

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

The monthly meeting of the St. Mary Municipal Corporation was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 in the Corporation's Chambers, Port Maria Civic Centre, commencing at 10:06 a.m.

Present were:-

Councillors	Divisions
Richard Creary (Chairman)	Richmond
Germaine Smiley	Port Maria
Doreen Hutchinson	Carron Hall
Mitsy Hudson	Hampstead
Hugh Bryan	Annotto Bay
Krystal Lee	Retreat
Lenford Danvers	Castleton
Leroy Sewell	Boscobel
Levan Freeman	Belfield

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

Sheldon Kidd	Oracabessa
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Officers	Positions
Carmen Samuda	Chief Executive Officer
Garfield Thompson	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
Kirk Roberts	Parish Coordinator- Disaster Preparedness (Acting)
Uraih Cameron	Management Information Systems
Sharon Burke	Matron
Debbie Pryce	Recording Clerk

Representatives/Agencies	Positions
Dr. Tamara Henry	Chief Medical Officer - MOH
Albert P. Brown	Chief Public Health Inspector - NERHA
Paul Gardener	Assistant Superintendent - Jamaica Fire Brigade
Travis Graham	Parish Manager – Social Development Commission
Jasmine Hyde	Parish Manager – RADA
Leighton Brown	Extension Officer (Annotto Bay) -RADA
Nicola Lewis	Inspector of Police- JCF

NOTICE

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

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE

Devotional exercise was conducted by Councillor Doreen Hutchinson from the Carron Hall Division.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hutchinson for conducting the devotional exercise.

NATIONAL PLEDGE

The attendees repeated the National Pledge.

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman extended welcome to all present.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillor Jason James who would not be in attendance, Councillor Lincoln Dixon, who had an emergency and was unable to attend the meeting, and Mr. Fabian Farquharson, Superintendent of Police who had a previous engagement in Kingston.

OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman

The Chairman informed that Councillor James as well his significant other had a mishap; that she suffered broken limbs and was hospitalized; that the members should mention them in prayers.

The Chairman informed that in consultation with the Chief Engineering Officer, the amount for the Parochial Revenue Fund (PRF) was increased from \$1.4 Million Dollars to \$1.6 Million Dollars; that the round-robin had restarted and the three Divisions that would be allocated this amount for March were: Hampstead, Oracabessa and Boscobel. He added that the amount was limited however, would seek out the possibility of an incremental increase as time went by; that the more persons pay their motor vehicle licence fees in the parish then an increase would become possible. He said a number of community meetings were being held; that he commended Councillor Krystal Lee and Miss Raxine Bailey, Community Programmes Coordinator for their efforts in increasing the number of meetings being held monthly to two. He said he would like to thank the various agencies that attended the meetings. He said besides the scheduled community meetings, there were other meetings being held; that he had two such meetings with communities the day before, one with the Gibraltar Citizens' Association from whom he received an email requesting a visit; that on Wednesday morning Mr. Rovel Morris, Director of Planning, Mr. Hanif Morrison, Building Officer and himself visited Gibraltar to look at some concerns and had a meeting with the citizens. He said they were commended for being there at such short notice; that he pointed out to the residents that it was the belief of the Corporation that it was the servant of the citizens and therefore whenever we were called upon, would make every effort to be available to serve hence the reason they were there at such short notice. He said the community of Balmoral was visited that afternoon to launch a special initiative that was copied from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development where communities in the parish were being rewarded for property tax payment. He said an analysis was done and it revealed that the Balmoral community had the highest compliance rate in their property tax payments which was 88%, and therefore the citizens were informed that the Corporation was committing Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) to a project in the community; that it was decided at that meeting that the project should be the main road leading into the community; that he would be having words with Minister McKenzie in regards to the Ministry matching the Corporation's funds so that it would amount to Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00) to do projects within Balmoral. He added that the initiative would be done at least once per year, however he was looking at the possibility of having it done twice per year; that the effort was to incentivize payment of property taxes and that he hoped that other communities would be encouraged say that they too would benefit from such initiative.

The Chairman informed that recently some signs were being planted in Port Maria and one of the pipes under the sidewalk was broken; that he suspected it was a sewage pipe based on the odour and that it ran along the sidewalk into the Outram River; that he spoke with the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Albert Brown, Works Overseer, Mr. Tyrone Wedderburn and the Deputy Chief Engineering Officer on the matter and asked

that an investigation be carried out. He added that when the pipe line was repaired only one problem was solved; that the other problem where the pipe ran into the Outram River was not solved.

CORRECTIONS

1. Page 3 first line, last paragraph read: ***“two-prang”*** should read: ***“two-pranged”***.
2. Page 19, ***“Mrs. Hyde”*** should read: ***“Miss Hyde”***.
3. Page 27, ***“eleven (11) new garbage trucks were available”*** should read: ***“eleven new garbage trucks should arrive in February and when they became available...”***

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of General Council Meeting held February 9, 2017 having been circulated, read and corrected, was confirmed on a motion by Councillor Hutchinson, seconded by Councillor Hudson.

The Chairman commended the Recording Secretary and the Chief Executive Officer for presenting the Minutes in a professional manner.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Green House Project

It was noted that the project was funded by JICA in the amount of One Million Dollars.

