### ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

# MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

Pursuant to Notice the Monthly General Meeting of the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation was held in the Chambers of the Corporation at Spanish Town on Thursday, May 12, 2022, commencing at 10:50 a.m.

# **PRESENT WERE:**

# a) Councillors:

- 1. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Norman Scott Chairman
- 2. Councillor Ralston Wilson Deputy Mayor
- 3. Councillor Claude Hamilton
- 4. Councillor Roogaé Kirlew
- 5. Councillor Courtney Edwards
- 6. Councillor Fenley Douglas
- 7. Councillor Sydney Rose
- 8. Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant
- 9. Councillor Mark McLean
- 10. Councillor Steve Graham
- 11. Councillor Donovan Guy
- 12. Councillor Dwight Burke
- 13. Councillor Renair Benjamin
- 14. Councillor Alphanso Johnson
- 15. Councillor Mark O'Connor
- 16. Councillor Theresa Turner-Flynn
- 17. Councillor Vanrick Preddie
- 18. Councillor Anthony Wint
- 19. Councillor Kenord Grant

# **Those who arrived Subsequently**

- 20. Councillor Gary Nicholson
- 21. Councillor Leroy Dunn
- 22. Councillor Keith McCook
- 23. Councillor Enos Lawrence
- 24. Councillor Keisha Lewis
- 25. Councillor William Cytall
- 26. Councillor Alric Campbell
- 27. Councillor Neil Powell
- 28. Councillor Jennifer Hull
- 29. Councillor Hawthrone Thompson
- 30. Councillor Lloyd Grant
- 31. Councillor George Moodie
- 32. Councillor Patricia Harris
- 33. Councillor Peter Abrahams
- 34. Councillor Herbert Garriques
- 35. Councillor Keith Knight

# b) Officers:

1. Mr. Andre Griffiths Chief Executive Officer – Clerk

Mr. Garfield Thompson
 Mrs. Denece Douglas
 Chief Engineering Officer
 Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

4. Ms. Angella wright Inspector of Poor

5. Mr. Romond Fisher Deputy Superintendent Roads & Works

6. Ms. Telka Holt Commercial Services Manager

7. Ms. Reishana Dubidad Actg. Community Programmes Officer

8. Ms. Chantae Brown9. Ms. Anakay Clarke4. Linstead Town Centre6. Actg. Snr. Internal Auditor

10. Mr. Peter Hewitt Trade Licence Compliance Officer

11. Mr. Omar Mattis Office Manager

12. Mr. Miguel Perrin Actg. Procurement Officer

# c) Agencies

1. Mr. Farrel Walsh NSWMA

# **ABSENT WERE:**

# a) Councillors

- 1. Councillor Ainsley Parkins
- 2. Councillor Joy Brown

# b) Officers

Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie
 Ms. Delores Gooden
 Mr. Chad Allen
 Director of Administration
 Chief Financial Officer
 Director of Planning

# 1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

# 2. <u>DEVOTION</u>

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Roogae Kirlew prayed to begin the meeting.

# 3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

### Welcome

The Chairman extended welcome to Councillors, Officers and those who had joined the meeting online. Welcome was also extended to the media and agency representatives. He reminded attendees that Covid-19 was still active and therefore mask wearing should continue.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

# At this stage Councillor Peter Abrahams joined the meeting

### Apologies

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

- 1. Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie, Director of Administration and Ms. Delores Gooden, Chief Financial Officer, who were not feeling well.
- 2. Councillors Herbert Garriques and George Moodie, who would be late due to traffic issues in the Bog Walk Gorge.
- 3. Councillor Alric Campbell who was also going to be late.

# 4. <u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2022</u>

Councillor Roogae Kirlew moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on April 14, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

# 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

### a) Sewage Flowing in the Vicinity of Tawes Pen

Arising from minutes of meeting held 14/4/22, page 10, Mrs Douglas reported that the matter was still under investigation. She said that various interventions have been made by the Health Department and remedial action taken, which included the removal of solid waste from the drain and the emptying of pits. She added that these were temporary fixes and they were now looking at all the contributing factors. A survey will have to be done to ascertain the status of excretal disposal of all the premises.

The Chairman stated it was more serious than he thought and that based on the response, he thinks that it warranted the intervention of the Member of Parliament and other agencies. He said that he needed to escalate this issue and that he is scheduled to meet with the Member of Parliament and would speak with her on the matter. He added that he would speak with her at the end of this meeting, as it was a serious issue and asked for additional information from the investigation

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Hawthrone Thompson joined the meeting

# b) <u>Garbage Collection – St. Catherine</u>

Arising from minutes of meeting held 14/4/22, page 18, Mr. Walsh informed the meeting that there was great improvements since the last meeting in respect of garbage

collection. He said that they did some clean up, which included the #5 Cemetery, as well as Prince Avenue and Manchester Street; even though all the areas were not done, substantial cleaning was done. He said that they have seen where cleaning has been done in some areas and are now in the process of removing those bags.

He said that they have been using their social media platform to respond to residents, to get to the areas where there are pile ups to be cleaned, and added that calls can also be made from any zone where there are issues.

The Chairman said that from his observation, he is not satisfied with what he has seen. He said that he had requested that the agency invoke an emergency response to the garbage situation in the parish. He said that he has seen the #5 Cemetery, but questioned the method used to do collections, as it is not enough resulting in persons dumping in these areas..

He went on to say that dumping has started again on Manchester Street, where he had sought assistance from the community to clean up. He said it warranted an emergency response and requires consistency in the collection of these areas; the team needs to seriously address this.

Councillor Wint stated that he supported what the Chairman said and added that he thinks that St. Catherine has the most mini dumps. He said that inadequate collections is the reason these mini dumps are popping up and added that Spanish Town is littered with garbage and it will take special effort to resolve this.

# **Arrival of Councillors**

At this stage Councillors Neil Powell and Herbert Garriques joined the meeting

Councillor Rose stated that the situation could not be any worse. He said that his first call that morning at 5:00 a.m. was from a resident, who resides in Time and Patience and it was about the non-collection of garbage. He said that he heard about trucks being bought, but St. Catherine is the same where collection is concerned. He said that based on the recommendation at the last meeting, he had expected some improvements.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Keisha Lewis joined the meeting

### c) Odour from Mussons Factory

Arising from minutes of meeting held 14/4/22, page 19 item 15, Councillor Abrahams sought an update on the investigation at the Mussons factory.

Mrs. Douglas stated that there was no further update and added that the Officer had gone to the location and no odour was present. She said that the Officer went both during the day time and night time and there was nothing to indicate any odour. She however, told the Councillor that if the odour is detected, she can be called.

The Councillor said he would have dialogue with Mrs. Douglas, after the meeting.

# 6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman expressed condolence on behalf of the Corporation to their sister and colleague Councillor Keisha Lewis, whose brother died recently. He said that in times like these they need to support each other and that it was not too much to offer love, care and affection to her and her family.

He made the following announcements:

- 1. Let me welcome all Councillors, members of staff, the media, online participants and our external experts to our May Council meeting. Please note that we continue to use the social distance protocol in the seating arrangements and I urge everyone to follow the protocols
- 2. On Labour Day Monday May 23, 2022, the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation project will be doing a clean up exercise of the Natural Bridge and its surrounding in Riversdale. The labour Day theme is "Clean and uplift the community" as we need to "Come together, mek it Cris and Clean"
- 3. This is a reminder to Barbers and Hairdressers in St. Catherine who are failing to comply with the regulations, having been visited and informed that you are delinquent with your licences, need to come in to the Corporation, and settle same. Failing to comply with the regulations will leave the Corporation with no other option but to take the actions as laid out in the regulations and/or along with the Public Health Department and close these establishments. In light of this all Barbers and Hairdressers who are operating with a Licence will have until the end of May 2022 to come in and regularize their operations
- 4. Recently there is on going reports of more new of COVID-19 virus in the parish. I am encouraging all Councillors that as you relate to the people in your Division encourage them to maintain the COVID protocol. If they are feeling sick, they should isolate and get tested. COVID-19 is still in the atmosphere and I am encouraging persons to maintain the COVID protocol and keep safe.

# 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING

Nil

# 8. ALGAJ REPORT:

The report from ALGAJ was emailed to the Councillors.

# 9. QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Nil

# 10. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

On the motion of Councillor Sydeney Rose, seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew, the Corporation resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

# i) Medical Officer's Report

The Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector presented the report as under:

### "UPDATE ON PROSECUTION

### **MATTERS**

- Odour from pig rearing- awaiting trial on May 30, 2022.
- The matter of dog rearing in Portsmouth- The complainant testified on April 29, 2002. On May 24th the officer will take the witness stand on May 24, 2002.

### **DEVELOPMENT RE AEO SITES**

55 containers of imported foods were processed and released at price Smart during the period. This is more than 100% increase when compared to the period before its opening.

### FOOD ESTABLISHEMENT CLOSURE

One restaurant was closed in Portmore. It has now re-opend as Public health standards have been attained.

### SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

The department continues monitoring these institutions to ensure that the unsatisfactory ones are improved. For the period 40 schools were inspected of which 34 were satisfactory.

- 29 Early Childhood Institutions (ECI) was inspected of which 25 were found to be operating satisfactorily.
- 11 primary schools were inspected of which 9 were satisfactory.

### **COVID-19 CASES UPDATE**

- The total number of COVID-19 cases for April 2022 144, a 39% increase compared to March 2022.
- The total number of deaths for April is 1, a 93% decrease from March.
- The number of active cases between May 1 and 11 is 180 which represent a 20% increase over the total cases for March.
- Spanish Town and Portmore Zones continue to record the most cases.
- The positivity rate for the parish is 37% which is above the nation's positivity rate of 18%.
- The average daily positives are now about 25 (primary care sites).
- Yesterday the total number positive was 38.

### **VECTOR CONTROL**

### **Institutions Monitored**

Inspections were carried out at our key premises such as institutions and markets for mosquito breeding sites. The following institutions were monitored:

- 13 Health Centres- 2 breeding
- 2 Markets- 1 breeding
- 2 Hospitals searched- 1 breeding
- 5 Police Stations- 2 breeding
- 31 Schools- 2 breeding
- 2 other- no breeding
- Infirmary- no breeding

### Tyre Shops

Fourteen (14) tyre shops were visited. A total of nine hundred and nine (909) tyres were inspected for mosquito breeding. Four tyres found at tyre shops were breeding and treated.

### **Drain Inspections**

A total sixty (60) drains were inspected. This shows an increase of twenty-two (22) in the number of drains inspected in April when compared with the previous month.

Also the number of drains that were breeding Culex specie of mosquito has also increase. Twentynine (29) of the drains inspected were breeding Culex mosquito and one (1) breeding Anopheles mosquito.

