

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

The monthly meeting of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation was held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 in the Corporation's Chambers, Port Maria Civic Centre, commencing at 10:05 a.m.

Present were:-

Councillors	Divisions
Richard Creary (Chairman)	Richmond
Doreen Hutchinson	Carron Hall
Germaine Smiley	Port Maria
Mitsy Hudson	Hampstead
Hugh Bryan	Annotto Bay
Lenford Danvers	Castleton
Jason James	Gayle
Krystal Lee	Retreat
Sheldon Kidd	Oracabessa

The following Councillor(s) came during the course of the meeting:

Levan Freeman	Belfield
Leroy Sewell	Boscobel
Lincoln Dixon	Islington

Officers	Positions
Carmen Samuda	Chief Executive Officer
Doyen Johnson	Chief Engineering Officer
Glenford Ricketts	Deputy Chief Engineering Officer
Yanique Samuels	Director of Administration
Rovel Morris	Director of Planning
Lincoln Brooks	Inspector of Poor
Patrice Hart	Chief Financial Officer
Raxine Bailey	Community Programmes Coordinator
Angella Lammie	Internal Auditor
Yolande Jankie	Parish Coordinator- Disaster Preparedness
Uraih Cameron	Management Information Systems
Sharon Burke	Matron
Debbie Pryce	Recording Clerk

Representatives/Agencies	Positions
Dr. Tamara Henry	Medical Officer – Health (Acting)
Albert P. Brown	Chief Public Health Inspector- St. Mary Health Department
Kenneth Forrester	Assistant Superintendent - Jamaica Fire Brigade
Travis Graham	Parish Manager – Social Development Commission
Jasmine Hyde	Parish Manager – RADA
Sheleen Pantan	Extension Officer, Highgate – RADA

NOTICE

The Notice convening the meeting was read by Miss Carmen Samuda, Clerk to the Committee.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE

Devotional exercise was conducted by Reverend Wendell McCoy from the Heywood Hall United Church, Hampstead Division.

The Chairman thanked Reverend McCoy for conducting the devotional exercise.

NATIONAL PLEDGE

The attendees repeated the National Pledge.

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed all present. He especially welcomed Miss Sheleen Panton, Extension Officer from RADA for the Highgate area and Mr. Delroy Dobney from the Universal Service Fund, who would be making a presentation at the meeting.

Apology was tendered on behalf of Mr. Stanley Davis, Municipal Services and Enforcement Officer, who had left his jacket and would not be attending the meeting. The Chairman also made an apology on behalf of the Chief Public Health Inspector who inadvertently forgot to wear a jacket. He added that the CPHI was aware of the dress code and he would be allowed to remain in the meeting even though he was not wearing a jacket.

OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman informed that he would be meeting with Minister Desmond McKenzie and other Mayors on Friday June 9, 2017 to discuss the Housing Assistance Programme that was announced for Councillors. He said the amount mentioned was Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for each Division. He added that a similar meeting was held with Inspectors of Poor and Chief Executive Officers. He said the funds would be disbursed in three (3) tranches; that names of persons **in need** are to be provided to the Poor Relief Department so that investigations may be carried out and based on findings, funds would be made available. He said each Councillor would be provided with Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) monthly to employ someone to assist them in their Division. He added that Councillor Lee had already employed someone and was paying that person from her purse; that she would now be able to pay the individual from that amount; that it would be paid from the Ministry. He said that there was another item of interest that came out of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee which was the late payment to persons who came in to collect cheques for works done; that persons were still on the premises waiting to collect cheques even after the banks were closed. He said a decision was made that all bills for payment from the Roads and Works Department must reach the Accounting Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of that fortnight (the pay week). He added that the decision would be abided to in its strictest form unless there was a special situation where the bill had to be submitted on a Thursday; that the Chief Financial Officer would accommodate out of discretion.

The Chief Engineering Officer requested that the Councillors provide the necessary information as early as possible so that the Officers would have enough time to facilitate implementation and preparation of the bills so that they reach the Accounts Department on time to be prepared for payment. He added that since he has been to the Corporation he had to make special arrangements to accommodate programmes that were submitted late.

The Chairman suggested that the Chief Engineering Officer set a cut-off period for submission of the programmes; that if they were not received before that cut off time, they would not be prepared for that payment cycle but for the next one. He said the Councillors needed to adhere to the decision so that payment could be prepared in a timely manner.

The Chairman said the three Divisions that would be allocated funds for the rehabilitation of a road were: Islington, Port Maria and Gayle. He reiterated that whenever such announcement was made, the funds would not be made available at the same time; that the allocation was for the particular month and the figure was usually received near the end of the month, a Road Maintenance Programme would be submitted to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development and then the funds would be sent to the Corporation thereafter. He said that Councillors would decide which roads would be rehabilitated, same

presented to the Roads and Works Department for the estimates to be prepared and the necessary approvals given, then whenever the funds were made available and the work programmes submitted, the works would proceed. He said he had to make that point because what has been happening was that whenever the announcement was made, programmes were submitted, works given out and the funds were not yet made available for payment.

The Chairman said some Councillors have been tardy in turning up for meeting at ten o'clock. He commended those Councillors who were on time for the meeting and hoped that others would be make improvements so that the meeting could begin at the time scheduled.

Garbage Drums

The Chairman said he spoke with Mr. Spencer regarding the caption and was told that the drums were in Montego Bay; that he was making arrangements for them to be transported to St. Mary and he would inform the Mayor as soon as that was done.

Undermining of the Westmoreland Bridge

The Chairman said since the last sitting and since the heavy rainfall a few weeks ago, the situation had become worse. He asked whether or not the Corporation received an application in regards to the mining that was taking place in the area.

The Chief Engineering Officer responded that an application was not received.

Green House Project

The Chairman asked whether or not the design for the garbage receptacles was ready for presentation.

Miss Arisa Murai, PDC Volunteer from Japan, responded that the design and estimated cost were emailed to the Chairman's office.

The Chairman said it was not brought to his attention however, he would check with his office whether or not it was received.

Miss Murai requested assistance with transportation for taking the plastic bottles to Three Hills where one of the projects was being done.

The Chairman asked her to speak with Councillor Lee on the matter after the meeting.

(Councillors Freeman, Dixon and Sewell joined the meeting)

THE STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HUDSON TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENTATIONS – (Mr. Dobney of the Universal Service Fund and Mr. Sinclair from the 4H-Club).