The Chairman said there was no update on the matter.

(A) ENERGY CONSERVATION

The Chief Engineering Officer said the opinion of the Jamaica National heritage Trust would be sought; that the solar method could not be pursued at that time. He said it went beyond the roof structure; that the roof covering was also an issue, keeping in mind that the wood shingles were quite brittle and was in need of repairs; that there were sections that were opened. He added that the matter was still being pursued.

The Chairman asked whether or not the solar system was included in the drawing for the new building and whether or not the Ministry was contacted to find out if it could be used as it was or if changes had to be made to it. He said he was confident that within the four years a new building would have been realized; that the Corporation should do the preparatory work until the funds were made available.

The Chairman asked that the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development be engaged in that regard.

The Chairman informed that he made a suggestion at the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee meeting that whenever light bulbs were being replaced, they should be replaced with LED light bulbs which were a little more expensive initially but would be more economical overtime. He added that an analysis could be done and for the areas that used the most lighting, those could be changed first.

ACTION: CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER

(B) PORT MARIA MARKET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Chief Engineering Officer informed that the Evaluation Committee met on February 13 & 14, 2017 however, works were not completed until Wednesday, March 8, 2017. He said the next stage was for the Evaluation Committee to prepare an evaluation report to be sent to the Procurement Committee of the Ministry, then to the Permanent Secretary, thereafter to the National Contracts Commission (NCC) then to the Cabinet for approval. He said that process would take approximately eight weeks.

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

It was noted that Goldeneye 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 Goldeneye Development said they would advance the funds for the UDC.

The Chairman informed that he tried to get in touch with Mr. Ransford Braham, Chairman of the Urban Development Commission (UDC) before the meeting, however was unsuccessful but he left messages; that he called Minister Horace Chang who said he would have words with him and ask him to give him a call.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

(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 he had asked that the matter remain on the Minutes because it would become a reality based on the utterances of the Minister of Local Government and Community Development.

(E) UNITS TO BE USED AT CASTLETON HEALTH CENTRE

The Chairman said the structure was complete, however there was a request for furniture.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that there were desks and bed frames available; that she had asked Councillor Danvers to come have a look to see what would be suitable but he did not turn up.

Councillor Danvers said he would have a look at the furniture after the meeting.

(F) 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.

(G) PALMERS PARK

The Chairman informed that the cutting of the field was ongoing and the next phase would be to get a backhoe and/or grader to spread the soil on the field; that the challenge as was reported to him was to get a grader as one was down and the other was elsewhere being used. He said he hoped that the grader would be available by the following week so that some progress could be made in regards to the work on the field.

(H) UPDATE ON WATER TRUCK

The Chief Executive Officer presented letter dated February 27, 2017 from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation as under:

Re: Request for Permission to use Funds for Trucking of Water to Repair St. Mary Municipal Corporation’s Water Truck

“Reference is made to your letter dated February 15, 2017, seeking approval to use funds allocated to the Trucking of Water to effect repairs to the St. Mary Municipal Corporation’s Water Truck. Please be advised that permission has been granted to proceed.

All invoices and supporting documents are to be sent to the Ministry to facilitate the payment of these invoices. Please note that urgency is required as the Financial Year draws to a close”.

The Chief Executive Officer informed that the invoice was sent to the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job creation.

The Chairman informed that from the over Two Million Dollars available for Trucking of Water, an amount of approximately Five Hundred Thousand Dollars would be spent for repairs to the Corporation's water truck. He added that the Chief Engineering Officer has sent the required documents to the Ministry regarding Trucking of Water; that there were areas in the parish that needed water and he hoped the funds would be made available in short order to alleviate the water challenges.

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

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

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

BUTCHERS LICENCE

Nil

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	Natalie Ramsay	Geddes Town, Free Hill	Massage Therapy
2	Ferrice McCalla Daley	Zion Hill, Richmond	Hairdresser
3	Lisa Murphy Mitchell	Lot 135 Greenwich Acres H/S	Massage Therapist
4	Jeanette Irons	Rose Street, Lucky Hill	Trainee Massage Therapy
5	Barrodelle Lewis	Oxford District, Free Hill	Hairdresser

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

Environmental Health Highlights February, 2017

Water Quality Monitoring

A total of forty six (46) visits were made to water supplies from all three (3) entities providing water in the parish. Eight (8) samples were submitted for bacteriological analysis to the National Public Health Lab.

Forty six (46) 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	14	12(86%)	2(14%)
Parish Council	25	20(80%)	5(20%)
Private Supplies	07	6(86%)	1(14%)
Total	46	38(83%)	8(17%)

Bacteriological Sampling

Agencies	No. of Samples Submitted	No. Satisfactory (Negative)(%)	No. Unsatisfactory (Positive)(%)	Results Pending
NWC	5	5(100%)	0	0
Parish Council	2	2(10%)	0	0
Private	1	1(100%)	0	0
Total	8	8(100%)	0	0

Drinking Water Status

Agency	No. of Supplies	No. Inspected (%)	No. Treated (%)
NWC	20	14(70%)	17(85%)
Parish Council	42	25(60%)	33(79%)
Private	15	7(47%)	14(93%)

From the results received from bacteriological samples submitted all (100%) were satisfactory. Eighty-three percent (83%) of chlorine residuals checks done were satisfactory.