# Spanish Town Area

Ellerslie Gardens	Breeding
Central Village	Breeding
White Church Street	Breeding
Dallas Lane	Breeding
Young Street	Breeding
Lauriston, Sunfisher Close	Breeding
Leiba Gardens	Breeding
Valdez Road	Breeding
Corletts Road	Breeding
March Pen Road	Breeding
Frazers Content	Breeding
Wellington Street	Breeding
King Street	No breeding
Old Harbour round about	No breeding
Homestead, Lawrence Dr	No breeding
Homestead, Pittsburg Ave	No breeding
Brunswick	No breeding
Hampton Green	No breeding
Featherbed Lane	No breeding
Willowdene, Cardiff Place	No breeding
Willowdene entrance from Featherbed Lane	No breeding
Fairfield Road	No breeding
White Church Street	No breeding
King Street	No breeding
Spanish Town Bus Terminus	No breeding
Burke Road	No breeding
White Church St	No breeding
Dela Vega (Henderson Dr)	No breeding
Dela Veg City Rodney Blvd	No breeding
In front of Rio Cobre Juvenile Centre	No breeding
Johnson Pen	No breeding

# Portmore Zone

Portsmouth, South Parade	Breeding
Portsmouth at Kiddies Park	Breeding
Braeton, McPherson Drive	Breeding
Waterford, Adair Dr	Breeding
Waterford, Annabelle Way	Breeding
Beside Waterford High	Breeding
Beside Waterford Primary	No breeding
6 East Greater Portmore	No breeding
Braeton main road	No breeding
Reids Pen	No breeding
Gregory Park	No breeding
Banga Gully (Gregory Park)	No breeding
Passage fort	No breeding
Drain in front Heart Academy	No breeding
Dawkins Blvd	No breeding
Myrtle Way	No breeding
Waterford, Portland East	No breeding
Waterford, Caymanas Dr	No breeding
Waterford, Portland West	No breeding

# Old Harbour Zone

Smith Ave	Breeding
Patrick Street	Breeding
Panton Lane	Breeding
Hart Street	Breeding
Darlington Drive	Breeding
Gouldbourne Lane	No breeding

# Linstead Zone

Fletchers Ave	Breeding
Bennett Lane	Breeding
Montgomery Avenue	Breeding
East Avenue	No breeding

Councillor Wilson stated that vector control seems to have stopped, as there have been complaints all over about mosquito infestation. He said that it is being said that the Ministry of Health has not paid its suppliers, and if that is so it is a serious state to be in. He added that dengue could not be eradicated without the help of the Ministry of Health. He said too that from Mr. Hutchinson was transferred, the new officer has not attended the meeting in that capacity, except for when she was introduced. He said that she needs to be at the meeting, irrespective of Mrs. Douglas being there.

Councillor Edwards sought an update on Lot 19 Pratt Avenue which had a foul odour. He also asked why his division was not on the fogging schedule.

Mrs. Douglas responded that the department has not discontinued doing vector control but they had to prioritise. She said too that due to the recent rains there was not much fogging.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage, Councillor George Moodie joined the meeting.

In response to Councillor Edwards, she stated that when the Officer visited the location there was nothing present, but she promised to speak with the Councillor after the meeting. She stated that not every community would be fogged every month.

Councillor Rose stated that he was concerned that with a new covid-19 variant, visitors to the island were not tested before entering, while persons leaving the island had to be tested. He said that they were being asked to be responsible, but what is happening is a double standard, and that the people of Jamaica must be priority.

The Chairman stated that he supported the Councillor's concern, as it was unfair that persons leaving the island had to be tested, while those coming in were not tested. He said too that this also raised another concern about the vaccination level. He said that he is prepared to take his second booster and encouraged Councillors to be vaccinated or take their booster shot.

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Nil

iii) Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences

Nil

iv) Exhumation

Nil

### Resumption

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint, the meeting resumed.

# 11. REPORTS

# (A) MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

# I) <u>Infrastructure and Traffic Committee 20/4/22</u>

This meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum.

# II) Human Resources Committee 25/04/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on 25/04/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on April 25, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

# III) Public Health Committee Meeting 21/04/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on 25/04/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on April 25, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

### IV) Municipal & Commercial Services Committee 26/04/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal and Commercial Services Committee held on 26/04/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee held on April 26, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

### (B) MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES

# i) Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee 27/4/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on 27/4/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on April 27, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

# ii) Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 19/04/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 19/04/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on April 19, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

# iii) Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 20/04/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 20/04/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on April 20, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

# iv) Poor Relief Committee Meeting 21/04/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 21/04/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on April 21, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

# (C) <u>USE OF COUNCIL'S COMMON SEAL</u>

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques, approval was given for affixing the Corporation's Common Seal on applications for subdivision, which were approved by the Physical Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting held on May 16, 2020:

- "i) Application by John F Kennedy c/o Janet Wlter to subdivide lands at part of Rose Hall (Lot 59), St. Catherine consisting of approximately 16,495.243 square metres into thirty two lots for residential, sewage treatment, utility area, open space, easementand proposed road purposes.
- ii) Application by Jundy Anderson and Fitzroy Powell to subdivide lands part of Ewarton called Ivy, consisting of approximately 11,069.556 square metres into seven lots for residential purpose.
- iii) Application by Seventh Day Church of God International Ministries c/o William Gilbert to subdivide lands part of Bellevue consisting of approximately 8.093.71 square metres into five lots for residential and homestead purposes".

# D) <u>REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:</u>

The report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee is as under:

"The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for May 5, 2022 at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead fell through due to the lack of a quorum

### **Councillors present were:**

1. Councillor William Cytall - Troja Division

### Councillors absent were:

Councillor Neil Powell
 Councillor Sydney Rose
 Councillor Beverly Jobson Grant (J.P.) Councillor Roojae Kirlew
 Councillor Peter Abrahams
 Bog Walk Division

6. Councillor Herbert Garriques (J.P.) - Linstead Division (Chairman)

7. Councillor Leroy Dunn - Guys Hill Division

### **Officers**

Ms. Chantae Brown
 Mrs. Jodian Thorpe-Morris
 Recording Secretary

# Representatives

1. Mr. Godfrey Marshall - Linstead DAC

2. Mrs. Minnett Anderson-Myer - Social Development Commission

3. Dr. Cynthia Anderson - Ministers' Fraternal

Activities done at the Centre for April 2022.

# PAYMENT OF PUBLIC CLEANSING TICKET

Name		Amount	
1.	Valrie Brown	\$2,000.00	
<i>2</i> .	Clifton Green	\$2,000.00	
<i>3</i> .	Nathan Stewart	\$ 2,000.00	

### APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT

Nil

### APPLICATION FOR BARBER LICENCE

<u>Na</u>	me of Applicant	Name and Address of Business
1.	Richard Sherman	New Wave Barbershop 14 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead

### APPLICATION FOR BARBERSHOP LICENCE

Name of Applicant	Name and Address of Business	
1. Richard Sherman	New Wave Barbershop	
	14 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead	

# APPLICATION FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENCE

Name of Applicant	Name and Address of Business	
1. Sishana Hinds	Sish Body Sculpting and Enhancement Studio 25 King Street, Linstead	
2. Sharon Lewin	Sharon Beauty Salon Main Street, Ewarton	
3. Shawna-Lee Williams	Serenity Beauty Salon and Spa Riversdale, Bog Walk	

# APPLICATION FOR SALON LICENCE

Name of Applicant	Name and Address of Business
1. Sharon Lewin	Sharon Beauty Salon Main Street, Ewarton
2. Shawna-Lee Williams	Serenity Beauty Salon and Spa Riversdale, Bog Walk
3. Marva Beckford	Shanslay Hair and Beauty 3 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead
LICENCE ISSUED	
Name of Applicant	Name and Address of Business
1. Sharon Lewin	Sharon Beauty Salon Main Street, Ewarton

### **CLAMPING**

Nil

# APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Name of Applicant	Name of the Deceas	ed	Address of Burial	
1. Califa Clemmings	Edwards Lewis		Dover Castle Redwood	
2. Harold Lucas	Pauline Taylor-Fran	ncis	Aberdeen District Mount Industry	
3. Sylvia Green	Joseph Green		Bowerswood Bog Walk	
4. Yvonne Johnson	Leonard Johnson		Bowerswood Dignum	
5. Barbara McLean	Gloris McLean		Cheesefield Linstead	
6. Donna Nesbitt	Mitchell West		Bowerswood Bog Walk	
7. Carline Edwards	Elvis Pollack		Rose Hill Troja	
8. Crystal Rambaran-Perry	Jesu Rambaran		West Prospect Bog Walk	
9. Charleen Edwards	Derrick Edwards		Ommily Harkers Hall	
10. Iran Wilson	Ezekiel Grant		Hopewell Mount Industry	
11. Teddy Bryan	Vangeta Lewis		Giblatore District Dignum	
12. Joseita Gabay	Verona Brown		Mount Industry Mount Industry	
13. Sharine Cole	Hector Cole		Free Town Glengoffe	
14. Lincoln Gordon	Devon Gordon		Pennington District Lluidas Vale	
15. Juzel Henry	Leo Morris		Charlton Drive Ewarton	
16. Sean Gordon	Luke Waugh		Waugh Hill Rock Hall	
17. Jevon Ragbeer	Icylin Ragbeer		Wakefield Savannah	
18. Franklyn Robinson	Jason Robinson		Crawle Riversdale	
PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS				
Name of Applicant	Name of Deceased	Cemetery	Type of Spot	
1. Shanoya Edwards	Andrew Douglas	Treadways	Vault	
2. Vinnette Brown-Amos	Tannice Thomas	Commodore	Vault	

3. Matilda Cobourne	Deverton Gordon	Commodore	Tiling
4. Keisha Holmes	Courtney Coore	Ewarton	Vault
5. Alsina Grindley-Mills	Ezekiel Mill	Commodore	Vault
6. Karona Francis	Kayshawn Grant	Commodore	Vault
7. Howard Gray	Kevon Gray	Commodore	Vault
8. Marlon Byfield	Carlton Byfield	Treadways	Vault
9. Beautiful Gates F/H	Nicole Sittal	Commodore	Dirt Grave
10. Roberts Funeral Home	Samonas Gayle	Commodore	Vault
11. Everton Walters	Walton Walters	Harker Hall	Vault
12. Ludwig Dixon	Ivy King	Commodore	Vault

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Enos Lawrence joined the meeting

# 12. **GENERAL**:

Resolution Passed by the Portmore City Municipality regarding renewable energy solutions for Property Owners within the Municipality of Portmore.

The Reslution passed by the Portmore City Municipality was circulated to Councillors and Officers. The details are as under:

"Whereas the Municipality of Portmore is blessed with great human capital, it is also fortunate to have multiple natural resources, such as wind and sunshine. The potential if wind and sunshine are indeed untapped sources of energy, which could impact energy costs and the environment positively which would allow the citizens of Portmore to "breathe".

Whereas Portmore is home to the largest dormitory community in the English-s[eaking Caribbean; it is also home to the largest group of home owners as a community contributing to the consumption of electricity.

Whereas the ever-increasing price of electricity continues to be burdensome to the residents of Portmore; as against little or no movement in salaries and the depreciation of spending power; the natural God-given resources go to waste as opposed to being beneficial to the people of Portmore.

Whereas the global trend is to go green and make available for use, clean renewable energy solutions; the current climate and economic conditions in Portmore allow for property owners within the Sunshine City to be prime beneficiaries of such benefits, which would in turn allow for greater balancing of lives, and assist in offsetting economic disparities.