Mr. Dobney informed that the Universal Service Fund is an organization that began under the previous administration however, the objective of the organization was one that continued to create a platform by which communities could be transformed; that all persons can be connected to the social services that existed. As such, the organization will be visiting all the Municipal Corporations to inform of the status of the fund and to also request that the Universal Services Fund become a part of the Corporations' Inter-Agency Meetings so that in a collaborative way, work towards the transformation of the communities. He added that it would be a good way to allow persons to become aware of the services and functions of the Universal Service Fund and to foster participation. He said in St. Mary, there was a great desire to roll out internet technology in communities to ensure that the parish can keep pace with what is happening. He said there were two hundred and fifty-five (255) access points across the Island and there were only seven (7) in St. Mary, seven that have been pending and one (1) that is a work in progress. He said one of the main challenge being faced in St. Mary was with internet connectivity; that internet providers should look more seriously at the parish in relation to getting connected so that this could be actualised. He said the internet providers are

to provide the facility to enable persons to connect. He said there were seven pending projects that the fund had to work on namely: Enfield CDC, Spicy Grove Youth Centre, Wag Water Valley, Woodside CDC, Camberwell Primary School, Epsom Primary School and the Annotto Bay Computer Resource Centre; that the project should be rolled out soon. New projects that are going to procurement such as: Gayle Primary School, Grace Baptist Church and Paisley All-Age School.

Mr. Dobney asked that the engagement of the internet service providers be an action item so as to ensure accessibility and connectivity. He said the Fund has made recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer and to the Minister of Energy, Science and Technology in that regard.

Councillor Kidd asked for a telephone number or email address so he could make contact with Mr. Dobney.

Mr. Dobney responded that his number was 219-5717 (Digicel) & 805-1144 (LIME) and email address was ddobney@usf.gov.jm

Councillor Dixon asked how soon after the project was submitted it would be implemented.

Mr. Dobney responded that based on the project proposal, a site assessment was quickly carried out and if all the requirements were met, it would take approximately three (3) months for implementation.

The Chairman asked about the procedure in acquiring access to WiFi in the Claude Stewart Park.

Mr. Dobney responded that as long as an area was identified then the ISP would be informed and the necessary access activities be carried out.

Councillor Dixon asked whether or not there was a template for the computers available.

Mr. Dobney responded in the affirmative and said same would be forwarded to Councillor Dixon. The Chairman said Mr. Dobney would be provided with the Corporation's email address so that all the Councillors would be able to receive the template. He thanked Mr. Dobney for his presentation and said he was pleased with the presentation and looked forward to working with the Universal Service Fund.

Presentation - Mr. Sinclair – 4H-Club

The Jamaica 4H-Club is a Youth Training Organization that caters for the development of the young people, ages 5 – 25 years. He said the Club was started in 1940 by an Act of Parliament; that the Club was an offspring of the Jamaica Agricultural Society (JAS). He said the Club operated at the parish level through a Parish Development Officer and a Parish Advisory Council, of which he was the Chairman; that he was the volunteer and the PDO was the paid officer. He said the volunteers helped to sustain the job creation of the Council . He said the training platforms were Agriculture, Home Economics, Environment, Leadership Development and Entrepreneurship. He said the Club was now embarking upon the development of Agri-preneurship, (the new word); that it would entail the marketing of fresh and processed produce for the economic benefit of the Club, which included: cost of training, transportation and incentive. He said the Club requests the support of the Corporation in its quest to establish a project shop in Highgate; that an application has been submitted to the Municipal Corporation for rental of the former Book Shop located in Highgate next to the market. He added that Highgate was a centrally located business hub which made it ideal for the Project Shop. He said he looked forward to working with the Corporation in the development of the parish.

Some of the products such as: Turmeric Wine, Ackee Wine and Ketchup, made by members of the St. Mary 4H - Club was presented to the Chairman, His Worship, Mayor Richard Creary.

The Chairman informed Mr. Sinclair that the building that once housed a book shop that was referred to was no longer available. He thanked Mr. Sinclair for both presentations.

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SEWELL, THE STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.

CORRECTIONS

The Chief Engineering Officer, Mr. Doyen Johnson's name was left off as one of the attendees.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of General Council Meeting held May 11, 2017 having been circulated, read and corrected, was confirmed on a motion by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Hudson.

The Chairman commended the Recording Secretary for a job well done.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(A) ENERGY CONSERVATION

The Chief Engineering Officer informed that PCJ conducted the site visit and was awaiting their findings and recommendations.

(B) PORT MARIA MARKET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Chief Executive Officer informed that the last update received from the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development for the proposed project was that it went to the Evaluation Committee and a report sent to the Procurement Committee of the Ministry.

(C) EXCHANGE OF LAND/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT – MURDOCK BEACH

It was noted that Golden Eye Development wanted to do a land swap with the Corporation; that the UDC was to upgrade the Fisherman's Beach at a cost of M\$7.4; the UDC said funds were not available; that the Golden Eye Development said they would advance the funds for the UDC.

The Chairman said he had written a letter to Mr. Ransford Graham however, a response was not yet received from him.

(D) RESOLUTION – REPAIR HOUSE

It was noted that the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) would be allocated to each Division to assist with Indigent Housing in the new financial year.

The Chairman said the matter would be dealt with at the meeting with the Minister scheduled for Friday of said week.

(E) CLAIM NO 2011/HCV-00232 SEYMOUR MORALES V ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF JAMAICA

The Director of Administration informed that there was no further update on the matter.

(F) PALMERS PARK

The Chief Engineering Officer informed that he visited the location; that before any further sourcing of material was considered, the field be graded and the excess stones that were present be cleared in a bid to clearly see how much more of the top soil was needed. He said it appeared to be very flat in his opinion.

The Chairman said he had requested the visit to ascertain whether or not the field was acceptable as it was; that a suggestion was made that some section would need more top soil. He said grading was recently done so it would not need to be graded again.

The Chief Engineering Officer responded that based on what he saw, the field was not level and therefore grading was needed to level out those areas and based on that grading, a determination could be made regarding the amount of top soil needed.

The Chairman said obviously the field was not properly graded. He suggested that the beautification team be assigned to pick out the stones. He asked whether or not it needed cutting due to the recent rainfall.

The Chief Engineering Officer responded in the affirmative.

The Chairman said the team could also be assigned cutting duties as well. He said the facility needed to be utilized; that the St. Mary Cricket Association has become eager as they should be receiving funding from JCA to build side screens and upgrading of the facility. He added that the Member of Parliament Dr. Morais Guy had verbally committed the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars towards the Palmer's Park. He asked that the Chief Executive Officer make an official contact with Dr. Guy in that regard.