Building Plans and Subdivisions

	No. Received	No. Investigated	#.Recommended	#Not Recommended
Building Plans	17	18	16	2
Subdivisions	6	4	3	1
Total	23	22	19	3

A total of seventeen (17) building plans and six (6) subdivision were received. Sixteen(16) building plans and three subdivisions were recommended. Building plans not recommended were as a result of:

- Location not shown (Location map needed)
- Inappropriate system for location

One subdivision was referred to EHU Ministry of Health (contained more than nine lots)

Burial Site Inspection

Forty (40) 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

District	# of Premises Inspected	# of Premises Positive	# of Containers Found	# of Containers Positive	Aedes Premises Index (%)	Container Index (%)	Breateau Index
Port Maria:							
Gulley Road	60	5	52	7	8	13	12
Baileys Vale	328	23	652	47	7	7	14
TOTAL	388	28	704	54	7	8	14
GAYLE:							
Saltrum	66	7	65	10	11	15	15
TOTAL	66	7	65	10	11	15	15
ANNOTTO BAY:							
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	-	-	-	0	0	0	0

HIGHGATE:							
Tremolesworth	86	6	220	7	7	3	8
TOTAL	86	6	220	7	7	3	8
PARISH TOTAL	540	41	989	71	8	7	13

Aedes Surveillance

The Vector Control team continued to carry out *Aedes aegypti* surveillance in a number of communities throughout the parish. During the period four (4) 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 8%. with four of the communities visited having premises index below double digits.

The Vector Control team distributed three hundred and fifty-nine (359) drum covers.

Distribution of Drum Covers

The Ministry of Health has provided the health department with two thousand (2000) plastic drum covers for distribution in communities where excessive unprotected storage of water for domestic use is significantly contributing to high mosquito infestation levels. One thousand four hundred and eighty one (1481) covers have so far been distributed in communities including – Jeffrey Town, Derry, Saltrum, Tremolseworth, Windsor Castle, Baileys Vale and Albion Mountain.

Fogging

Fogging activities were carried out in the following communities; Camberwell, Dover, Albion Mountain, Kidland and Mason Hall

Barber Shops and Hair Dressing Salon Application

Six (6) applications for operating barbershops/hairdressing salons were recommended

Investigation of Suspect Plastic Rice purchased in Port Maria

Following up on a complaint made at the Local Board of Health meeting on January 12, 2017 (re: sale of plastic rice in Port Maria), several samples of rice were subsequently collected from the food shop in question. These along with the suspect rice presented at the meeting were submitted to the Bureau of Standards for testing and analysis. The Health Department is awaiting a feedback from the bureau in regards to the findings from the tests.

Boscobel Sewage Plant

The National Water Commission has completed sewerage works in the Boscobel Housing Scheme and a new sewage plant is now in operation.

Investigation of Complaint, Re: Overflow of Sewage in Port Maria Town

Following up on queries made at the last Local Board of Health meeting in January with respect to the matter at caption a rigorous dye testing exercise was conducted at the premises/ establishments implicated. The results indicated that there was no release of sewage from these premises on the roadway and the suspect effluent was from a burst water main.

Medical Services

The following medical mission/ group will be visiting the parish in March. Free medical services will be offered as outlined in the schedules below: -

(1) ACE Medical Mission (Medical and Dental Services)

Date	Location
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	Brainard Health Centre
Wednesday, March 29, 2017	Rock River Centre
Thursday, March 30, 2017	Wellness Centre (Llanrumney)- (serving Albany, Hampstead and Heywood Hall)

(Councillor Kidd joined the meeting)

Concerns /Questions/Highlights

Councillor Freeman asked who would ensure proper chlorination of the waste being discharged into the sea, in regards to the development in Iterboreale where mention was made of the reef bed system being discharged into the sea and that the waste would be properly chlorinated.

The Chief Public Health Inspector responded that it was the responsibility of the Health Department to monitor all such sewage systems in the parish and to ensure that proper chlorination activities were being carried out on a monthly basis.

Councillor Freeman requested that an update of the monitoring of that system be provided in the monthly report.

The Chief Public Health Inspector said updates would be provided on all such systems.

The Chairman asked that further investigations be done regarding the situation with the overflow of grey water from the rear of the supermarkets.

The Chief Public Health Inspector said further dying exercise would be carried out to ascertain where the water was coming from and whether or not it was in fact sewage water.

QUESTION TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Councillor Freeman asked, "Is the Local Board of Health aware that although there was a container located at the Belfield Clinic for use by the Doctors, the main structure was still being used?" He added that the building was a threat to the users and he would like to know when it would be demolished. He said he also wanted to know whether or not the current size of the container was the one decided on and was allocated for.

The Chief Public Health Inspector made note of the requests and said he would provide a response at the next sitting.

The Chairman thanked the CPHI Brown for the report and participation.