And whereas a few property owners in Portmore have already begun to explore adaptation to renewable solutions such as wind solar energy on the global market where it is less expensive to acquire these resources; vast majority are at a disadvantage due to the high importation duties associated with purchasing overseas.

Therefore, be it resolved that all home and property owners within the Portmore City Municipality be allowed to import at least one renewable energy solution kit with all importation duties fully exempted.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, the Ministry of Finance and Public Services and be circulated to all Municipal Corporations for full support."

Councillor Edwards craved the indulgence of his colleagues as he gave a synopsis of the resolution. He sought support for the resolution from his colleagues.

The Chairman remarked that he was glad to hear Councillor Edwards speak from his heart, and added that in the last four weeks the price of gas had increased by \$13.50. He said this has happened, yet the government said there were no new taxes; with the suspension of the hedge tax they would not be seeing this increase. He asked for the support of all Councillors.

The motion was unanimously supported.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Gary Nicholson joined the meeting

### 13. MOTIONS:

# a) Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)

Councillor Kirlew moved the following motion:

WHEAREAS, the World Bank Report of 1993, the World Mental Health report of the United Nations in 1995, the global burden of disease survey in 1996 and the US Surgeon General's report in 1999 all show that mental health is responsible for more than a tenth of the total burden of disease globally, and that it is projected to rise to 15% by 2020.

AND WHEREAS, the said World Bank Report indicate that the lack of treatment for mental illness in developing countries of the Region is truly horrifying. In some areas of the region 95% of depression go untreated, 80% of schizophrenia cases and 60% to 98% of epilepsy cases.

AND WHEREAS, the Mental Health Act of Jamaica 1997 establishes a Comprehensive Framework in which the Government of Jamaica is to operate,

AND WHEREAS, The Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) analysis of Household Pulse Survey shows a global increase in adults reporting symptoms of Anxiety and/or Depression Disorder during the COVID-19 Pandemic by age: 18-24(56.2%); 25-49(48.9%); 50-54(39.1%); 65+(29.3%)

AND WHERAS, THE United Nations Children Education Fund(UNICEF); promulgates that greater focus must be given to Mental Health disorders in Children and Adolescents post COVID 19 where 10-20% of adolescents are experiencing mental health issues globally,

AND WHEREAS, the lack of intervention on the part of the Government regarding mentally challenge persons which has lead to cases of death which is trending upwards,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Catherine Municipal Cooperation calls on the Government of Jamaica to immediately put aside funds to address the spiralling negative impact of acts of violence emanating from mentally challenged persons on the citizens of Jamaica,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to COVID 19 and the mental challenges associated with it that the Government of Jamaica ensures that 7 strategic areas are improved and/or established accordingly:

- 1. A Comprehensive psychiatric service for early identification and care;
- 2. Improvement in Mental Health within Primary Health care;
- 3. Provision of Mental Health Skills for all professionals;
- 4. Development of services for crisis intervention in the community;
- 5. Development of School Mental Health Programmes;
- 6. Development of parenting skills training;
- 7. Public Mental Health Education.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is to be circulated to all Local authorities as well as the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, and the Ministry of Finance and Planning and the Public Service for support."

This was seconded by Councillor Claude Hamilton.

The Chairman invited a discussion on the motion. He said that they were a team and he called for it to be discussed because some persons might not want to support it. He also gave the option for it to be discussed at a later date.

Councillor Edwards stated that the motion was a good one and is needed at this time. He said that he thinks that better plans need to be in place in relation to mental health. He added that there was no mention that the motion should be sent to the Ministry of Health, and that since mental health falls under that Ministry, he thinks it should be added and sent to them.

The Chairman asked that this be done. He remarked that they were a team; they were not there as PNP or JLP, they were Parish Managers.

### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Patricia Harris joined the meeting

# a) Notice of Motions:

Nil

### 14. PETITIONS:

Nil

# 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

### a) Oversees Employment Programme

Councillor Douglas stated that he has observed with concern how the Ministry of Labour and Social Security has handled the Overseas Employment Programme. He said that he has seen the inequity in how persons are treated, and did not know what is used the determine who is selected from the persons that they, as Councillors have recommended. He said that persons have stated that they were not selected because they were overweight, their hands were too soft or that they did not look like they will return. He said that he would like to know that when a candidate is selected, it was the right individual. He said that this affects all councillors and that they need to be told the criteria for selection.

He said that most Members of Parliament did not know the residents as much as a hard working Councillor. He added that when a councillor is asked to choose five persons out of a farming community or division and Members of Parliament can choose fifty persons, it would appear that local government is being victimised or hijacked. He said that with the numbers in Parliament it clearly means that one party will receive 2450 and the other only 700, yet they speak about equity. He went on to say that government benefits should not be used as a political ploy or weapon.

He said that he was appealing to the Minister as five cards is insufficient, with the Mayor only getting ten. He said that no one seems to see anything wrong with this arrangement and it affects all of them as Councillors, and enough is enough.

Councillor Edwards asked what the rate of success was for the programme. He said that Portmore is a dormitory community and they have selected participants that pass all the tests, only to be told that they do not have enough farming experience. He questioned what experience is needed and argued that they should be given an opportunity, as the excuses are not in keeping with the needs of the people, who want an opportunity to support their families too.

Councillor Kenord Grant said that he would like to know if the fifty tickets, which Councillor's Member of Parliament received, were distributed equitably.

### b) Strike by National Water Commission Workers

Councillor Edwards stated that the workers of the National Water Commission were on strike and noted that they have had a good relationship. He said that he supported the need for an increase, but was not in support of what transpired, because of the effects. He said that it was time that there is dialogue at the table.

He said that if something was promised, it should not have been reneged on, as an agreement should be honoured. He said that two homes were broken into and water stolen from their tanks and questioned when is water not life. He said that he was not

disputing that they have a right to strike, but did not like the manner in which it was done.

Councillor K. Grant, in relation to the strike by the National Water Commission, said that as a former worker he stood with the watermen. He said that the issue of lack of water was not about the workers, it is about water security. He said that the threat could be local or international. He further asked why was the JDF not deployed to man the facilities and what will be done to ensure that this did not happen again.

# c) **Dovecot Memorial Park**

Councillor Hamilton stated that a document was circulated regarding the findings on the Dovecot Memorial Park. He said that it was taken to the planning meeting and there is a proposal for it to be discussed more indepth.

The Chairman stated that a date will be set and Councillors informed.

### 16. ADJOURNMENT

**CONFIRMED:** 

At this stage (12:07 p.m.), Councillor Fenley Douglas moved, seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint, that the meeting be adjourned.

CHAIRMAN	
ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIO	N
AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN	
DATED	

# **Action Page**

# Action to be taken 1. Page 3 item (a) - investigation re sewage flowing in the vicinity of Tawes Pen — dialogue to be had with the Member of Parliament 2. Page 13— Resolution re mental health to be Circulated for support

# ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

# MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

Pursuant to Notice the Monthly General Meeting of the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation was held in the Chambers of the Corporation at Spanish Town on Thursday, June 9, 2022, commencing at 10:52 a.m.

# **PRESENT WERE:**

### a) Councillors:

- 1. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Norman Scott Chairman
- 2. Councillor Ralston Wilson Deputy Mayor
- 3. Councillor Claude Hamilton
- 4. Councillor Roogaé Kirlew
- 5. Councillor Alphanso Johnson
- 6. Councillor Mark O'Connor
- 7. Councillor Sydney Rose
- 8. Councillor Leroy Dunn
- 9. Councillor Enos Lawrence
- 10. Councillor Steve Graham
- 11. Councillor Donovan Guy
- 12. Councillor William Cytall
- 13. Councillor Neil Powell
- 14. Councillor Lloyd Grant
- 15. Councillor Patricia Harris
- 16. Councillor Keith Knight
- 17. Councillor Anthony Wint
- 18. Councillor Herbert Garriques

# Those who arrived Subsequently

- 19. Councillor Peter Abrahams
- 20. Councillor Mark McLean
- 21. Councillor Kenord Grant
- 22. Councillor Keith McCook
- 23. Councillor Jennifer Hull
- 24. Councillor George Moodie
- 25. Councillor Courtney Edwards
- 26. Councillor Fenley Douglas
- 27. Councillor Dwight Burke

### **Online**

Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant

# b) Officers:

1. Mr. Andre Griffiths

2. Mr. Romond Fisher

3. Mrs. Melva Carter

4. Ms. Angella wright

Chief Executive Officer – Clerk

Deputy Superintendent Roads & Works

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

Inspector of Poor

5. Mr. Chad Allen Director of Planning

6. Ms. Telka Holt Commercial Services Manager

7. Ms. Reishana Dubidad Community Programmes Co-ordinator

8. Ms. Chantae Brown

Linstead Town Centre

9. Ms. Anakay Clarke Actg. Snr. Internal Auditor 10. Mrs. Yasheka Jathan-Thompson Parish Disaster Co-ordinator

11. Mr. Omar Mattis Office Manager

# c) Agencies

1. Mr. Farrel Walsh NSWMA

2. Mr. Dilton Pike Jamaica Fire Brigade

3. Mr. Lloyd Erskine Social Development Commission

# **ABSENT WERE:**

# a) Councillors

1. Councillor Ainsley Parkins

- 2. Councillor Joy Brown
- 3. Councillor Theresa Turner-Flynn
- 4. Councillor Vanrick Preddie
- 5. Councillor Alric Campbell
- 6. Councillor Keisha Lewis
- 7. Councillor Hawthrone Thompson
- 8. Councillor Renair Benjamin
- 9. Councillor Gary Nicholson

# b) Officers

Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie
 Ms. Delores Gooden
 Mr. Garfield Thompson
 Director of Administration
 Chief Financial Officer
 Chief Engineering Officer

### 1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

### 2. **DEVOTION**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Roogae Kirlew prayed to begin the meeting.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Anthony Wint, joined the meeting

# 3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

### Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, agencies and media representatives. He also welcomed the administrative staff and those who had joined the meeting online.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

# At this stage Councillor Peter Abrahams joined the meeting

# **Apologies**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

- 1. Councillor Keisha Lewis, who was not well;
- 2. Ms. Delores Gooden, Chief Financial Officer, who was not feeling well;
- 3. Mr. Garfield Thompson, Chief Engineering Officer, who was on departmental leave; and
- 4. Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant, who is having problems with one of her knees.

# 4. <u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2022</u>

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on May 12, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor Patricia Harris and carried.

# 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

# a) Sewage Flowing in the Vicinity of Tawes Pen

Arising from minutes of meeting held 12/5/22, page 3 item (a), the Chairman stated that he had met with the Member of Parliament and the problem has been corrected. He said that the sewage was from overflowing pits and they have been cleared. He added that the Roads and Works Department will divulge further information at the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee Meeting, as to the number of pits that were cleared and other information. He said too that persons passing the location can attest to the fact that there is no overflow at present.

# b) **Vector Control**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 12/5/22, page 8, Councillor Wilson said that mosquito infestation was still a problem and that he had not seen any fogging taking place.

The Chairman said that an officer was present at the meeting and could give an update. He also said that a schedule has been circulated.

