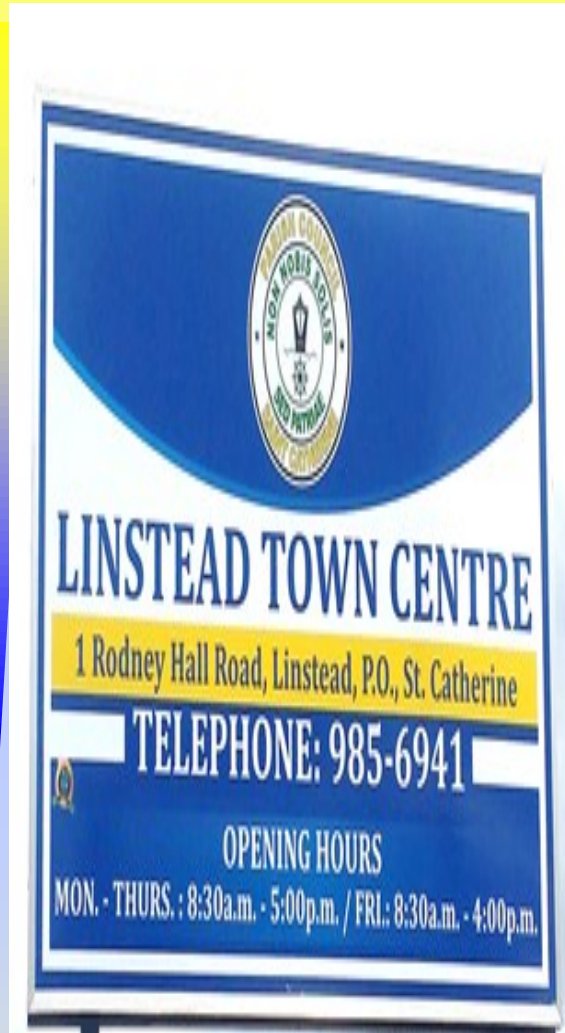




### What are the Benefits of Using the Centre?

- No need to travel to Spanish Town to get information about various services, thereby reducing personal cost and time.
- An opportunity for residents of Linstead and its environs to participate in hands-on, practical governance and compliance structures in their communities.
- Better monitoring of local problems and the formulation of more appropriate local solutions.
- Improved civic order in the Linstead area.
- Increased local investment.
- Increased potential for employment of citizens in the Linstead area and its environs.



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### Linstead Town Centre

*"We are always at your Service"*

His Worship, the Mayor  
Councillor Norman Scott

November 6, 2014

## What is the Linstead Town Centre?

The Centre is an extension of the St. Catherine Parish Council and it is set up to provide more direct management of the affairs of Linstead. Located at 1 Rodney Hall Road in Linstead, St. Catherine, it is modelled off a local government structure, where the Local Authority of a large town or district in a parish recognises that a specific urban focus is needed to enable better management of the affairs of that geographical space, and facilitate greater citizen involvement in that process.



The Linstead Town Centre is the first such facility ever to be established in the Island of Jamaica. In that regard, it is historic and marks a milestone in the Local Government Reform Programme.

## Why was a Town Centre set up in Linstead?

Following the establishment of Portmore as the first Municipality, it was felt that the Parish of St. Catherine was a good starting point to be used as a model for setting up Town Centre or Council management mechanisms in the other major urban centres in the parish, which did not meet the criteria for Municipality status.

## When was the Centre Established?



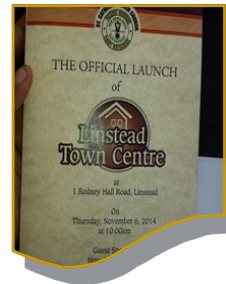
The Centre was first opened in May 2014. However, it was officially launched on November 6, 2014 by the Honourable Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development, in a ceremony which included endorsements by His Worship, Councillor Norman Scott, Mayor of Spanish Town, Honourable

Colin Fagan, Minister of State in the Ministry of Local Government & Community Development, other councillors of the St. Catherine Parish Council, various officials from Central Government as well as stakeholders from the local area.

## What Services are Offered by the Centre?

Services will be developed in phases. In Phase I clients who visit the Linstead Town Centre, will be able to:

- Have preliminary processing of development and other applications done, negating the need to travel to Spanish Town by citizens of the area;
- Obtain information pertaining to permits, licenses, fees, tax requirements and other obligations;
- Access relevant reports of the Parish Council;
- Obtain information about the strategic direction of the Council; and
- Tap into Government of Jamaica's information base in respect of its services and other information



Phase II services will be rolled out based on the strategic direction of the St. Catherine Parish Council, recommendations from the Advisory Committee and feedback from users.

## What is the Administrative Structure of the Linstead Town Centre?

The Centre is operated by a Town Manager who is assisted by a Secretary. The Town Manager reports to the Secretary/Manager of the St. Catherine Parish Council.



## How is Civil Society

### Included in the Operations of the Town Centre?

An Advisory Committee has been set up to work closely with the Town Manager and the staff of the St. Catherine Parish Council, in helping the Town Centre fulfil its mandate. The Committee consists of a diverse group of entities which are representative of the major government agencies, the church, the police, private sector groups, Development Area Committees (DACs) and Community Development Committees (CDCs) both monitored by the Social Development Commission (SDC) and Councillors of the Electoral Divisions of Above Rocks, Ewarton, Mount Industry, Guys Hill, Bog Walk, Linstead, Riversdale, Luidasvale and Troja. The Advisory Committee meets on a monthly basis or at other times depending on the need.



## Who can use the Centre?

Any resident of or visitor to the town of Linstead regardless of sex, age, creed or political affiliation can use the facilities of the Centre.



(From left to Right: Minister of State, Hon. Colin Fagan, Minister of Local Government & Community Development, Hon. Noel Arscott & His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Norman Scott)

## Is there a Cost for Using the Centre?

Presently there is no service cost associated with using the Centre. Nominal charges may apply for a limited amount of printing. All other expenses that are incurred are currently being absorbed by the St. Catherine Parish Council.