RESUMPTION OF COUNCIL

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HUTCHINSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FREEMAN, THE CORPORATION RESUMED SITTING.

REPORTS FROM AGENCIES AND COMMITTEES

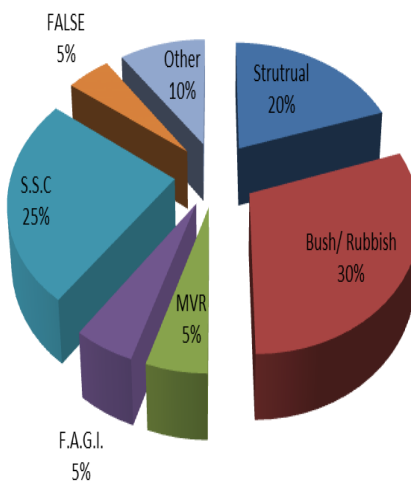
a) Jamaica Fire Brigade

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 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 February 2017**.

FIRE STATISTICS

Genuine Fires	13
M.F.A.	01
F.A.W.G.I.	01
S.S.C.	05
Total Calls	20



CLASSIFICATION OF GENUINE FIRES

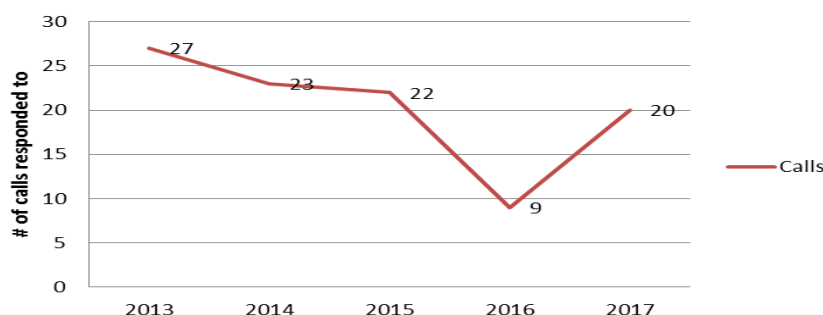
Dwelling House	03
Abandoned House	01
Motor vehicle	01
Bush/Rubbish	06
Utility Pole	01
Coal Kiln	01

Total Genuine Fire Calls 13

Estimated Value of Property Loss	\$3,722,000.00
Estimated Value Property at Risk	\$189,520,000.00
Estimated Value of Property Saved	\$185,798,000.00

Total calls decline in February 2017 compared to total calls in January 2017. An encouraging 43% Reduction was noted in the number of structural fires calls received, there was no death recorded for the Month under review and less persons were injured and displaced also. The Six (6) adults who sustained injuries were as a result of a motor vehicle accident in the vicinity of the Wag Water Bridge, Annotto Bay, St. Mary on February 04, 2017.

February 2013 -2017



When the Month of February is evaluated over the period 2013- 2017, February 2017 ranks the second lowest figure for that period and would have been below the average number of incidents that occurred in February over the said period.

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Inspection of Buildings:

Pharmacy	01
Industrial & Commercial	07
Clinics & Health Centres	01
Schools	05
Clubs, Bars/Grills & Sporting Venues	02
Restaurants	04
Post Office	01
Fire station	01
Early Childhood Institution	09
Fuel Station	02
Hotels/Guest Houses	03

Educational Activities

Lectures	23
Fire Drills	06
Earthquake Drill	02
Exhibition	05
Community Fire Safety Awareness	07
Video Presentation	01
Tour of Fire Station	02
Seminars & Special Meetings	03

Fire Hydrants

No. of Fire Hydrants Inspected	12
No. of Fire Hydrants Serviced	02

The Hydrants inspected were in the areas of Annotto Bay, Gayle and Oracabessa.

Both fire Engines operated satisfactorily during the month of February with minor defects.

Four (4) new Firefighters were added to the Division in February.

The St. Mary Division of the Jamaica Fire Brigade continued to empower the citizens on Fire Safety measure with the aim of saving lives and protection of properties.

It is not anticipated that the construction of the Port Maria Fire station will be in the 2017-2018 Financial Year however it should commence after the Montego Bay Fire Station gets started.

Highlights/Concerns

The Chairman informed that the Minister of Local Government and Community Development has said on more than one occasion that funds would be earmarked for the construction of the Fire Station Building in the new financial year which starts on April 1, 2017. He added that he was not sure at what point within the year construction would begin however, it should be within the new financial year.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Paul Gardner, Assistant Superintendent, for his report.

b) PDC

Nil

c) Local Government Reform

Nil

d) ALGA

The Chairman informed that he attended the ALGA Executive Meeting in Manchester on Thursday, February 23, 2017; that a number of matters were discussed, however he had not received the official report. He said the next meeting was scheduled for the last Thursday in March.

e) SDC

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Feb 9, 2017.