# 6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman made the following announcement:

1. "Let me welcome all Councillors, members of staff, the media, online participants and our external experts to our June Municipal Corporation Monthly meeting. The fifth wave of the COVID 19 is on and you must continue to protect yourselves and adhere to all the protocols as set out by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

- 2. Recently there has been an increase in the number of murders in the parish of St. Catherine which is quite disturbing. The incidents are occurring in the parts of the parish like Tawes Pen that has been quiet since 2002. It is my hope that the Commissioner of Police and his team will utilize more surveillance and intelligence to catch the perpetrators and break up these notorious gangs. The citizens are filled with fear and anxiety and are asking for more protection
- 3. YSEP (Youth Summer Employment Programme) Aug 8-Sept 2 All councillors need to ensure that proper banking information is submitted for each participant. Each participant must have a bank account as no cheques will be done.
- 4. June 1, 2022 marks the beginning of the annual hurricane season and many persons are quite anxious about this. One of the weather predictions is that between June and August, there will heavy rainfalls in the Caribbean .The Corporation through the vigilance of the Councilors will be ensuring that the drains and gullies continue to be cleaned to prevent any form of flooding. I want the National Solid Waste Management to partner with us and to ensure that regular collections are done so that citizens do not need to dispose of their garbage in the gullies.
- 5. In concluding I just want to encourage everyone that we should continue to take care of ourselves and go the doctor for a checkup even if you are not feeling ill. It is noted with sadness that recently several teachers died suddenly and this is for many reasons. You are the only one that can take best care of you."

### **Arrival of Councillors**

During the announcement Councillors Dwight Burke and Fenley Douglas joined the meeting

# 7. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING</u>

Nil

# 8. ALGAJ REPORT:

The report from ALGAJ was emailed to the Councillors.

On the motion of Councillor Fenley Douglas, seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn, the meeting accepted the report.

Councillor Wilson said that a few months ago, he spoke about how Councillors were being treated, in relation to representation by ALGAJ. He said that every Councillor is feeling the effects of the increase in fuel price and that they need to call on the union that represents them, as their travelling needs to be adjusted. He said that the travelling allowance could not be the same and they need to get an upkeep allowance, along with a salary increase. He asked that ALGAJ come to their rescue, as the hardship is being felt by all Councillors.

Councillor Lawrence asked that Local Government reform be looked at in relation to the three strategic laws. He said that ALGAJ should facilitate this discussion and should update the Corporations thereafter.

The Chairman said that this was a very important point and added that he was not sure if the regulations had been done in relation to these laws. He said that he knows that

the unified services regulation has been done and is operational. He asked that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Ministry of Local Government, as it relates to these laws and that he would seek to have this matter discussed at the next executive meeting of ALGAJ.

# 9. QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Nil

# 10. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Peter Abrahams, the Corporation resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Kenord Grant joined the meeting

# i) Medical Officer's Report

Mrs. Melva Carter, Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector presented the report as under:

### "UPDATE ON PROSECUTION MATTERS

- Odour from pig rearing- the offender had an accident ad submitted a letter from her doctor explaining her absence so a new trial date is set for July 18, 2022.
- The matter of dog rearing in Portsmouth- The clerk of the court was not present on May 24<sup>th</sup> so another date was set for July 13, 2022 when our officer will take the witness stand to testify.

### **COVID-19 CASES UPDATE**

- The total number of COVID-19 cases for May 2022 is 1042.
- The number of active cases during May is 352.
- The total number of deaths for May 2022 is 11.
- Spanish Town and Portmore Zones continue to record the most cases.
- The positivity rate for the parish is 50% which is above the islands positivity rate of 30%.
- The average daily positives are now about 25 (primary care sites).

# COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

- Total doses administered since March 2021= 206,850
- Number of clients fully immunized= 102,395 or 20% of the target population
- Number of booster doses given to date= 3,731Pz, 395 JJ and 1,449 Az,
- Number of doses administered in infirmaries and nursing homes= 811
- Number of doses administered to shut-in clients = 67
- We have a partnership with Ashe Dance Company to reach some Communities
- We will be visiting high schools during registration process to motivate the 12+ age group to get vaccinated.

### **VECTOR CONTROL**

Dengue intervention

The Health Department resumed adulticidal activity during May. Resources are still limited. Not all areas will be visited just now.

One dengue notifications were received at the Vector Control Unit for the reporting period. Interventions were carried in the community.

### Institutions Monitored

Inspections were carried out at our key premises such as institutions and markets for mosquito breeding sites. The following institutions were monitored:

- 6 Health Centres- No breeding
- 2 Markets- No breeding
- 2 Hospitals searched- 1 breeding
- 1 Police Station- No breeding
- Health department- No breeding
- Infirmary- No breeding

### Tyre Shops

Forty-six (46) tyre shops and three garages were visited. A total of three thousand eight hundred and two (3802) tyres were inspected for mosquito breeding. Three thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine (3799) were found at tyre shops and three at garages. One hundred and twenty-eight (128) tyres at tyre shops were found breeding and treated with oil. Tyres found at the garages were not breeding.

# **Drain Inspections**

A total fifty-one (51) drains were inspected. This shows a decrease of nine in the number of drains inspected in May 2022 when compared with the month of April 2022.

Also the number of drains that were breeding Culex specie of mosquito has also decrease. Twenty-four (24) of the drains inspected were breeding Culex mosquito and none breeding Anopheles mosquito.

The drains found breeding were treated with oil.

### Spanish Town Area

Location of Drain	Breeding
St Jago Grove	Yes
St Jago South	Yes
Tredegar Park	Yes
At the back of El Prado H/S	Yes
In front Irish Pen Basic School	Yes
Irish Pen main drain	Yes
Police Academy	No
Hampton Green, St John's Ave	No
Hampton Green, Central Avenue	No
Williams Street	No
G.C. Foster	No
McVickers Lane	No
Cromarty	No
Gordon Pen	No
Job Lane	No

### Portmore Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Portsmouth, Hayling Road	Yes
Cumberland	Yes
Waterford High School	No
Waterford, beside Primary School	No
Waterford, Rupert Way	No
Cumberland High School	No
Waterford, Rush Way	No
5 West	No

### Old Harbour Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Lloyds Pen	Yes
Salt Gully	Yes
Nurine Lane	Yes
Bay Bottom	No
Terminal Road	Yes
Kelly Pen	Yes
Blackwood Gardens	No
Old Harbour Bay main drain	Yes
Succaba Gardens	Yes
Panton Lane	Yes
Darlington Drive	Yes
Hart Street	No
Africa	No
Patrick Street	No

### Linstead Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Bog Walk by pass at Jadoo premises	No
Bog Walk bypass beside Biters Restaurant	Yes
Bog Walk round about LP#489849	No
Bronx Street	Yes
Fletchers Ave	Yes
King Street	Yes
Riversdale	No
Grove Road	No
Berwick border with Crawle	Yes
Berwick beside Train line	Yes
Logan Street	No
Hope View Avenue	No
Victoria Street	No
Bennett Lane	Yes

Arising from the report, Councillor Douglas said he heard the report and has received a copy of the proposed fogging schedule. He stated that almost every month he and Councillor Edwards have had to call the Public Health Department, in relation to vector control. He said that he could not recall that Ministry in the past three years being proactive in any report by indicating that they have acquired foggers, swing foggers or ULV machines. He said that they are aware that every year at this time they face the same problem and thinks it is time for the department to become proactive.

He said that he was worried that it was the first in three years that there were so many breedings and is worndering what will happen if there is a dengue outbreak or if there will be a new strain of Chik-V. He said he would like to use this medium to call on the Ministry of Health to do something for the people of this parish and his constituency. He added that the Ministry of Health is one of the most funded ministry since 2020, apart from the Ministry of National Security and therefore they are expecting results. He said that he would like to see some foggers bought for Portmore and this side of St. Catherine.

Councillor Edwards stated that he listened to the report and asked if during visits to early childhood institutions, if there was any case of hand, foot and mouth disease, and if so, what measures were being put in place to deal with it. He also asked how these institutions were being monitored to prevent the infection.

The Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector stated that she has not heard of any outbreak in St. Catherine, but they are on alert. She also said that they have been visiting and informing of actions to be taken, if there are cases and how to prevent it in the institution.

Councillor Edwards asked that a thorough investigation be done and a report given at the next meeting.

# ii) Application for Butchers Licences

The following application was presented for approval:

Name	Address	Place of Slaughter
Chadwick Galloway	Lot 35 Orchid Dr Hellshire	Best Dressed Chicken Processing Plant Spring Village

On the motion of Councillor Leroy Dunn, seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas, the licence was approved, based on the recommendation of the Health Department.

# iii) Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences

Nil

The Chairman said that he was using the opportunity to vigorously pursue those barbers and haridressers to ensure that there is compliance and that the fees are collected throughout the parish.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the Corporation has started a collection drive and this will continue.

### iv) Exhumation

Nil

### Resumption

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas, the meeting resumed.

# 11. REPORTS

### (A) MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

# I) <u>Infrastructure and Traffic Committee 18/05/22</u>

The Minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on 18/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on May 18, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant and carried.

# II) Human Resources Committee 25/05/22

This meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum.

# III) Public Health Committee Meeting 19/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on 19/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on May 19, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant and carried.

### IV) Municipal & Commercial Services Committee 24/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal and Commercial Services Committee held on 24/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee held on May 24, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant and carried.

# (B) <u>MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES</u>

### i) Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee 16/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on 16/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on May 16, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

# ii) Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 17/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 17/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on May 17, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

# iii) Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 18/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 18/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on May 18, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

# iv) Poor Relief Committee Meeting 19/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 19/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on May 19, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

# (C) <u>USE OF COUNCIL'S COMM</u>ON SEAL

On the motion of Councillor Steve Graham, seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant, approval was given for affixing the Corporation's Common Seal on applications for subdivision, which were approved by the Physical Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting held on June 14, 2022:

i) Application by New Era Homes Limited to subdivide lands at part of Goshen Pen & Clifton Pen now called Goshen Pen and Part of Government Park to be called Port Ridge Estate, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 378,300 square metres into

six hundred and thirteen (613) lots for residential, recreational areas (parks) and green recreational area (open space) purposes, seventeen (17) drains and eighteen (18) reserved roads.

- ii) Application by Catherine James c/o Nardia James-Fairweather to subdivide lands part of Content, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 6667.369 square metres into four (4) lots for residential purpose, a section for road improvement and a reserved road.
- Application by Phillip Smith c/o Martin Lindsay to subdivide lands part of Goshen Pen and Government Park, Part of Lot D5 to be called The Phillip Smith Complex consisting of approximately 98380.442 square metres into eleven (11) lots for residential open space, drain easement and reserved road purposes.
- iv) Application by Yugal Francis c/o Roneil Sinclair to subdivide lands part of Barodene consisting of approximately 17,807.490 square metres into nine (9) lots for residential, homestead, farmstead and reserved road purposes.
- Application by Adassa Jennings c/o Dalston Bailey to subdivide lands part of McCooks Pen consisting of approximately 8,615.92 square metres into eight (8) lots for residential and reserved roads purposes.
- of Phoenix Park, Pheonix Park and Union, Salt Pond Pen and Woodlands to be called Phoenix Park Village 2 (Phases 1 4) consisting of approximately 2,065,429.54 square metres into three thousand, two hundred and six (3,206) lots for Residential/open space (passive open space) educational/storm water detention/utility (drain reservation, JPS high tension reservation and lift station)/reserved roads purposes."