Councillor Dixon suggested that consideration be given to the fact that water always settled in that area.

The Chairman said the section being concentrated on was the play area; that the section close to the wall would not be graded and that was where the water would go. He said the water would not settle on the play area.

ACTION: CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(G) UPDATE ON WATER TRUCK

The Chief Executive Officer informed that funds were received from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, both for the repairs to the water truck and for trucking of water. She said an additional One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars were available to assist with trucking of water.

The Chairman said he had requested a schedule for trucking of water however, he was not sure if what he asked for was understood. He said there were Divisions that had no water supply from the Corporation; that there were Divisions that are only supplied by the National Water Commission. He said such a Division was not entitled to funding for trucking of water; that if there was a drought, the National Water Commission would truck water to the areas they supplied. He reiterated that the Divisions that were to be allocated funds were the Divisions that had (1) Water supplied to it by the Corporation and (2) those that had wayside tanks; that whenever there was a drought, the Corporation would have to truck water to those areas. He said the Deputy Chief Engineering Officer should speak with persons who had knowledge in that regard so that the schedule could be properly prepared for the correct areas.

ACTION: DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – CORPORATION TO SIT AS LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SMILEY, THE STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED.

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

BUTCHERS LICENCE

No.	Name of Applicant	Name & Address of Establishment	Type of Licence
1	Kemproy Giscombe	Jacks River	General
2	Ian Bryan	Stewart Town	General
3	Jimmy Tamasar	Highgate	General
4	Calvin Campbell	Tremolseworth, Highgate	General
5	Shaline Forrest	New Works	Small Stock

6	William Angus	Marlborough	General
7	Karon Reid	Marlborough	General
8	Oneil Ferguson	Bailey's Vale	General
9	Carlos Rodney	Cascade, St. Mary	General
10	Lennox Moncrieffe	Labyrinth	General
11	Roydell Clarke	Nutfield, Islington	Small Stock
12	Albert Hunter	Islington	Small Stock
13	Joet Patterson	Halifax, Lucky Hill	General
14	Ean Davis	Gibraltar Heights	General
15	Cebeth Simpson	Gayle	General
16	Christopher Plunkett	Hampstead	General
17	Andre DaCosta	Bailey's Vale	General
18	Easton Plunkett	Hampstead	General
19	Patrick Darlington	Bailey's Vale	General
20	Winston Dawkins	Gayle	General
21	Martin Murray	Gayle	General
22	Rupert Murray	Gayle	General
23	Dean Waugh	Islington	General
24	Otis Cookhorn	Enfield	General
25	Rowena Folkes	Rose Street	Small Stock
26	Neville Harris	Reddington, Enfield	General
27	Errington Robert	Enfield	General
28	Rowena Folkes	Lucky Hill	General
29	Bently Watson	Juno Pen, Enfield	General
30	Anjrae Forrester	Enfield	General

ON A MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUDSON SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SEWELL, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED.

BEAUTY THERAPISTS/COSMETOLOGISTS/HAIRDRESSERS/BARBERS

The Chief Executive Officer presented the following for approval:

No.	Name of Applicant	Name & Address of Establishment	Type of Licence
1	Andrea Janet Baugh Fletcher	Belfield	Cosmetology
2	Sidonie Blair	Boscobel	Hairdressing
3	Marva Miller	Highgate	Cosmetology

ON A MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUTCHINSON SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LEE,
THE COMMITTEE APPROVED.

Environmental Health Highlights May 2017

Water Quality Monitoring

A total of thirty (30) visits were made to water supplies from all three (3) entities providing water in the parish. Fourteen (14) samples were submitted for bacteriological analysis to the National Public Health Lab.

Thirty two (32) chlorine residual checks were done.

The results of bacteriological analysis and chlorine residual testing are shown in the tables below-

Chlorine Residual

Agency	No. of Samples	# (%) (satisfactory) positive	# (unsatisfactory) (%) negative
NWC	12	12(100%)	0
Parish Council	20	15(75%)	5(25%)
Private Supplies	0	-	-
Total	32	27(84%)	5(16%)

Bacteriological Sampling

Agencies	No. of Samples Submitted	No. Satisfactory (Negative)(%)	No. Unsatisfactory (Positive)(%)	Results Pending
NWC	5	5(100%)	0	0
Parish Council	9	5(55%)	4(45%)	0
Private	0	-	-	0
Total	14	10(71%)	4(29%)	0

Drinking Water Status

Agency	No. of Supplies	No. Inspected (%)	No. Treated (%)
NWC	20	10(40%)	20(100%)
Parish Council	42	20(48%)	31(71%)
Private	15	0	14(93%)

From the results received from bacteriological samples submitted 71% were satisfactory. Eighty four percent (84%) of chlorine residuals checks done were satisfactory. Unsatisfactory chlorine residual and/ or bacteriological sample results were obtained from the following supplies:

Maiden Hall, Crescent, Saltrum, Donnington, Skinner Spring, Tinsburry, May River, Gilbert Spring and Rose Mount and New Road. Attendants at these springs have indicated that the non-chlorination results from an inadequate supply of chlorine.

Building Plans and Subdivisions

	No. Received	No. Investigated	#Recommended	#Not Recommended
Building Plans	27	27	11	0

Subdivisions	0	0	0	0
Total	27	27	11	0

A total of twenty seven (27) building plans were received.

Eleven (11) plans were recommended whilst sixteen are pending investigation

Burial Site Inspection

Fifty (50) applications were received for family plot burial. All were investigated and recommendations made. A list of the applications was submitted to the Parish Council.

Mosquito Control

Aedes Surveillance

District	# of Premises Inspected	# of Premises Positive	# of Containers Found	# of Containers Positive	Aedes Premises Index (%)	Container Index (%)	Breateau Index
Port Maria:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GAYLE:							
Salrum	59	10	151	26	17	17	24
TOTAL	59	10	151	26	17	17	24
ANNOTTO BAY:							
Annotto Bay	53	0	58	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	53	0	58	0	0	0	0
HIGHGATE:							
Esher	63	2	105	5	3	5	8
Harmony Hall	165	11	322	20	7	7	12
Richmod	91	9	202	22	10	11	24
TOTAL	319	22	629	47	7	7	7
PARISH TOTAL	431	32	838	73	7	7	17

The Vector Control team continued to carry out Aedes Aegypti surveillance in a number of communities throughout the parish. During the period five (5) communities were visited, the main focus was on the mitigation against Zika virus/fever transmission.

The table above shows the communities that were surveyed. All breeding sites found were treated in order to terminate breeding.