Updates on work plan targets and Upcoming Activities:

SDC 7 Programs	
<p>Strengthening Participatory Governance Framework Program</p>	<p><u>Establishment of Civil Society Organization (CSO)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oracabessa Development Area committee (DAC)– Constitution to be validated. • Pleasant Hill/Baxter’s Mountain CDC-Constitution is being developed. • Lucky Hill CDC - Constitution to be validated. • Port Maria CDC - -Constitution is being developed.
	<p><u>6 CSO’s being strengthened</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highgate DAC • Wag Water DAC • Gayle DAC • Annotto Bay DAC • Highgate CDC • Gayle CDC <p>Strengthening Initiative for above listed groups being implemented through the completion of community reporting forms to advise PDC/SMART/MC/PM’s and Councillors on issues affecting communities.</p> <p><u>Representation- Increased participation in CSO’s</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clonmel CDC • Scotts Hall CDC • Charles Town CDC <p>Identified CSO’s mobilized to attend meetings of above listed groups in above listed communities.</p>
<p>Parish Inter Agency Network (IAN) Program</p>	<p>St Mary Parish Interagency Network (SMART)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMART Strategic planning meeting to be held on Feb 24th, 2017. Agenda Topics to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyzing DAC reporting forms submitted. 2. Establishing response mechanism to PDC/Communities 3. Establish Interagency Calendar of activities 4. Identify priority areas of focus for SMART 2017-2018 5. Plan Official launch of SMART <p>Host 1 Social Service Fairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gayle Social Service Fair- to be held on March 30, 2017. • SDC will be partnering with Municipal Corporation to implement Community Social Service fairs for 2017-2018.
<p>Community Research and Database Program</p>	<p>3 Community Profiles to be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mango Valley – Profile to be Validated • Hampstead – Wealth Assessment to be completed. • Sandside - - Profile to be Validated <p>MP’s and Councillors to be invited to all validation sessions.</p> <p>MP’s and Councillors will all be provided with copy of completed Community Profiles</p>

	<p>Community GIS asset maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islington-To be validated • Mango Valley –Validated (completed) • Scotts Hall –Validated (completed) • Amiel Town – Validated (completed) • Labyrinth – To be Validated • Castelton – To be Validated
<p>Community Priority Planning and Project Development Program</p>	<p>2 Community Priority Plans (CPP) to be completed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mango Valley CPP- 80% Completed. Validation session to be held in Feb. • Highgate CPP- 80% Completed- Validation session to be held in Feb.
	<p>1 Proposals completed and submitted for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highgate – Proposal completed for Highgate Primary School to be submitted to Digicel Foundation.
<p>Sports for Community Development Program</p>	<p>16 Teams to be registered in SDC T 20 Cricket Competition</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration forms for SDC T20 Community Cricket Competition are out and submission deadline is March 2017. 2. All Cricket and Netball 1st-3rd place winners for 2016 competition have all completed their community projects and received their competition Cash Prizes.
<p>Local Economic Development Support</p>	<p>Completion of Local Economic Initiative (LEI) Business Plans for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enfield CDC Ginger Beer Project – 80% complete • Carron Hall (Winsor Castle PMO) Agriculture and Agro Processing Project – 80% complete • Hampstead CDC Water Project- 80% complete <p>Hosting of Business Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary Creative Arts and Skills Festival (St Mary CASFest 2017) will be held on Friday March 10, 2017 (10am-6pm) at the Claude Stuart Park. Activities Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Arts Celebrity Workshops (Starts at 10am) • Creative Arts Competitions (Cash Prizes for winners) • Business Development Village • Research Village • Local Economic Village • HEART Trust Try A Skill Village • Live Show!!!

The Chairman thanked Mr. Graham for his report.

f) **RADA**

Parish Report for February 2017

1) ***ABIS Farmer Registration***

- a) Total Number of registered farmers – A total of ten thousand three hundred and fifty-two (10,352) farmers have been registered to date.
- b) Farmer Profile Updates - A total of seven hundred and thirty (730) farmer's profiles were updated for the month.
- 2) **Visits**
- a) Agricultural Extension Officers Farm Visits – Over the period a total of five hundred and fifty-four (554) farm visits were conducted during the reporting period, to cover Crop and Livestock production, Marketing and Land Husbandry practices.
- b) Home Visits (Home Economics)- Three (3) 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 February 2017 four (4) Crop Production trainings was held, focusing on crop Nutrition and Molding of Irish Potato and Vegetable Production.
- ii) Crop Care Training Sessions- Formal – Seven (7) Formal Crop Care Training Sessions were conducted for the month of February 2017.
- iii) Facilitated Training Sessions – There were three (3) facilitated training sessions during the reporting period on the topics Contouring and Soil Conservation Techniques, Land Preparation, Seed Preparation and Planting requirements in Irish Potato Production, Post-harvest Practices and Pest and Disease Identification in Irish Potato Production.
- iv) Livestock Production Training Sessions Formal – Three (3) formal training sessions were conducted in covering aspects of Pig, Cattle and Broiler and Layer Bird Production.
- v) Land Husbandry Training Sessions Formal – Four (4) farmer trainings were conducted over the reporting period.
- vi) Marketing Training Sessions Formal – Three (3) Marketing Training sessions were conducted, focusing on the topics: Group Dynamics and Group Strengthening and Post-Harvest Management in Irish Potato Production.
- vii) Social services/Home Economics Training Sessions Formal- Six (6) training sessions were conducted over the reporting period in the areas of Reading and Understanding Recipes, Cooking with Cho-Cho and Yeast Cooking.
- viii) Farmers Trained Formal – A total of two hundred and eleven (211) farmers were trained formally for the month of February 2017
- b) **Staff Training**
- Thirteen (13) Staff Training sessions were conducted for the month of February; ten (10) sessions were done in Agri. Business Management, two (2) focused on Weed Management in Crop Production and one (1) covered Lining of Fruit Tree Plots in Fruit Tree Production.
- 4) **Workshop/Seminar/Meeting/Exhibition/Collaboration**
- a) PMO Groups Formed/ Strengthened – No new PMO groups were formed during the reporting period. A total of eight (8) PMO/other groups were strengthened for the period.
- b) Home Economics Groups Serviced – Six (6) groups were serviced during the reporting period; Windsor Castle Social Services/Home Economics Benevolent Society, Gifted Hands Community Group, Happy Day Senior Citizens Group, Port Maria Home Economic Movement, Fort George Community Group and Rosend Community Group.