# D) REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:

The report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee is as under:

"The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2022 at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead.

### Councillors present were:

1. Councillor Herbert Garriques (J.P.) - Linstead Division (Chairman)

2. Councillor William Cytall - Troja Division

3. Councillor Peter Abrahams - Bog Walk Division

### Councillors absent were:

Councillor Neil Powell
 Councillor Sydney Rose
 Councillor Beverly Jobson Grant (J.P.) 
Above Rock Division
Treadways Division
Ewarton Division

4. Councillor Roojae Kirlew - Mount Industry Division

5. Councillor Leroy Dunn - Guys Hill Division

# **Officers**

1. Ms. Chantae Brown - Town Manager

2. Mrs. Jodian Thorpe-Morris - Recording Secretary

### **Representatives**

1. Mr. Godfrey Marshall - Linstead DAC

2. Mrs. Minnett Anderson-Myer - Social Development Commission

3. Dr. Cynthia Anderson
 4. Mr. Owayne Weir
 Ministers' Fraternal
 Taxi Association

Activities done at the Centre for May 2022.

PAYMENT OF PUBLIC CLEANSING TICKET Nil

APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT
Nil

APPLICATION FOR BARBER LICENCE Nil

APPLICATION FOR BARBERSHOP LICENCE Nil

### APPLICATION FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENCE

Name of Applicant Name and Address of Business

1. Keneisha Bennett Williams Ultimate Creation

54 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead

2. Kerlene Bennett-Boswell Ultimate Creation

54 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead

LICENCE ISSUED

Nil

**CLAMPING** 

Nil

# APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Name of Applicant	Name of the Deceased	Address of Burial	
1. Simeon Davis	Barrington Davis	Berkshire Hall Redwood	
2. Veronica Barns	Nicholas Lyn	Cross Road Byndloss	
3. Ywan Watson	Vivienne Duncan	Crawle Riversdale	
4. Edna Davis	Sabrina Taffe	Treadways Linstead	
5. Eslyn Murphy	Ricardo Munroe	West Prospect Bog Walk	

# **PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS**

Name of Applicant	Name of Deceased	Cemetery	Type of Spot
1. Althea Small	Ena Gray	Commodore	Tiling
2. Cecil Gordon	Clarence Gordon	Commodore	Tomb and Tile
3. Kecil Carr	Ezkiel Carr	Commodore	Vault
4. Mauvett Wilks	Rudolph Gillespie	Commodore	Vault
5. Norman Lewis	Trevor Garvey	Commodore	Vault
6. Phillips Funeral Home	Lake Johnson	Commodore	Vault
7. Roberts Funeral Home	Barrington Brown	Commodore	Vault
8. Joy McLean	Calbert McLean	Commodore	Vault
9. Siana Rutherford	Owen Rutherford	Commodore	Vault
10. Sharmain Johnson	Lino Welsh	Commodore	Vault
11. Jermaine Graham	Linden Graham	Treadways	Vault
12. Hyacinth Morgan	Fitzroy Bailey	Treadways	Vault '

### **LINSTEAD DROP-IN CENTRE**

The construction of the Drop-In Centre for the homeless in Linstead has been put on hold since 2020. The Centre which is more than 50 per cent completed and is urgently needed to provide adequate accommodation for homeless individuals. The concern is a reoccurring one and has left the committee on edged. The committee is hoping that the corporation will have the Centre completion as soon as possible.

### **NOTICE TO REMOVE TRAILER**

A truck driver has been served with notice to remove a 40ft parked trailer from the main road near Venesha Lane in Linstead. The parked trailer creates an eminent hazard to users of the roadway. Notice has also been served on the operators of a garage in the Commodore area in Linstead to remove several disable cars parked along the roadway.

The owner of a two story house in Swamp Lane, Bog Walk was also served with notice to remove the unauthorized pig pen from the building. The foul odour that emanates from the pen has caused severe discomfort to residents."

On the motion of Councillor Herbert Garriques, seconded by Councillor William Cytall, the report was accepted.

# 12. GENERAL:

Nil

# 13. MOTIONS:

a) Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)

Nil

b) **Notice of Motions:** 

Nil

# 14. <u>PETITIONS:</u>

Nil

# 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

# **Drain Cleaning**

Councillor Wilson sought to find out if there was any plan to clean drains, in light of the fact that they were in the hurricane season.

The Chairman responded that at the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee Meeting an update will be provided.

# **Suspension of the Standing Order**

On the motion of Councillor Fenley Douglas, seconded by Councillor Peter Abrahams, the Standing Order was suspended to take the reports of the agencies present.

### **National solid Waste Management Authority**

Mr. Walsh stated that the last reporting period involved the clean up of some areas, such as Manchester Street and the # 5 Cemetery. He said that they have been trying to maintain the area, but there are persons who are making the town look bad even though his team was trying its best. He said that they try to clean the hot spots regularly with the same resources and therefore it creates a difficulty to go into other areas.

He reported that there is backlog and they are approximately seventy percent complete in clearing this, and they are currently doing some other areas. He said that Linstead was given a good cleaning and that they have five trucks that clean the communities and the town center. He added that Councillor Rose had made mention of the commercial garbage situation, and informed the meeting that there is a plan to do a walk through, in collaboration with the Corporation, in Linstead. He said that a date was set and his team showed up, but it was rescheduled by the Corporation and the agency is awaiting the new date.

Councillor Dunn said that when the report is done monthly, usually nothing significant is said about the northern section of the parish. He said that he listened to the NSWMA and has heard about Spanish Town and Linstead; but there are other towns in St. Catherine such as Guys Hill. He said that he has been getting complaints of tardiness and asked that some attention be given to these areas, to make collections regular.

The Chairman said that he was told that for the past three weeks there has not been any collection in Eltham View.

Councillor Douglas remarked that every month he sits and listens to the report and is concerned, that while the agency claims that they are trying their best, the situation remains the same. He said that it has been said that the Mayor is responsible to clean the town and also there are claims of rat infestation, but would like to know if the NSWMA can be sued, on behalf of the people. He said that there is a lack of performance, residents are being exposed to Hepatitis B and rats, which could result in leptospirosis. There are several business places and the agency has the power to use the law to get these people on board to collect from them. He said that property tax is used to pay for these services and the residents are paying their taxes and sought advice as to whether the agency can be sued, as enough is enough.

Councillor Garriques sought to find out if there was any correlation with non-collection of garbage and the diseases that are present. He said that they need to be proactive and the Health Department must speak out if there is a connection.

Councillor Lawrence said that he has been speaking about the power of the Corporation, in relation to commercial garbage. He said that there has been discussions about Enforcement and Compliance Officers being brought on stream. He also said that some years ago there was a walk through the town and asked if the agency could put something in place to have Enforcement Officers carry out this function. He asked if the officer could shed some light on these plans.

Mr. Walsh stated that three months ago, Councillor Rose had requested a walk through and they made themselves available and after an hour, they were told that a new date would be set. He said that both the Corporation and his organisation have enforcement teams and suggested that arrangement be made for the Corporation's enforcement team to do some enforcement.

Councillor Wint said that it amazed him that apart from property tax, it was the commercial collection that helped to finance the agency and they could not get that to work. He said that the mini dumps are mainly because of the commercial entities paying persons to dispose of their garbage. He suggested that the management be written indicating that the commercial garbage is one of the main cause of garbage in the parish.

# **Fire Department**

Mr. Pike stated that the month of May was an active one and the country was in the height of the dry season. He said that they have been getting more bush fire calls and encouraged Councillors when they are having their community meetings, to invite the department to talk to the residents, as this helps to reduce fires. He said that a lot more can be done, but it takes partnership.

STATIONS	GENUINE	M.F. A	F.A.W.G. I	SPECIAL SERVICE	BUSH FIRE	TOTAL CALLS
Spanish Town	25	20	03	07	47	102
Waterford	11	05	03	07	19	45
Linstead	06	02	-	02	03	13
Old Harbour	08	01	01	04	15	29
TOTAL	50	28	07	20	84	189

2. ESTIMATED RISK: \$785,330,000.00 ESTIMATED LOSS: \$33,200,000.00 ESTIMATED SAVED: \$752,130,000.00

3. Structural Fire:

There were Twenty-one (21) structural fires of which eight (8) adults and three (3) children were displaced.

4. Motor Vehicle Accidents:

There were Three (3) motor vehicle accidents in which five (5) civilians were injured.

5. Special Service:

The Brigade responded to Two (2) Special Service Incidents in which One (1) civilian was injured and One (1) civilian died.

Councillor Graham said that recently there was a fire at Patrick Street. He said that the truck was coming from another community and when it arrived it was half empty and the hose on the truck was burst, impeding the ability of the truck to carry out its function. He said that the department needs additional units, as Old Harbour is rapidly developing and the hydrants also need to be functioning in the town.

Mr. Pike said that they have just completed their strategic plan for the Jamaica Fire Brigade and Old Harbour is growing fast, but they need assistance. He said that they had opened the new fire station recently and that Old Harbour required more, as a growing community. He said that at the local level they need to inform the residents that they had to take some responsibility for themselves. He said that self help is what is preached, as seen on a recent visit to Asia, as the government will not be able to do everything that is needed.

The Chairman then stated that he was not going to accept that kind of response. He said that such a lovely station was opened recently with accolades and very nice

speeches. He asked what were the services that are required; and if a house was burnt because the unit was not properly equipped, it meant that the service was not provided and is cause for concern. He said that they should get real and not be sympathisers and if equipment is needed in Old Harbour, it should be given, as it is the fastest growing town in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Pike said that his request for self help was misunderstood. He said that they were disaster managers and before an incident they do preparedness, during they do active response and after the incident they do counsel. He said what he meant was that at the local level they had to bring the people up to a level where they can help themselves. In relation to the specific fire response, he said that he is almost sure that the burst would have happened at the operation before the fire at Patrick Street. He said that they have a handover/ takeover routine at the change of shifts at 3:00 o'clock and 7:00 o'clock. He said that anything can happen when they go out there to respond.

He also said that they have been doing hydrant repairs and this started two months ago in Portmore and a number of them have been repaired in the parish. He said that where new ones are requested, a feasibility study and estimate will be done, as the aim is to repair as many hydrants as possible across the parish.

Councillor Graham said that there was a tank at the fire station and requested that it be repaired and replaced.

The meeting was informed that the tank is presently at the Infirmary.

# **Social Development Commission**

Mr. Erskine presented the following report:

"The SDC Continue to implement its work within the parish, through its six (6) Programmes, as follow: -

- i. Strengthening the participatory Governance Framework.(SPGF)
- ii. Community Research & Database. (CRD)
- iii. Local Economic Development Support (LED)
- iv. Sports For Community Development
- v. Community Incentive & Grants
- vi. Parish Inter-Agency Network

Highlight of some major Activity for this Month: -

- 1. CDC Validation & Community Perception Survey A process was carried out during the past month to validate the operations of the active CDCs in the parish. This also include conducting a perception survey to see how aware residents were of the community groups operating within their space.
- 2. Product Testing & Standardization Workshop Friday June 10, at the SDC Complex, with the Jamaica Bureau of Standard (BSJ). Local Economic Initiatives, as well as other small business operators specially producing consumables will be exposed to information on how to get their products tested and certified, for the market.
- 3. SDC National T/20 Cricket Competitions we have just completed the parish phase and now into the national phase, with two teams advancing from the parish (Greater Portmore, & St. Johns East).