The average parish premises index was 7%. Two (2) of the communities visited had premises index above single digits. The Saltrum locality had a premises index of 17%

The Vector Control team distributed fifteen (15) drum covers in high risk communities.

Fogging

Fogging activities were carried out in the following communities; Heywood Hall, Richmond and Geddes Town.

Barber Shops and Hair Dressing Salon Application

Twenty four (24) applications were received during the month; five (5) were investigated and recommended the other nineteen (19) are pending investigation.

Industry Pen (Phase Two)

The Saint Mary Health Department has suspended recommending development proposals for this locality pending the completion of the sewage disposal system. This decision has been communicated to the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Corporation

Town Hall Meetings

Representatives of the Saint Mary Health Department attended town hall meetings in the Retreat and Islington Divisions. The opportunity was used to sensitize residents on various environmental health issues including mosquito control and solid waste management

Illegal Entry of Haitians

A boat with two Haitians on board made an illegal landing at the Paggee Beach on May 19, 2017. The medical and environmental teams of the health department carried out the required processing of the event as required by the Ministry of Health's protocol in respect of Haitian refugees. The two refugees were detained at the Richmond lock up from which they were transported to Kingston for further processing by law enforcement agents.

Concerns Re: Graves at Whitehall Cemetery

In response to the above matter at caption the Health Department conducted an inspection of the cemetery. It was observed that there were five graves at which there were openings of varying sizes. The grave most affected was seen to have been repaired. The other four had minor openings/cracks and have not been sealed. There was no evidence of entry of vermin or any offensive odour emanating from these graves. It was also observed that there was an unfinished vault that that was left uncovered. A follow up report will be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer.

Concerns /Questions/Highlights

Nil

QUESTION TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

RESUMPTION OF COUNCIL

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KIDD, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DIXON, THE CORPORATION RESUMED SITTING.

REPORTS FROM AGENCIES AND COMMITTEES

(a) FIRE BRIGADE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2017

Kindly see below information on the Fire Statistics and Fire Prevention activities in the St. Mary Division, Area II, Jamaica Fire Brigade for the **Month of May 2017**.

One of the fire units developed mechanical problems on May 16, 2017; therefore the Parish is currently operating with only one Fire Engine and it is based at the Port Maria Fire Station.

FIRE STATISTICS

Genuine Fires	07
M.F.A.	02

S.S.C.	09
F.A.W.G.I.	02
Total Calls	20

CLASSIFICATION OF GENUINE FIRES

Dwelling House	03
Commercial Building	01
Motorcar	01
Bush/Rubbish	02
Total Genuine Fire Calls	07

Estimated Value of Property Loss	\$4,610,000.00
Estimated Value Property at Risk	\$59,700,000.00
Estimated Value of Property Saved	\$55,090,000.00

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

The Fire Prevention Section of the St. Mary Division was engaged in the under listed activities during the **Month of May 2017.**

Inspection of Buildings:

Industrial & Commercial	13
Schools	04
Clubs, Bars/Grills & Sporting Venues	03
Restaurant	01
Hotels/Guest Houses	03
Early Childhood Institution	10
Fuel Station	06
Hotels/Guest Houses	02
Library	01

Educational Activities

Lectures	39
Fire Drills	09
Exhibition	02
Community Fire Safety Awareness	02
Video Presentation	04
Tour of Fire Station	06
Fire Warden Training	02
Seminars & Special Meetings	04

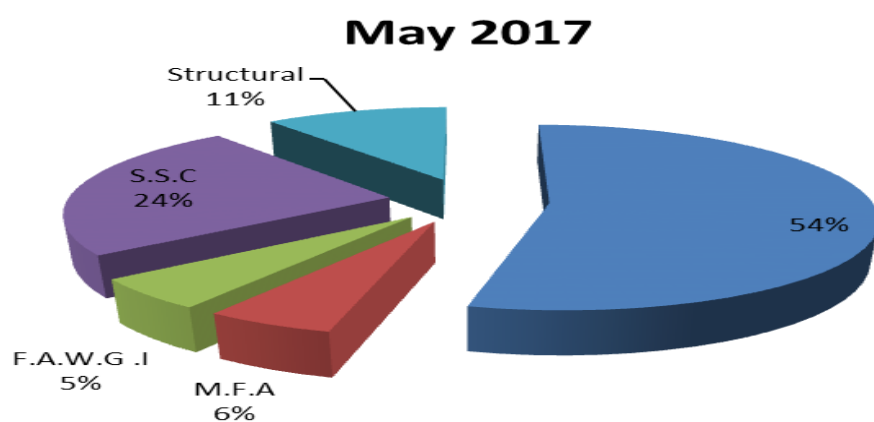
Fire Hydrants

No. of Fire Hydrants Inspected	15
No. of Fire Hydrants Serviced	01

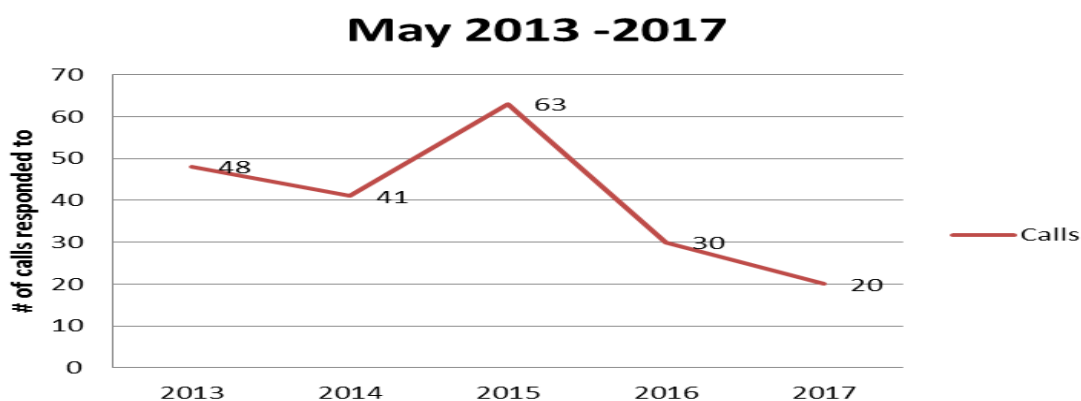
Fire Statistics

Please note the under mentioned statistics and other relevant information for the period under review:

<i>Total Calls</i>		<i>M.F.A</i>	<i>F.A.W.G.I</i>	<i>S.S.C</i>	<i>Genuine</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Structural</i>	<i>Displaced</i>	<i>Death</i>	<i>Injury</i>
Apr	30	02	00	09	19	14	05	12	01	17
May	20	02	02	09	07	03	04	2	0	3



One (01) adult male was left homeless as a result of a fire which destroyed his house in Windsor Castle, St. Mary on May 19, 2017. One (01) adult male was left homeless as a result of a fire which destroyed his house in Union Hill, Ramble, St. Mary on May 27, 2017. Three (03) adult males were injured as a result of a motor vehicle accident which occurred along the Agualta Vale main road, St. Mary on May 24, 2017



Statistic for May 2017 compared with previous years indicated a three year decline in incidents.