5) **Projects/Programmes**

- a) Fort George Honey Production Project - The Fort George Honey Production Project currently has forty-four (44) boxes which make a total of fifteen (15) colonies. There are five (5) members participating in the project. The back section of the Apiary was fenced; however, the group is presently sourcing funding to fence the front.
- b) Import Substitution- Irish Potato Programme - A total of 1212 bags of Irish Potatoes were received. To date 104.25 hectares have been planted by 313 farmers, 119 of them being women and youth; 17.01 hectares has been reaped to date totaling 375 tonnes.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Jeffrey Town Water Harvesting Project- Two (2) Water tanks received for the Project. Awaiting information from GOJ/AFP to commence Entombment of spring.
- g) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Water Harvesting Project: Enfield Water Harvesting Project- Awaiting information from GOJ/AFP to commence Entombment of spring. Invoice was sent to GOJ/AFP Office re materials for construction.
- h) GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme Farmer Field School Project- A total of ten (10) sessions have been conducted to date. Field day to complete project will be conducted on March 15, 2017 to finish up the ballasted waterway. 27 persons will be graduating on March 30, 2017
- i) Peace Corp Water Harvesting Programme: St. Mary High School- Water harvesting project has been completed with guttering installed and attached to tanks.
- j) Production Incentive Programme- Pringle’s Home Layer Project- Construction of the building is completed. Approximately thirty-five (35) birds were lost from a total of 200 birds. Birds are laying 3 ½ flats per day.
- k) Agro Processing Incubator Unit - The building is completed; however, there are some minor issues that need to be resolved by the Contractor. Most of the equipment for the facility has been received and awaiting installation with fixtures and fittings installed. The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) is to arrange for the installation of processing equipment. A mini-fair was held on January 25, 2017 to sensitize processors and potential processors about Food Safety issues and uses of the facility. A Practical Walk Through was done by the Project Manager and Contractor on January 23, 2017 with an aim to access the building against the scope of work that was to be done.

6) **Demonstration Plots**

- a) Crop Care Demonstration Plot –

Five (5) Irish Potato Demo Plots exist in the following areas, namely:

- Nutsfield- plot is being monitored and spraying is underway
- Robin’s Bay- Plot was molded and a training session conducted. Monitoring is being done.
- Enfield – plot was not established due to the heavy rains.
- Richmond (Smilefiled)- Signs of late Blight were observed; however, crop care measures have been implemented to reduce incidence of this. A yield test was conducted (1 lb 11 ounces per yield); 300 lbs were reaped.
- Decoy- Plot was established and fertilized.

7) **Livestock Activities**

Beef	Dairy	Broiler	Layer	Pig	Goat	Rabbit	Sheep	Apiary
4,015	757	44,400	18,057	15,911	14,796	2,661	528	720

8) **Marketing Activities** – Marketing linkages were made between thirteen (13) farmers and various buyers for supplying farm produce valuing \$454,800.00 and a total volume of 3,890 kg.

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

- i) **Agronomic Methods** – 8 hectares of contour cultivation, 6 hectares of cover cropping, 9 hectares of inter cropping, 7 hectares of mulching/grass, 2 hectares of mulching/plastic, 500 meters of vegetative barriers/pineapple and 80 meters of vegetative barrier/sugar cane.
- ii) **Integration with Farming Systems** – Six (6) hectares of agroforestry practices were observed 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**- One (1) hectare of animal composting was done in the Robins Bay Area. Farmers were advised on the usage and importance of Composting and Animal Manure in their farming practices. Four (4) hectares of correct usage of Inorganic Fertilizer was observed over the reporting period; farmers in the Cane Heap and Top Mountain areas were introduced to best practices in Inorganic Fertilizer Application.
- iv) **Structural Methods** –60 meters of Tree Trunk Barriers were done in the Albion Mountain area to break the force of water flowing down hill and also to reduce soil erosion.

10) **Social Services/Home Economics Activities**

One (1) Agro-Processing Fair was conducted at the RADA St. Mary Agro-Processing Incubator Facility.

One (1) Exhibition was mounted at the Trinity Primary School Career Day.