- 2.1. SDC Masters & Female Cricket Competition This competition will begin June 18, Two (2) Masters & one (1) female teams will represent the parish
- 4. Community Lead Sports Support to local sporting competition, as a means of energizing communities and enhancing positive relationship within communities. Some includes:
  - a. March Pen Sports Extravaganza (Over Easter Weekend)
  - b. Greendale Football & Netball Competition. (May 21 22)
  - c. Wakesfield /Buxton Town Sports Extravaganza (June 29)
- 5. Cheesefield District Profile Development This is being done as a special project from the ministry of Local Government & Community Development, whereby Cheesefield was selected as a special area for rural development. So far data collection has been completed and, is now being analyzed."

# **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew, the standing orders were resumed.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor George Moodie joined the meeting

# b) Jamaica 60 Celebrations

Councillor Graham asked if there are any plans for the parish for the Jamaica 60 celebrations and if any funding has been earmarked for it. He said that he would like the clock in Old Harbour to be repaired as part of the commemoration. He also cautioned about the Chamber of Commerce doing the repairs.

# 16. ADJOURNMENT

**CONFIRMED:** 

At this stage (12:21 p.m.), Councillor Anthony Wint moved, seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn, that the meeting be adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN
ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN
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# **Action Page**

Action to be taken	By Whom
1. Page 5 letter to the Ministry re regulations Governing the three strategic laws	CEO
2. Page 8 – investigation re Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in early childhood institutions	Public Health Dept.
3. Page 15 – letter to NSWMA re commercial garbage in the parish	CEO

#### ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

# MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

Pursuant to Notice the Monthly General Meeting of the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation was held in the Chambers of the Corporation at Spanish Town on Thursday, June 9, 2022, commencing at 10:52 a.m.

#### **PRESENT WERE:**

#### a) Councillors:

- 1. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Norman Scott Chairman
- 2. Councillor Ralston Wilson Deputy Mayor
- 3. Councillor Claude Hamilton
- 4. Councillor Roogaé Kirlew
- 5. Councillor Alphanso Johnson
- 6. Councillor Mark O'Connor
- 7. Councillor Sydney Rose
- 8. Councillor Leroy Dunn
- 9. Councillor Enos Lawrence
- 10. Councillor Steve Graham
- 11. Councillor Donovan Guy
- 12. Councillor William Cytall
- 13. Councillor Neil Powell
- 14. Councillor Lloyd Grant
- 15. Councillor Patricia Harris
- 16. Councillor Keith Knight
- 17. Councillor Anthony Wint
- 18. Councillor Herbert Garriques

#### Those who arrived Subsequently

- 19. Councillor Peter Abrahams
- 20. Councillor Mark McLean
- 21. Councillor Kenord Grant
- 22. Councillor Keith McCook
- 23. Councillor Jennifer Hull
- 24. Councillor George Moodie
- 25. Councillor Courtney Edwards
- 26. Councillor Fenley Douglas
- 27. Councillor Dwight Burke

#### **Online**

Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant

# b) Officers:

1. Mr. Andre Griffiths

2. Mr. Romond Fisher

3. Mrs. Melva Carter

4. Ms. Angella wright

Chief Executive Officer – Clerk

Deputy Superintendent Roads & Works

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

Inspector of Poor

5. Mr. Chad Allen Director of Planning

6. Ms. Telka Holt Commercial Services Manager

7. Ms. Reishana Dubidad Community Programmes Co-ordinator

8. Ms. Chantae Brown9. Ms. Anakay ClarkeLinstead Town CentreActg. Snr. Internal Audi

9. Ms. Anakay Clarke Actg. Snr. Internal Auditor 10. Mrs. Yasheka Jathan-Thompson Parish Disaster Co-ordinator

11. Mr. Omar Mattis Office Manager

#### c) Agencies

1. Mr. Farrel Walsh NSWMA

2. Mr. Dilton Pike Jamaica Fire Brigade

3. Mr. Lloyd Erskine Social Development Commission

### **ABSENT WERE:**

### a) Councillors

1. Councillor Ainsley Parkins

- 2. Councillor Joy Brown
- 3. Councillor Theresa Turner-Flynn
- 4. Councillor Vanrick Preddie
- 5. Councillor Alric Campbell
- 6. Councillor Keisha Lewis
- 7. Councillor Hawthrone Thompson
- 8. Councillor Renair Benjamin
- 9. Councillor Gary Nicholson

#### b) Officers

Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie
 Ms. Delores Gooden
 Mr. Garfield Thompson
 Director of Administration
 Chief Financial Officer
 Chief Engineering Officer

#### 1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

#### 2. **DEVOTION**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Roogae Kirlew prayed to begin the meeting.

### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Anthony Wint, joined the meeting

# 3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

#### Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, agencies and media representatives. He also welcomed the administrative staff and those who had joined the meeting online.

#### **Arrival of Councillor**

# At this stage Councillor Peter Abrahams joined the meeting

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

- 1. Councillor Keisha Lewis, who was not well;
- 2. Ms. Delores Gooden, Chief Financial Officer, who was not feeling well;
- 3. Mr. Garfield Thompson, Chief Engineering Officer, who was on departmental leave; and
- 4. Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant, who is having problems with one of her knees.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2022

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on May 12, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor Patricia Harris and carried.

# 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

#### a) Sewage Flowing in the Vicinity of Tawes Pen

Arising from minutes of meeting held 12/5/22, page 3 item (a), the Chairman stated that he had met with the Member of Parliament and the problem has been corrected. He said that the sewage was from overflowing pits and they have been cleared. He added that the Roads and Works Department will divulge further information at the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee Meeting, as to the number of pits that were cleared and other information. He said too that persons passing the location can attest to the fact that there is no overflow at present.

#### b) **Vector Control**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 12/5/22, page 8, Councillor Wilson said that mosquito infestation was still a problem and that he had not seen any fogging taking place.

The Chairman said that an officer was present at the meeting and could give an update. He also said that a schedule has been circulated.

#### 6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman made the following announcement:

1. "Let me welcome all Councillors, members of staff, the media, online participants and our external experts to our June Municipal Corporation Monthly meeting. The fifth wave of the COVID 19 is on and you must continue to protect yourselves and adhere to all the protocols as set out by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

- 2. Recently there has been an increase in the number of murders in the parish of St. Catherine which is quite disturbing. The incidents are occurring in the parts of the parish like Tawes Pen that has been quiet since 2002. It is my hope that the Commissioner of Police and his team will utilize more surveillance and intelligence to catch the perpetrators and break up these notorious gangs. The citizens are filled with fear and anxiety and are asking for more protection
- 3. YSEP (Youth Summer Employment Programme) Aug 8-Sept 2 All councillors need to ensure that proper banking information is submitted for each participant. Each participant must have a bank account as no cheques will be done.
- 4. June 1, 2022 marks the beginning of the annual hurricane season and many persons are quite anxious about this. One of the weather predictions is that between June and August, there will heavy rainfalls in the Caribbean .The Corporation through the vigilance of the Councilors will be ensuring that the drains and gullies continue to be cleaned to prevent any form of flooding. I want the National Solid Waste Management to partner with us and to ensure that regular collections are done so that citizens do not need to dispose of their garbage in the gullies.
- 5. In concluding I just want to encourage everyone that we should continue to take care of ourselves and go the doctor for a checkup even if you are not feeling ill. It is noted with sadness that recently several teachers died suddenly and this is for many reasons. You are the only one that can take best care of you."

#### Arrival of Councillors

During the announcement Councillors Dwight Burke and Fenley Douglas joined the meeting

# 7. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING</u>

Nil

#### 8. ALGAJ REPORT:

The report from ALGAJ was emailed to the Councillors.

On the motion of Councillor Fenley Douglas, seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn, the meeting accepted the report.

Councillor Wilson said that a few months ago, he spoke about how Councillors were being treated, in relation to representation by ALGAJ. He said that every Councillor is feeling the effects of the increase in fuel price and that they need to call on the union that represents them, as their travelling needs to be adjusted. He said that the travelling allowance could not be the same and they need to get an upkeep allowance, along with a salary increase. He asked that ALGAJ come to their rescue, as the hardship is being felt by all Councillors.

Councillor Lawrence asked that Local Government reform be looked at in relation to the three strategic laws. He said that ALGAJ should facilitate this discussion and should update the Corporations thereafter.

The Chairman said that this was a very important point and added that he was not sure if the regulations had been done in relation to these laws. He said that he knows that

the unified services regulation has been done and is operational. He asked that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Ministry of Local Government, as it relates to these laws and that he would seek to have this matter discussed at the next executive meeting of ALGAJ.

#### 9. QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Nil

# 10. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Peter Abrahams, the Corporation resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

#### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Kenord Grant joined the meeting

# i) Medical Officer's Report

Mrs. Melva Carter, Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector presented the report as under:

#### "UPDATE ON PROSECUTION MATTERS

- Odour from pig rearing- the offender had an accident ad submitted a letter from her doctor explaining her absence so a new trial date is set for July 18, 2022.
- The matter of dog rearing in Portsmouth- The clerk of the court was not present on May 24<sup>th</sup> so another date was set for July 13, 2022 when our officer will take the witness stand to testify.

#### **COVID-19 CASES UPDATE**

- The total number of COVID-19 cases for May 2022 is 1042.
- The number of active cases during May is 352.
- The total number of deaths for May 2022 is 11.
- Spanish Town and Portmore Zones continue to record the most cases.
- The positivity rate for the parish is 50% which is above the islands positivity rate of 30%.
- The average daily positives are now about 25 (primary care sites).

# COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

- Total doses administered since March 2021= 206,850
- Number of clients fully immunized= 102,395 or 20% of the target population
- Number of booster doses given to date= 3,731Pz, 395 JJ and 1,449 Az,
- Number of doses administered in infirmaries and nursing homes= 811
- Number of doses administered to shut-in clients = 67
- We have a partnership with Ashe Dance Company to reach some Communities
- We will be visiting high schools during registration process to motivate the 12+ age group to get vaccinated.

#### **VECTOR CONTROL**

Dengue intervention

The Health Department resumed adulticidal activity during May. Resources are still limited. Not all areas will be visited just now.

One dengue notifications were received at the Vector Control Unit for the reporting period. Interventions were carried in the community.

#### Institutions Monitored

Inspections were carried out at our key premises such as institutions and markets for mosquito breeding sites. The following institutions were monitored:

- 6 Health Centres- No breeding
- 2 Markets- No breeding
- 2 Hospitals searched- 1 breeding
- 1 Police Station- No breeding
- Health department- No breeding
- Infirmary- No breeding

#### Tyre Shops

Forty-six (46) tyre shops and three garages were visited. A total of three thousand eight hundred and two (3802) tyres were inspected for mosquito breeding. Three thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine (3799) were found at tyre shops and three at garages. One hundred and twenty-eight (128) tyres at tyre shops were found breeding and treated with oil. Tyres found at the garages were not breeding.