Highlights/Concerns

Nil

The Chairman thanked Mr. Forrester, Assistant Superintendent, for his report.

a) PDC

The following outlines the activities of the St. Mary Parish Development Committee from May 10, 2017 – June 7, 2017

Executive's Retreat.

The Retreat of Executive which was scheduled for Saturday, May 13 to Sunday, May 14 with the aim to meet the following goals/objectives was not held due to budgetary constraints.

1. Outline the roles and functions of the PDC Executive and the Administrator.
2. Draft a Constitution for the PDC.
3. Establish priorities for the PDC.

4. Determine PDC Communications Strategy.
5. Formulate a PDC Operation/Work Plan for the next one or two years.
6. Establish a PDC Budget.

A date will be set when the Executive meets later this week.

PDC General Meeting

A General Meeting will be convened after the Retreat.

Service in Excellence Workshop

The Office of the Cabinet invited a representative from the PDC to participate in a visioning workshop on **Thursday, 25th May, 2017 at the Jamaica Conference Centre from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

Service in Excellence Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to establish a clear definition of “Service Excellence” and identify the underlying principles, values and standards that should drive the framework across government.

The development of the Service Excellence Framework is part of the wider Transformation and Modernization Agenda, and is aimed at establishing a culture of service excellence across the public sector. Whilst the proposed framework will target service delivery in the public sector, we expect it to have a national impact by allowing us to establish a benchmark of service quality that can be applied nationwide. In this regard, the wider society will be engaged, as we embark on the policy development process.

The Cabinet Office has partnered with the Social Development Commission (SDC) to ensure that the consultation process is expertly managed. We will commence with visioning workshops in April and June (2017) with stakeholders from the public and private sectors, as well as civil society. Thereafter, we will conduct wider consultations on the draft policy.

Pagsee Fishermen’s Regatta 2017

The first Planning Committee meeting was held on May 31, 2017. Meetings will be held each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the PDC Office.

The St. Mary Municipal Corporation was written to asking that a representative from the Corporation sit on the Committee. No response was received.

The Committee consists of members of the PDC Executive, representative from the SDC as also representatives from the Fishermen’s Co-operative.

Other resource persons will be invited as the planning progresses.

Sponsorship/Endorsements

A meeting was held with the Project Manager of the Jamaica 55 Secretariat at the Ministry’s Office in Kingston with two (2) representatives from the Planning Committee.

The Committee is asking the Secretariat for sponsorship of the Entertainment package, the commitment was made to sponsor and endorse the event as a Jamaica 55 Event.

Awaiting the amount of sponsorship to be formally communicated.

Jamaica Tourist Board was approached for sponsorship/endorsement. The matter is now with the Events Committee, who met on Monday, June 5th.
Awaiting response.

Other sponsors who have made commitments are the St. Mary Municipal Corporation, First Union Financial, Power 106 FM, North Coast Times.

Request from Jamaica 55 Secretariat

During the meeting with the Project Officer of the Jamaica 55 Secretariat, the Officer requested and the Committee agreed to partner with the Secretariat to implement two projects in the parish.

1. Two (2) murals to be commissioned in the parish
2. A tree planting project in partnership with the PDC and Jamaica Environment Trust.

As soon as the project document is received, further specifics will be provided. Suggestions will be welcomed from the Corporation, especially with the location of the murals.

National Youth Service Summer Programme

The PDC is assisting the National Youth Service with the interviews for applicants for the Summer Programme.

Although the official deadline for applications have based, based on the numbers, persons between the ages of 17 – 29 years can apply.

Two (2) summer employment workers have been assigned for there (3) weeks to the PDC Office.

ACTIVITIES OF JICA VOLUNTEER

Plastic Bottle Green House Project

Work is progressing, volunteer was on Leave, returned to work on June 1, 2017.

Framework has been installed at the site. However, bottle-tying work is behind schedule. Estimated complete time is end of June

Still needs several thousands of bottles, therefore, we need to ask Parish Council for transportation support.

Solar system installed.

➤ **Water tank installation**

- To be applied for JICA Funding program

➤ **Japanese Ambassador's visit**

- Expected to be in July or August

➤ **Media Promotion**

- Gleaner (2nd), TVJ, Radio Station, Facebook

➤ **Workshop in Port Maria**

- Expected to be in July or August

● **Ultimate Goal**

- Eco-Friendly Park
- Plastic Bottle Building (School Facility, resident houses, etc.)
- Plastic Bottle Collection within Parish
- Enhancement of recycling within Parish

1. Other Upcoming Activities in the Parish

- Environment education at local schools
- Community Meeting
- *Construction of Garbage bin with plastic bottle (Estimate sent to Mayor)*
- *Monthly community clean up to be organized*
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- Monthly community clean up to be organized

The Committee noted.

b) **Local Government Reform**

Nil

c) **ALGA**

Nil

d) **SDC**

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❖ **SDC Advocacy Session** –

- Through SDC's Strengthening the Participatory Governance Frame Program we have worked with 3 CDC's and completed Advocacy plans for Scotts Hall, Richmond and Lucky Hill.

Issues Included:

- Unemployment- Need for more employment opportunities, especially for the youth.
- Inconsistent Pick up o Garbage – No or inconsistent pick up of Garbage by NSWMA trucks. Contributing to illegal dumping in communities (especially Scotts Hall) – Community to build a Skit to centralize solid waste disposal.
- Non Payment from Cocoa Board – Cocoa farmers complaining about poor state of Cocoa Industry. Non or very slow payment period for Cocoa sold to Cocoa Board.

❖ **Castleton Social Service Fair-**

- Social Service Fair held in Castleton – Earth day Celebration. SSF had over 20 agencies provided requisite services to the over 400 participants to the event. Agencies included HEART Trust, NYS, STATIN, Forestry Dept., RADA, 4H Clubs, National Museum of Jamaica, Fire Dept., among others.