Three (3) Inter-Agency Collaborations were done with the National Insurance Scheme, Ministry of Health- Parish Infant and Young Child Feeding Programme and the National Council for Senior Citizens- Happy Day Group.

11) **Crop Production**- Hectares planted this month reduced by 10% when compared to the corresponding period last year. The major decline in crops planted was mainly seen in Irish Potato production; some of the farmers in the major Irish Potato belt have reduced their acreages significantly due to the inclement weather condition experienced for the past three (3) months. Crops such as red peas and string beans also showed decline, as they are usually grown with Irish Potato. Due to the continuous rainfall it was also observed that land preparation also declined throughout the parish. Vegetable seed beds were also affected by the continuous rainfall.

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	10.2	-41%	6.3	7.7	-18%	22.2	34.8	-36%	0	0	0%
Vegetables	56	75.9	-26%	41.7	51.6	-19%	147.8	172.9	-15%	2.1	1.6	4%
Condiments	12	20.7	-42%	14.1	16.4	-14%	47.1	55.9	-16%	0.3	0	3%
Fruits	12	11.7	3%	7	10.4	-33%	136.3	129.5	5%	0	0	0%
Cereals	5.2	4.9	6%	6.7	3.8	76%	18.5	9.9	87%	0	0	0%
Plantains	25.9	35.8	-28%	24.4	20.5	19%	268.1	250.4	7%	0	0	0%
Potatoes	31.1	19.8	57%	13.7	31.3	-56%	125.53	173.5	-28%	9	2.5	54%
Yams	7.7	10.1	7%	8.8	10.3	-15%	67.6	83.1	-19%	0	0	0%
Other Tubers	8.4	10.8	-22%	9.8	10	-2%	72.1	88.9	-19%	0	0	0%
Total	164.3	199.9	-10%	132.5	162	-7%	905.23	998.9	-4%	11.4	4.1	7%

12) **Income Generation Activities**

- a) **Nursery Production**- There are no seedlings available at the nursery at this time. A section of the roof on the Nursery has been destroyed due to the strong winds that affected the parish recently.
- 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. 5.6 hectares of land was ploughed for the month of February.
- c) **Tools & Equipment Rental**- Items available for rental include: Mist Blower, Weed Wacker, Spray Pans and a Rotovator.

- d) **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

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hyde for her report.

g) **JCDC**

Nil

h) **JCF**

Report from the Jamaica Constabulary Force

Inspector of Police Miss Nicola Lewis, Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police, reported that since January 2017 up until March 4, 2017 the Jamaica Constabulary Force has recorded twenty-six (26) serious and violent crimes that were committed in the parish compared to the previous year (2016) where there were twenty-four (24) recorded for the same period. She said serious and violent crimes are referred to as: murder, shooting, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, break-ins and larceny; that even though serious and violent crimes are composed of those aforementioned, usually there was an increase in murders and that was what the performance of the JCF is judged by. She said since the beginning of the year the JCF has recorded five (5) murders in the parish compared to the previous year (2016) where three (3) murders were recorded. She said that the JCF continued to focus on areas where improvements can be made such as the mind-set of the citizens; that the JCF was following a five-pillow crime plan that was put out by the Ministry of National Security which speaks to, policing effectively, where the activities are expanded into the communities in a bid to win the trust and confidence of the citizens. She said other focus of the JCF were: Public Order, Noise Abatement and Praedial Larceny, as those were areas that had the most challenges in the parish. She said some efforts were made to rid the town of the combustion; that pile of traffic and illegal vending were two main problems in the town of Port Maria and the Police have been trying to get some order in that regard. Inspector Lewis said the challenge was for maintaining a continuous presence of the Police; that as soon as the Officers went to another location the congestion created by the taxi and bus operators went back to normal. She said the Division was faced on a daily basis with limited resources and therefore that was a major challenge as it relates to "boots on the ground" and further challenges as it relates to unavailability of Service Vehicles at some Stations, making it difficult to carry out their duties and to respond promptly to calls from the citizens. She said the JCF was doing all it could with the limited resources available. She said another focus was on Social Development, which involved engaging communities and getting to the root cause of the problems of crime; that the JCF partnered with agencies such as the Social Development Commission (SDC) in conducting workshops in the communities; that such activities are geared to tackle some of the social issues and in time would assist in reducing conflict and by extension crime as those issues were contributors to the escalation of crime. She said situational preventions were also another area of focus; that in some instances citizens would try to take the law in their hands, especially due to the fact that the Police was in some cases unable to respond as quickly to situations because of the unavailability of service vehicle etc. Inspector Lewis said the JCF was trying its best as it relates to Highway Patrols; that spot checks have increased and more vehicular check points (VCP) have been established in the areas that they were thought to be more effective; that sometimes the patrol cars had to be withdrawn due to the fact that they were needed to carry out other activities such as treating with domestic dispute issues. She said the JCF was trying to keep in place, the patrol cars on the highways because that was one of the ways the drugs, guns and the migrant criminals could be intercepted.

Councillor Bryan pointed out that there was a common perception that the Police targeted taxi and bus operators; that their focus was only on them because they were easy targets. He asked whether or not there was anything the hierarchy of the JCF could do to change that perception.