#### Drain Inspections

A total fifty-one (51) drains were inspected. This shows a decrease of nine in the number of drains inspected in May 2022 when compared with the month of April 2022.

Also the number of drains that were breeding Culex specie of mosquito has also decrease. Twenty-four (24) of the drains inspected were breeding Culex mosquito and none breeding Anopheles mosquito.

The drains found breeding were treated with oil.

#### Spanish Town Area

Location of Drain	Breeding
St Jago Grove	Yes
St Jago South	Yes
Tredegar Park	Yes
At the back of El Prado H/S	Yes
In front Irish Pen Basic School	Yes
Irish Pen main drain	Yes
Police Academy	No
Hampton Green, St John's Ave	No
Hampton Green, Central Avenue	No
Williams Street	No
G.C. Foster	No
McVickers Lane	No
Cromarty	No
Gordon Pen	No
Job Lane	No

#### Portmore Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Portsmouth, Hayling Road	Yes
Cumberland	Yes
Waterford High School	No
Waterford, beside Primary School	No
Waterford, Rupert Way	No
Cumberland High School	No
Waterford, Rush Way	No
5 West	No

#### Old Harbour Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Lloyds Pen	Yes
Salt Gully	Yes
Nurine Lane	Yes
Bay Bottom	No
Terminal Road	Yes
Kelly Pen	Yes
Blackwood Gardens	No
Old Harbour Bay main drain	Yes
Succaba Gardens	Yes
Panton Lane	Yes
Darlington Drive	Yes
Hart Street	No
Africa	No
Patrick Street	No

#### Linstead Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Bog Walk by pass at Jadoo premises	No
Bog Walk bypass beside Biters Restaurant	Yes
Bog Walk round about LP#489849	No
Bronx Street	Yes
Fletchers Ave	Yes
King Street	Yes
Riversdale	No
Grove Road	No
Berwick border with Crawle	Yes
Berwick beside Train line	Yes
Logan Street	No
Hope View Avenue	No
Victoria Street	No
Bennett Lane	Yes

Arising from the report, Councillor Douglas said he heard the report and has received a copy of the proposed fogging schedule. He stated that almost every month he and Councillor Edwards have had to call the Public Health Department, in relation to vector control. He said that he could not recall that Ministry in the past three years being proactive in any report by indicating that they have acquired foggers, swing foggers or ULV machines. He said that they are aware that every year at this time they face the same problem and thinks it is time for the department to become proactive.

He said that he was worried that it was the first in three years that there were so many breedings and is worndering what will happen if there is a dengue outbreak or if there will be a new strain of Chik-V. He said he would like to use this medium to call on the Ministry of Health to do something for the people of this parish and his constituency. He added that the Ministry of Health is one of the most funded ministry since 2020, apart from the Ministry of National Security and therefore they are expecting results. He said that he would like to see some foggers bought for Portmore and this side of St. Catherine.

Councillor Edwards stated that he listened to the report and asked if during visits to early childhood institutions, if there was any case of hand, foot and mouth disease, and if so, what measures were being put in place to deal with it. He also asked how these institutions were being monitored to prevent the infection.

The Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector stated that she has not heard of any outbreak in St. Catherine, but they are on alert. She also said that they have been visiting and informing of actions to be taken, if there are cases and how to prevent it in the institution.

Councillor Edwards asked that a thorough investigation be done and a report given at the next meeting.

### ii) Application for Butchers Licences

The following application was presented for approval:

Name	Address	Place of Slaughter
Chadwick Galloway	Lot 35 Orchid Dr Hellshire	Best Dressed Chicken Processing Plant Spring Village

On the motion of Councillor Leroy Dunn, seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas, the licence was approved, based on the recommendation of the Health Department.

#### iii) Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences

Nil

The Chairman said that he was using the opportunity to vigorously pursue those barbers and haridressers to ensure that there is compliance and that the fees are collected throughout the parish.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the Corporation has started a collection drive and this will continue.

#### iv) Exhumation

Nil

#### Resumption

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas, the meeting resumed.

# 11. REPORTS

#### (A) MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

#### I) <u>Infrastructure and Traffic Committee 18/05/22</u>

The Minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on 18/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on May 18, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant and carried.

#### II) Human Resources Committee 25/05/22

This meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum.

#### III) Public Health Committee Meeting 19/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on 19/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on May 19, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant and carried.

#### IV) Municipal & Commercial Services Committee 24/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal and Commercial Services Committee held on 24/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee held on May 24, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant and carried.

# (B) <u>MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES</u>

#### i) Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee 16/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on 16/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on May 16, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

#### ii) Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 17/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 17/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on May 17, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

# iii) Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 18/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 18/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on May 18, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

# iv) Poor Relief Committee Meeting 19/05/22

The Minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 19/05/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Fenley Douglas moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on May 19, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Keith Knight and carried.

# (C) <u>USE OF COUNCIL'S COMM</u>ON SEAL

On the motion of Councillor Steve Graham, seconded by Councillor Kenord Grant, approval was given for affixing the Corporation's Common Seal on applications for subdivision, which were approved by the Physical Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting held on June 14, 2022:

i) Application by New Era Homes Limited to subdivide lands at part of Goshen Pen & Clifton Pen now called Goshen Pen and Part of Government Park to be called Port Ridge Estate, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 378,300 square metres into

six hundred and thirteen (613) lots for residential, recreational areas (parks) and green recreational area (open space) purposes, seventeen (17) drains and eighteen (18) reserved roads.

- ii) Application by Catherine James c/o Nardia James-Fairweather to subdivide lands part of Content, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 6667.369 square metres into four (4) lots for residential purpose, a section for road improvement and a reserved road.
- Application by Phillip Smith c/o Martin Lindsay to subdivide lands part of Goshen Pen and Government Park, Part of Lot D5 to be called The Phillip Smith Complex consisting of approximately 98380.442 square metres into eleven (11) lots for residential open space, drain easement and reserved road purposes.
- iv) Application by Yugal Francis c/o Roneil Sinclair to subdivide lands part of Barodene consisting of approximately 17,807.490 square metres into nine (9) lots for residential, homestead, farmstead and reserved road purposes.
- Application by Adassa Jennings c/o Dalston Bailey to subdivide lands part of McCooks Pen consisting of approximately 8,615.92 square metres into eight (8) lots for residential and reserved roads purposes.
- of Phoenix Park, Pheonix Park and Union, Salt Pond Pen and Woodlands to be called Phoenix Park Village 2 (Phases 1 4) consisting of approximately 2,065,429.54 square metres into three thousand, two hundred and six (3,206) lots for Residential/open space (passive open space) educational/storm water detention/utility (drain reservation, JPS high tension reservation and lift station)/reserved roads purposes."

#### D) REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:

The report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee is as under:

"The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2022 at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead.

#### Councillors present were:

1. Councillor Herbert Garriques (J.P.) - Linstead Division (Chairman)

2. Councillor William Cytall - Troja Division

3. Councillor Peter Abrahams - Bog Walk Division

#### Councillors absent were:

Councillor Neil Powell
 Councillor Sydney Rose
 Councillor Beverly Jobson Grant (J.P.) 
Above Rock Division
Treadways Division
Ewarton Division

4. Councillor Roojae Kirlew - Mount Industry Division

5. Councillor Leroy Dunn - Guys Hill Division

#### **Officers**

1. Ms. Chantae Brown - Town Manager

2. Mrs. Jodian Thorpe-Morris - Recording Secretary

#### **Representatives**

1. Mr. Godfrey Marshall - Linstead DAC

2. Mrs. Minnett Anderson-Myer - Social Development Commission

3. Dr. Cynthia Anderson
 4. Mr. Owayne Weir
 Ministers' Fraternal
 Taxi Association

Activities done at the Centre for May 2022.

PAYMENT OF PUBLIC CLEANSING TICKET Nil

APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT
Nil

APPLICATION FOR BARBER LICENCE Nil

APPLICATION FOR BARBERSHOP LICENCE Nil

#### APPLICATION FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENCE

Name of Applicant Name and Address of Business

1. Keneisha Bennett Williams Ultimate Creation

54 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead

2. Kerlene Bennett-Boswell Ultimate Creation

54 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead

LICENCE ISSUED

Nil

**CLAMPING** 

Nil

#### APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Name of Applicant	Name of the Deceased	Address of Burial
1. Simeon Davis	Barrington Davis	Berkshire Hall Redwood
2. Veronica Barns	Nicholas Lyn	Cross Road Byndloss
3. Ywan Watson	Vivienne Duncan	Crawle Riversdale
4. Edna Davis	Sabrina Taffe	Treadways Linstead
5. Eslyn Murphy	Ricardo Munroe	West Prospect Bog Walk

#### **PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS**

Name of Applicant	Name of Deceased	Cemetery	Type of Spot
1. Althea Small	Ena Gray	Commodore	Tiling
2. Cecil Gordon	Clarence Gordon	Commodore	Tomb and Tile
3. Kecil Carr	Ezkiel Carr	Commodore	Vault
4. Mauvett Wilks	Rudolph Gillespie	Commodore	Vault
5. Norman Lewis	Trevor Garvey	Commodore	Vault
6. Phillips Funeral Home	Lake Johnson	Commodore	Vault
7. Roberts Funeral Home	Barrington Brown	Commodore	Vault
8. Joy McLean	Calbert McLean	Commodore	Vault
9. Siana Rutherford	Owen Rutherford	Commodore	Vault
10. Sharmain Johnson	Lino Welsh	Commodore	Vault
11. Jermaine Graham	Linden Graham	Treadways	Vault
12. Hyacinth Morgan	Fitzroy Bailey	Treadways	Vault '

#### **LINSTEAD DROP-IN CENTRE**

The construction of the Drop-In Centre for the homeless in Linstead has been put on hold since 2020. The Centre which is more than 50 per cent completed and is urgently needed to provide adequate accommodation for homeless individuals. The concern is a reoccurring one and has left the committee on edged. The committee is hoping that the corporation will have the Centre completion as soon as possible.

#### **NOTICE TO REMOVE TRAILER**

A truck driver has been served with notice to remove a 40ft parked trailer from the main road near Venesha Lane in Linstead. The parked trailer creates an eminent hazard to users of the roadway. Notice has also been served on the operators of a garage in the Commodore area in Linstead to remove several disable cars parked along the roadway.

The owner of a two story house in Swamp Lane, Bog Walk was also served with notice to remove the unauthorized pig pen from the building. The foul odour that emanates from the pen has caused severe discomfort to residents."

On the motion of Councillor Herbert Garriques, seconded by Councillor William Cytall, the report was accepted.

#### 12. GENERAL:

Nil

#### 13. MOTIONS:

a) Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)

Nil

b) **Notice of Motions:** 

Nil

#### 14. <u>PETITIONS:</u>

Nil

#### 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

# **Drain Cleaning**

Councillor Wilson sought to find out if there was any plan to clean drains, in light of the fact that they were in the hurricane season.

The Chairman responded that at the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee Meeting an update will be provided.

### **Suspension of the Standing Order**

On the motion of Councillor Fenley Douglas, seconded by Councillor Peter Abrahams, the Standing Order was suspended to take the reports of the agencies present.