❖ **Proposal Submission**

- 6 Proposals completed and submitted over the period.
- 1 Proposals to Universal Service Fund
 - Scotts Hall Computer Resource Center Project
- 5 Proposals completed and submitted to JSIF
 - Baxter’s Mountain Bridge replacement
 - Camberwell Water Supply Project
 - Dover Community Center play field Fencing Project
 - Annatto Bay Garbage Receptacle Project
 - Enfield Community Center Kitchen Project

❖ **Labour Day**

- **Parish Labour Day project-** Project led by the S Mary Municipal corp. It was a success and was well supported by the community and agencies. Work included bushing of Fort Haldane, Planting of Trees, Removal of Garbage from property, painting of fence and gate. Work was also completed at the Claude Stuart Park and the Port Maria Civic Center.
- SDC recorded an additional 53 labour day projects across the parish, in various communities,

❖ **Garbage Collection**

- Garbage Collection continues to be a major problem in Many St Mary communities. SDC encouraging councilors to work with NSWMA and communities to clear up illegal dumps and schedule garbage pickups in communities.
- Excellent initiative carried out by Councillor Lee and NSWMA for Charles town. I initiative should be replicated across the parish.

- ❖ SDC T20 Community Cricket competition Parish Finals to be held on June 25, 2017 at 3 Hills Sports Complex. Parish Winner to receive \$100,000.00, 15% of which to be spent on a community project.
- ❖ SDC under 24 Community Netball Competition to commence June 24 at the St Mary High School. Teams will be vying for \$50,000 cash prize, 10% of which to be spent on a community project.
- ❖ SDC Parish Office clean up activity to be held on Wed June 21 at Cape Clear. Activities include removal of old furniture and derelict items from basement, cleaning up of basement, planting of Trees and plants.

The Chairman encouraged Mr. Graham to keep up the good work and thanked him for his report.

e) **RADA**

REPORT FOR MAY 2017

1) ***ABIS Farmer Registration***

- a) ***Total Number of registered farmers*** – A total of ten thousand five hundred and five (10,505) farmers have been registered to date.
- b) ***Farmer Profile Updates*** - A total of seven hundred and nine (709) farmer’s profiles were updated for the month.

2) **Visits**

- a) Agricultural Extension Officers Farm Visits – Over the period a total of four hundred and fifty-two (452) farm visits were conducted during the reporting period, to cover Crop and Livestock production, Marketing and Land Husbandry practices.
- b) Home Visits (Home Economics)- Two (2) Home visits were conducted over the reporting period.

3) **Training Sessions**

a) **Farmer Trainings**

- i) Crop Production Training Sessions- Formal – During the reporting period of May 2017 one (1) Crop Production training session was held.
- ii) Crop Care Training Sessions- Formal – Seven (7) Formal Crop Care Training Sessions were conducted for the month of May 2017.
- iii) Facilitated Training Sessions – One (1) facilitated training session was conducted during the reporting period, in collaboration with AGCHEM Chemical Company.
- iv) Livestock Production Training Sessions Formal – One (1) formal Livestock Production Training Session was conducted over the reporting period focusing on Fresh Water Fish Production.
- v) Land Husbandry Training Sessions Formal – One (1) farmer training was conducted over the reporting period covering the topic: Advantages of Agroforestry.
- vi) Marketing Training Sessions Formal – One (1) formal Marketing Training session was conducted during the reporting period focusing on Harvesting and Post-harvesting techniques in Irish Potato.
- vii) Social services/Home Economics Training Sessions Formal- Six (6) training session were conducted over the reporting period.
- viii) Farmers Trained Formal – A total of one hundred and eighty-three (183) farmers were trained formally for the month of May 2017

b) **Staff Training**

Five (5) Staff Training sessions were conducted for the month of May 2017:

- Pest Management Workshop- Crop Guard Application- 1 Officer attended
- RADA ICT Cyber Security Awareness training- All Staff
- Telecommunication Usage- All Staff
- Microsoft Excel Application- All Staff
- Cake Baking and Decorating Training Session-All Staff

4) **Workshop/Seminar/Meeting/Exhibition/Collaboration**

- a) PMO Groups Formed/ Strengthened – One (1) new PMO group was formed in the Rose Hill area during the reporting period. A total of eight (8) PMO/other groups were strengthened for the period.
- b) Home Economics Groups Serviced – Two (2) groups were serviced during the reporting period; Windsor Castle Social Services/Home Economics Benevolent Society and Port Maria Home Economic Movement.

5) **Projects/Programmes**

- a) Fort George Honey Production Project - The Fort George Honey Production Project currently has forty-two (42) boxes which make a total of twelve (12) colonies. Members visit the Apiary once weekly to monitor and do work activities.
- b) Import Substitution- Irish Potato Programme - A total of 1242 bags of Irish Potatoes were received. Farmers who have planted are experiencing rotting of Irish Potato in most cases the germination

rate ranges from 60%-70%. A total of 107.8 Irish potatoes was planted, 67.73 Irish potatoes reaped totaling 1490 tonnes. There was a total of 325 participants with 132 being women and youths.

- a) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: St. Mary Technical High- Water Harvesting project has been completed, with guttering installed and attached to the water tanks. The school is now able to harvest and utilize rain water in their agricultural production.
- b) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Brimmer Vale High- Water harvesting project has been completed with guttering being installed and attached to the water tanks.
- c) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Highgate Primary and Junior High – Project has been completed with guttering installed and attached to the water tanks. Cabbage and Tomato plots have been established and are growing in good condition.
- d) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Jeffrey Town Water Harvesting Project- Two (2) Water tanks received for the Project. Entombment of spring to be done. The foundation has been excavated for the entombment and steel work has begun. There will be a site visit on June 7, 2017 for design and installation of pumping and distribution work by MICAFA.
- e) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Enfield Water Harvesting Project- Entombment of spring to be done. Awaiting information from GOJ/AFP as to the start date. Quarry and hardware have received their cheques to cover the expenses for the work to be done. The aggregate was delivered in the community and beneficiaries are presently moving it to the site due to its location. Due to consistent rain fall there is a delay with the work to be done.
- f) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Farmer Field School Project- All sessions have been completed. Graduation exercise was held on May 10, 2017.
- g) Peace Corp Water Harvesting Programme: St. Mary High School- Water harvesting project has been completed with guttering installed and attached to tanks.
- h) Production Incentive Programme- Pringle's Home Layer Project- Construction of the building is completed. Birds are laying 3 ½ flats per day.
- i) Agro Processing Incubator Unit - Building facility has been completed. Most of the equipment was received and awaits installation. Equipment was received and the industrial kettle was installed. The Competitiveness Company will be meeting with potential users of the facility on June 8, 2017.