Inspector Lewis responded that common perception as it may be, does not necessarily mean that it was a fact; that the operations that were carried out by the Police were multifaceted and geared to capture all aspects of offenses. She added that the operations being carried out involving the taxi and bus operators are concentrated as such because of the situation being faced in the town centres with those operators. She said the Police was simply trying to bring order in the towns and to ease congestion; that if the taxi, bus operators and vendors use the areas designated for them to use, there would be a free flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Concerns were raised regarding the fact that some Police Officers turned a blind eye to the what has been happening in the town of Port Maria involving some taxi and bus operators; that even while there was an Officer present, he would allow the operators to load and unload their vehicles wherever they choose to and did nothing about.

The Chairman said the situation would not improve without the support of the Police; that some of the Police Officers have said that what the Corporation was trying to do was foolishness and they were not in support of it.

After a brief discussion on the matter, Inspector Lewis said she has noted all the concerns.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Lewis for her report.

i) Youth Mayor/Youth Councillors

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION FROM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETINGS

Nil

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

Nil

PETITION

Nil

RESOLUTIONS FROM CORPORATIONS

Nil

RESOLUTION - FINAL APPROVAL

STATUTORY DECLARATION

The Director of Planning presented resolutions for final approval as under:

1)

IN THE MATTER of the subdivision of
Lands part of **NASHVILLE PALMS**

SAINT MARY

IN THE MATTER of the Statutory Declarations Act

I, GARFIELD THOMPSON do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

That I reside and have my true place of abode and postal address at Tower Isle in the parish of St. Mary and I am the 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 **Nashville Palms** in the parish of Saint Mary registered at **Volume 1134 Folio 825 and Volume 1372 Folio 860** in the name **Winston Barrett & Barbara Barrett** has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the conditions of approval issued on **July 15, 2015**.*

*That conditions **No. 29** 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: 385911**) have been adjusted accordingly, in respect of Lots # 3, 5 & 9.*

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 Freeman, seconded by Councillor Danvers, the Corporation approved.

FINAL APPROVAL

The Director of Planning presented resolutions for final approval as under:

1)

WHEREAS the subdivision applications have been filed with the St. Mary Municipal Corporation under section 5 (1) of the Local Improvement Act for:

Lands part of **Caribbean Park**

David Cox

AND WHEREAS the said lands are described in the maps prepared by Commissioned Land Surveyors, which maps or plans, have been signed by the property owners and contains the required particulars concerning them,

AND WHEREAS the Corporation had sought, obtained & accepted the advice of Government Town Planner and the Chief Technical Director, Ministry of Construction (Transport & Works) on the applications and draft conditions,

AND WHEREAS conditions of approval have been accepted in writing by the applicants,

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 8 (10) of the Local Improvement Act, the St. Mary Municipal Corporation sanctioned the subdivision of the lands in the Parish of St. Mary,

AND WHEREAS that the Honorable Minister having confirmed the Corporation's decision under the section 8 (5) of the Local Improvement Act,

BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Mary Municipal Corporation issues final approval to the above said subdivisions,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Seal of the Corporation is hereby affixed.

On a motion by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Kidd, the Corporation approved.

2)

WHEREAS the subdivision applications have been filed with the St. Mary Municipal Corporation under section 5 (1) of the Local Improvement Act for:

Lands part of Spring Valley Derrick McDonald

AND WHEREAS the said lands are described in the maps prepared by Commissioned Land Surveyors, which maps or plans, have been signed by the property owners and contains the required particulars concerning them,

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On a motion by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Lee, the Corporation approved.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTIONS

Councillor Freeman asked, "Is the Corporation aware that since November 2016, the Markingstone Beach has been completed and the gate remains locked?" he asked what the Corporation was doing in regards to its operation.

Councillor Freeman asked, "Is the Corporation aware that the Annotto Bay Cemetery that served at least three Divisions, Belfield, Castleton and Annotto Bay is in a deplorable condition?"

Councillor Freeman asked, "Is the Corporation also aware that the Robert Schuman Round-a-bout needs cleaning up?"

The Chairman said the cemeteries were supposed to be on a routine maintenance programme; that he was not sure why that was an issue, however he asked the Chief Engineering Officer to deal with the matter. He added that he hoped that was the last time a report would be received about the Annotto Bay Cemetery.

In regards to the matter concerning the Robert Schuman Round-a-bout; the matter was tabled at the Civic and Community Affairs Committee and was being dealt with there.

In regards to the matter concerning the Markingstone Beach; the matter was tabled at the Divestment Committee and would be discussed later that day.

Councillor Sewell asked, "Is the Corporation aware that four projects that had started in the Boscobel Division were not completed?" he said the projects were Markham Road, Huddersfield Road, Gully Road and Gayle Market. He said he would like to know when those projects would be completed.

The Chairman said that information would be presented at the next sitting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Management Committee which was scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Councillor Kidd asked, "Is the Corporation aware that the Wentworth Look-out Road is in a deplorable condition and needs repair?"

The Chief Engineering Officer said an investigation would be carried out and an estimate would be prepared.

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 Freeman, seconded by Councillor Kidd at approximately 12: 40 p.m.

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