Distribution of Goods and Prices Act and Regulations have been signed on Wednesday 8 April and would be posted in various stores by Tuesday 14 April. Further noted that the Social Security Board (Unemployment Assistance Temporary Benefits) Regulations would be signed and the application form placed on line on Tuesday 14 April.

In separate discussion, Council agreed that, given the COVID-19 climate:

- (i) the Ministry of Health should have a meeting with local cargo agents;
- (ii) the Anguilla Summer Festival for 2020 should be cancelled; and
- (iii) the Hon Premier, Hon Deputy Governor, Minister for Social Development and Minister for Home Affairs should have an internal meeting on Thursday 9 April at 2:00 pm to discuss the approach relating to the financial assistance for the social programme in the Ministry of Social Development.

Action: PS, HLPP; HON AG; CMO; CEO, HAA; MINS OF GOV’T