6) **Demonstration Plots**

- a) Crop Care Demonstration Plot –

Four (4) Irish Potato Demo Plots were established in the following areas, namely:

- *Nutsfield- plot was reaped and approximately 800 lbs were garnered; however, heavy rainfall caused an increase in rotting.*
- *Smilefield- The plot was harvested and a total of 1150 lbs were garnered. This is exclusive of spoilage.*
- *Decoy – A total of 900 lbs were reaped; due to the continuous rainfall more than a half of the potatoes started spoiling in the field.*
- *Robin's Bay- The plot was harvested and the result was very poor. The tubers were very small; however, the plot was severely affected by the dry conditions during the initial stage.*

7) **Livestock Activities**

<i>Beef</i>	<i>Dairy</i>	<i>Broiler</i>	<i>Layer</i>	<i>Pig</i>	<i>Goat</i>	<i>Rabbit</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Apiary</i>
4,062	746	45821	59,868	15,115	14,901	2,724	526	1167

8) **Marketing Activities –**

Marketing linkages were made between eighteen (18) farmers and various buyers for supplying farm produce valuing \$1,148,180.00 and a total volume of 11,130 kg.

9) **Land Husbandry/ Soil Management Activities**

- i) **Agronomic Methods** – 4 hectares of contour cultivation, 4 hectares of cover cropping, 2 hectares of inter cropping, 3 hectares of mulching/grass 300 meters of vegetative barriers/pineapple and 600 meters of vegetative barriers/sugar cane.

- ii) **Integration with Farming Systems** – Two (2) hectares of conservation farming systems were done during the period. Discussions were facilitated about conservational farming systems such as: Managing agro-Ecosystems for improved and sustainable productivity, increased profits and food security while preserving and enhancing the resource base and the environment and continuous minimum mechanical disturbances, permanent organic soil cover.
- iii) **Soil Fertility Management Methods**- Three (3) hectares of correct usage of Inorganic Fertilizer was observed over the reporting period; farmers in the Frazerwood area were introduced to best practices in Inorganic Fertilizer Application. Two (2) hectares of Crop Rotation was also observed.
- iv) **Structural Methods** –400 meters of Tree Trunk Barriers were done in the Georgia area; logs were used to slow down the velocity of runoff water, thus reducing soil erosion. Four (4) Check Dams were constructed.

10) *Social Services/Home Economics Activities*

- a) One (1) Food Promotion Activity was done featuring Irish Potato Cookies.
- b) Two (2) Exhibitions were attended over the reporting period:
- Castleton Garden Earth Day Expo.
 - Horace Clarke High School Career Day Expo
- c) Thirteen (13) Home gardens were established and serviced over the reporting period in the Carron Hall, Port Maria and Oracabessa Extension Areas.
- d) One (1) Inter-Agency Collaboration was done with the National Council for Senior Citizens.
- 11) **Crop Production**- A total of 77.6 hectares of crops were affected due to flooding and land slippage. The major crops affected were got pepper, Irish Potato, sweet potato, tomato, string bean, pumpkin, plantain, banana, red peas and sweet pepper. Crop damages were in all seven (7) Extension Areas; however, Annotto Bay, Richmond, Carron Hall and Gayle recorded more damages/losses.

Crop Category	Hectares Planted This Month	Hectares Planted Previous Year & Month	Hectares Reaped This Month	Hectares Reaped Previous Year & Month	Hectares Growing This Month	Hectares Growing Previous Year & Month	Hectares Loss This Month	Hectares Loss Previous Year
Legumes	6.8	8.7	3.7	9.5	21.4	31	0	0
Vegetables	57.5	62.5	54.2	75.2	158.1	175.3	0	0
Condiments	21.8	15.3	11.3	16.9	59.7	58	0	0
Fruits	13.8	13.9	7.7	9.9	142	139.3	0	0
Cereals	6.5	6	5.8	6.2	19.1	13	0	0
Plantains	23.7	26.8	23.1	32.2	257.7	252.9	0	0
Potatoes	5	9.3	17.4	12.3	28.1	36.8	0	0
Yams	9.6	14.6	8.2	16.1	68.1	86.3	0	0
Other Tubers	8.2	11.7	7.8	11.8	69.9	92.2	0	0
Total	152.9	168.8	139.2	190.1	824.1	884.8	0	0

12) *Income Generation Activities*

- a) **Nursery Production**- 900 Tomato seedlings are presently growing in the Nursery, even as we await the estimate for the cost of repairs.
- b) **Tractor service** – *The tractor is operational and accessible by: application, payment of \$3,500.00 per hour and transportation at \$150.00 per km from the parish office to the location and return. No ploughing was done for the month of April due to the continuous rainfall.*
- c) **Tools & Equipment Rental**- *Items available for rental include: Mist Blower, Weed Wacker, Spray Pans and a Rotovator.*

Truck Rental- *The Parish presently has two (2) trucks for rental, namely a Hyundai Box Truck and a Isuzu Store Body Truck*

Questions/Concerns

Nil

(f) JCDC

Nil

f) JCF

Nil

g) Youth Mayor/Youth Councillors

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION FROM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETINGS

Nil

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES FOR ACCEPTANCE

The following Minutes of Committees were presented for acceptance as under:

- a) *Human Resource Management*
- b) *Civic and Community Affairs*
- c) *Poor Relief*
- d) *Physical Planning & Environment*
- e) *Finance*
- f) *Public Health and Sanitation*
- g) *Disaster Preparedness Hazard Mitigation & Safety*

On a motion by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Hudson, the Minutes of Committees were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE**Labour Day**

The Chairman informed that the Labour Day Project at Fort Haldane was a success. He said most of the works that were set out to be done were completed, such as: painting of the grills and gate and cleaning up of the location. He added that many persons got the opportunity to visit the location for the first time and were made aware that a place with such historical background existed in the parish. He said more painting was needed to be done on the fence at the gate; that there was also another section that was to be painted in white; that the Deputy Chief Engineering Officer should have those matters sorted out as soon as possible. He said a request was made for the inmates at the Richmond Prison to assist with some additional works that were needed at Fort Haldane; that he would make that request. He said the long-term plan was to have a tour of Fort Haldane; that the Civic and Community Committee, chaired by Councillor Lee, was exploring that possibility.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

NEW BUSINESS

Nil

PETITION

Nil

RESOLUTIONS FROM CORPORATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer presented resolution from presented at the Finance Committee as under:

1)

WHEREAS these local rates have not been increased in the last Five (5) years.

AND WHEREAS these rates cannot effectively offset operational expenses incurred to provide the related services.

AND WHEREAS the St. Mary Municipal Corporation in accordance with the following laws

1. The Parish Council Act (s) 120 & 121
2. The Local Governance Act 2016
3. The Cemetery Management Act
4. The Local Government (Financing & Financial Management) Act 2016

is empowered to increase rates deemed necessary to provide the relevant services.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Market Fee be increased from \$300.00 to \$450.00.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that if when connections to the water supply system are done illegally, a charge in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be levied against the perpetrator.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Local Government & Community Development for approval.

The Committee approved on a motion by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor James.

2)

The Chief Executive Officer presented resolution from St. Elizabeth Municipal Corporation as under:

WHEREAS the St. Elizabeth Municipal Corporation is charged over Five Million Dollars (\$5M) per month for standpipes which are being abused in most instances;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation would like to save a minimum of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20M) annually in water bills;

AND WHEREAS the St. Elizabeth Municipal Corporation would like to have partial eradication of standpipes by at least 90% which would save taxpayers much needed funds by the year 2020;

BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Elizabeth Municipal Corporation in session, requests of the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Community Development, a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per year to each Parochial Division to assist residents in acquiring water in their homes and where there is no potable water, tanks/black drums be provided;

BE IT REOLVED that the programme be implemented by the Poor Relief department in consultation with the respective Councillors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all Corporations for their support.

The Committee noted.

RESOLUTION - FINAL APPROVAL - (STATUTORY DECLARATION)

The Director of Planning presented as under:

1)

*IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **TREMOLESWORTH***

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GLENFORD RICKETTS do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Lot 49 Goffe Avenue Galina in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Deputy Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Tremolesworth** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1192 Folio 26** in the name **Ronald Menzies & Sydney Menzies** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **July 20, 2016**.*

*That conditions **No. 23** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans (PE: 384220 & 384219) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lots # 1 & 2.*

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Kidd, seconded by Councillor Freeman, the Committee approved.

2)

*IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **Bundo***

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GLENFORD RICKETTS do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Lot 49 Goffe Avenue Galina in the parish of St. Mary and I am the Deputy Chief Engineering Officer of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation (Formerly St. Mary Parish Council) and am duly authorized to depone to this Statutory Declaration on behalf of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation.

*That the subdivision of lands part of **Bundo** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1401 Folio 328** in the name **Ivorine Smith c/o Verona Edwards** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **April 29, 2014**.*

That conditions **No. 27** namely, the setting out of road alignment and lot boundaries has been checked on ground by the Local Planning Authority (St. Mary Municipal Corporation) and all pre-checked plans (PE: 383453 & 383452) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lots # 1 & 2.

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act.

On a motion by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Danvers, the Committee approved.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION

Nil

Update of previous Questions

Handing-over Ceremony – Marking Stone Beach

The Chairman informed that the Divestment Committee met and conducted interviews however, the Corporation was awaiting the Valuation Report from the National Land Agency, after which a Lease Agreement would be prepared.

The Chairman informed that he had dialogue with a representative from the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF) and she stated that TEF would still have the Handing-over Ceremony however, he would be informed of the date as soon as it was decided. He added that while that aspect was being decided, the Corporation would continue its process of leasing the property.

The Committee noted.

Annotto Bay Cemetery

The Chairman asked for an update as it relates to the types of chemicals being used at the cemeteries.

The Chief Engineering Officer responded that the matter was being reviewed.

Robert Schuman Round-A-Bout

The Chairman informed that contact was made by the former Mayor with St. Mary Banana and they have agreed to take over the round-a-bout and maintain it; that he was asked to make contact with the Manager however, after thinking about it, he opined that the next step would be to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and consideration could also be given for a handing-over ceremony. He said he had asked the Director of Planning while he was Acting Chief Executive Officer, to deal with the matter and asked for an update.

The Director of Planning responded that a request was sent to the Corporation's Lawyer to prepare the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The Committee noted.

Hamilton Mountain Basic School Project

Councillor Kidd had requested information regarding the availability of funds to complete the project. The Director of Planning responded that he was aware that the Roads and Works Department was working on the Hamilton Mountain Community Centre and not the Hamilton Mountain Basic School. However, the matter should be discussed at the Infrastructure and Traffic Management Committee.

Councillor Kidd informed that both facilities were located on the same property however, his reference was regarding information about the Community Centre

The Chairman said if the matter was tabled at that Committee it should be removed from General Meeting.

Noted.

Update on previous questions

Roads and Works matters

The Chairman asked that the matters regarding roads be discussed at the Infrastructure and Traffic Management Committee.

Photograph of Minister Desmond McKenzie

The Chairman asked for an update as it relates to the photograph of the Minister of Local Government and Community being placed in the Corporation's Meeting Room.

The Chief Executive Officer informed that the photograph was placed in the Meeting Room.

Letter to Director of Administration

The Chairman asked whether or not a letter was written to the Director of Administration as was requested regarding a matter that was previously discussed.

The Director of Planning responded that the letter was not written to the DOA because she had carried out the directive after the previous meeting has concluded.

The Chairman said he was disappointed with the Director of Planning response; that he was given a directive and not because the action was carried out negated the letter that the Committee instructed to be written. The Chairman then asked the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to the DOA regarding a directive that was given and was not carried out.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

QUESTIONS

Councillor James asked, "Is the Corporation aware that a question was raised in March about the Bonny Gate Road and no update has been provided on the matter?" He asked whether or not an estimate was prepared, approved and sent to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development for funding and whether or not a response was received.

The Chief Executive Officer respond that no response was received form the Ministry, however a follow up would be done.

Councillor Hutchinson asked, "Is the Corporation aware that since the few weeks of sunshine, the Carron Hall Division is without water and the Division is being severely affected?" She added that had been asking for water to be trucked to the Carron Hall Division since January 2017 and to date none has be trucked.

The Chairman said the matter was earlier discussed relating to trucking of water and it was stated that funding was received; that as soon as the schedule was prepared the problem would be sorted out.

Councillor Bryan asked, "Is the Corporation aware that the Bailey bridge leading to the community of Baxter's Mountain is in need of repair?" He added that planks were missing and it was now impassable; that some time ago he had suggested that the possibility of building a ford be explored in the interim for the heavier vehicles to use.

The Chief Engineering Officer noted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no other matter for discussion, the General Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councillor Kidd, seconded by Councillor Hudson at approximately 12: 38 p.m.

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ST. MARY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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