#### **National solid Waste Management Authority**

Mr. Walsh stated that the last reporting period involved the clean up of some areas, such as Manchester Street and the # 5 Cemetery. He said that they have been trying to maintain the area, but there are persons who are making the town look bad even though his team was trying its best. He said that they try to clean the hot spots regularly with the same resources and therefore it creates a difficulty to go into other areas.

He reported that there is backlog and they are approximately seventy percent complete in clearing this, and they are currently doing some other areas. He said that Linstead was given a good cleaning and that they have five trucks that clean the communities and the town center. He added that Councillor Rose had made mention of the commercial garbage situation, and informed the meeting that there is a plan to do a walk through, in collaboration with the Corporation, in Linstead. He said that a date was set and his team showed up, but it was rescheduled by the Corporation and the agency is awaiting the new date.

Councillor Dunn said that when the report is done monthly, usually nothing significant is said about the northern section of the parish. He said that he listened to the NSWMA and has heard about Spanish Town and Linstead; but there are other towns in St. Catherine such as Guys Hill. He said that he has been getting complaints of tardiness and asked that some attention be given to these areas, to make collections regular.

The Chairman said that he was told that for the past three weeks there has not been any collection in Eltham View.

Councillor Douglas remarked that every month he sits and listens to the report and is concerned, that while the agency claims that they are trying their best, the situation remains the same. He said that it has been said that the Mayor is responsible to clean the town and also there are claims of rat infestation, but would like to know if the NSWMA can be sued, on behalf of the people. He said that there is a lack of performance, residents are being exposed to Hepatitis B and rats, which could result in leptospirosis. There are several business places and the agency has the power to use the law to get these people on board to collect from them. He said that property tax is used to pay for these services and the residents are paying their taxes and sought advice as to whether the agency can be sued, as enough is enough.

Councillor Garriques sought to find out if there was any correlation with non-collection of garbage and the diseases that are present. He said that they need to be proactive and the Health Department must speak out if there is a connection.

Councillor Lawrence said that he has been speaking about the power of the Corporation, in relation to commercial garbage. He said that there has been discussions about Enforcement and Compliance Officers being brought on stream. He also said that some years ago there was a walk through the town and asked if the agency could put something in place to have Enforcement Officers carry out this function. He asked if the officer could shed some light on these plans.

Mr. Walsh stated that three months ago, Councillor Rose had requested a walk through and they made themselves available and after an hour, they were told that a new date would be set. He said that both the Corporation and his organisation have enforcement teams and suggested that arrangement be made for the Corporation's enforcement team to do some enforcement.

Councillor Wint said that it amazed him that apart from property tax, it was the commercial collection that helped to finance the agency and they could not get that to work. He said that the mini dumps are mainly because of the commercial entities paying persons to dispose of their garbage. He suggested that the management be written indicating that the commercial garbage is one of the main cause of garbage in the parish.

#### **Fire Department**

Mr. Pike stated that the month of May was an active one and the country was in the height of the dry season. He said that they have been getting more bush fire calls and encouraged Councillors when they are having their community meetings, to invite the department to talk to the residents, as this helps to reduce fires. He said that a lot more can be done, but it takes partnership.

STATIONS	GENUINE	M.F. A	F.A.W.G. I	SPECIAL SERVICE	BUSH FIRE	TOTAL CALLS
Spanish Town	25	20	03	07	47	102
Waterford	11	05	03	07	19	45
Linstead	06	02	-	02	03	13
Old Harbour	08	01	01	04	15	29
TOTAL	50	28	07	20	84	189

2. ESTIMATED RISK: \$785,330,000.00 ESTIMATED LOSS: \$33,200,000.00 ESTIMATED SAVED: \$752,130,000.00

3. Structural Fire:

There were Twenty-one (21) structural fires of which eight (8) adults and three (3) children were displaced.

4. Motor Vehicle Accidents:

There were Three (3) motor vehicle accidents in which five (5) civilians were injured.

5. Special Service:

The Brigade responded to Two (2) Special Service Incidents in which One (1) civilian was injured and One (1) civilian died.

Councillor Graham said that recently there was a fire at Patrick Street. He said that the truck was coming from another community and when it arrived it was half empty and the hose on the truck was burst, impeding the ability of the truck to carry out its function. He said that the department needs additional units, as Old Harbour is rapidly developing and the hydrants also need to be functioning in the town.

Mr. Pike said that they have just completed their strategic plan for the Jamaica Fire Brigade and Old Harbour is growing fast, but they need assistance. He said that they had opened the new fire station recently and that Old Harbour required more, as a growing community. He said that at the local level they need to inform the residents that they had to take some responsibility for themselves. He said that self help is what is preached, as seen on a recent visit to Asia, as the government will not be able to do everything that is needed.

The Chairman then stated that he was not going to accept that kind of response. He said that such a lovely station was opened recently with accolades and very nice

speeches. He asked what were the services that are required; and if a house was burnt because the unit was not properly equipped, it meant that the service was not provided and is cause for concern. He said that they should get real and not be sympathisers and if equipment is needed in Old Harbour, it should be given, as it is the fastest growing town in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Pike said that his request for self help was misunderstood. He said that they were disaster managers and before an incident they do preparedness, during they do active response and after the incident they do counsel. He said what he meant was that at the local level they had to bring the people up to a level where they can help themselves. In relation to the specific fire response, he said that he is almost sure that the burst would have happened at the operation before the fire at Patrick Street. He said that they have a handover/ takeover routine at the change of shifts at 3:00 o'clock and 7:00 o'clock. He said that anything can happen when they go out there to respond.

He also said that they have been doing hydrant repairs and this started two months ago in Portmore and a number of them have been repaired in the parish. He said that where new ones are requested, a feasibility study and estimate will be done, as the aim is to repair as many hydrants as possible across the parish.

Councillor Graham said that there was a tank at the fire station and requested that it be repaired and replaced.

The meeting was informed that the tank is presently at the Infirmary.

#### **Social Development Commission**

Mr. Erskine presented the following report:

"The SDC Continue to implement its work within the parish, through its six (6) Programmes, as follow: -

- i. Strengthening the participatory Governance Framework.(SPGF)
- ii. Community Research & Database. (CRD)
- iii. Local Economic Development Support (LED)
- iv. Sports For Community Development
- v. Community Incentive & Grants
- vi. Parish Inter-Agency Network

Highlight of some major Activity for this Month: -

- 1. CDC Validation & Community Perception Survey A process was carried out during the past month to validate the operations of the active CDCs in the parish. This also include conducting a perception survey to see how aware residents were of the community groups operating within their space.
- 2. Product Testing & Standardization Workshop Friday June 10, at the SDC Complex, with the Jamaica Bureau of Standard (BSJ). Local Economic Initiatives, as well as other small business operators specially producing consumables will be exposed to information on how to get their products tested and certified, for the market.
- 3. SDC National T/20 Cricket Competitions we have just completed the parish phase and now into the national phase, with two teams advancing from the parish (Greater Portmore, & St. Johns East).

- 2.1. SDC Masters & Female Cricket Competition This competition will begin June 18, Two (2) Masters & one (1) female teams will represent the parish
- 4. Community Lead Sports Support to local sporting competition, as a means of energizing communities and enhancing positive relationship within communities. Some includes:
  - a. March Pen Sports Extravaganza (Over Easter Weekend)
  - b. Greendale Football & Netball Competition. (May 21 22)
  - c. Wakesfield /Buxton Town Sports Extravaganza (June 29)
- 5. Cheesefield District Profile Development This is being done as a special project from the ministry of Local Government & Community Development, whereby Cheesefield was selected as a special area for rural development. So far data collection has been completed and, is now being analyzed."

#### **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew, the standing orders were resumed.

#### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor George Moodie joined the meeting

#### b) Jamaica 60 Celebrations

Councillor Graham asked if there are any plans for the parish for the Jamaica 60 celebrations and if any funding has been earmarked for it. He said that he would like the clock in Old Harbour to be repaired as part of the commemoration. He also cautioned about the Chamber of Commerce doing the repairs.

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

**CONFIRMED:** 

At this stage (12:21 p.m.), Councillor Anthony Wint moved, seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn, that the meeting be adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN
ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN
DATED
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# **Action Page**

Action to be taken	By Whom
1. Page 5 letter to the Ministry re regulations Governing the three strategic laws	CEO
2. Page 8 – investigation re Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in early childhood institutions	Public Health Dept.
3. Page 15 – letter to NSWMA re commercial garbage in the parish	CEO

#### ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

# MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

Pursuant to Notice the Monthly General Meeting of the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation was held in the Chambers of the Corporation at Spanish Town on Thursday, July 14, 2022, commencing at 10:53 a.m.

### **PRESENT WERE:**

#### a) Councillors:

- 1. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Norman Scott Chairman
- 2. Councillor Ralston Wilson Deputy Mayor
- 3. Councillor Claude Hamilton
- 4. Councillor Roogaé Kirlew
- 5. Councillor Alphanso Johnson
- 6. Councillor George Moodie
- 7. Councillor Donovan Guy
- 8. Councillor Peter Abrahams
- 9. Councillor Enos Lawrence
- 10. Councillor Steve Graham
- 11. Councillor Fenley Douglas
- 12. Councillor William Cytall
- 13. Councillor Mark McLean
- 14. Councillor Joy Brown
- 15. Councillor Keith McCook
- 16. Councillor Keith Knight
- 17. Councillor Anthony Wint
- 18. Councillor Herbert Garriques

#### **Those who arrived Subsequently**

- 19. Councillor Leroy Dunn
- 20. Councillor Vanrick Preddie
- 21. Councillor Alric Campbell
- 22. Councillor Patricia Harris
- 23. Councillor Keisha Lewis
- 24. Councillor Sydney Rose
- 25. Councillor Courtney Edwards
- 26. Councillor Kenord Grant
- 27. Councillor Dwight Burke
- 28. Councillor Hawthrone Thompson
- 29. Councillor Renair Benjamin
- 30. Councillor Gary Nicholson

#### **Online**

- 1. Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant
- 2. Councillor Lloyd Grant

#### b) Officers:

Mr. Andre Griffiths
 Mr. Garfield Thompson
 Chief Executive Officer – Clerk
 Chief Engineering Officer

3. Mrs. Denece Douglas Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

4. Ms. Angella wright Inspector of Poor5. Mr. Chad Allen Director of Planning

6. Ms. Telka Holt Commercial Services Manager

7. Ms. Reishana Dubidad
 8. Mr. Romond Fisher
 9. Deputy Supt. Roads and Works

9. Ms. Anakay Clarke
Actg. Snr. Internal Auditor
Parish Disaster Coordinator

10. Mrs. Yasheka Jathan-Thompson11. Mr. Omar MattisParish Disaster Co-ordinatorOffice Manager

12. Mr. Peter Hewitt Trade Licences Compliance Officer

13. Mr. Miguel Perrin Procurement Officer (Actg.)

# c) Agencies

1. Mr. Farrel Walsh NSWMA

2. Mr. Omar Rhone Jamaica Fire Brigade

3. Mr. Lloyd Erskine4. Mr. Abdon CampbellSocial Development CommissionSt. Catherine Health Department

#### **ABSENT WERE:**

#### a) <u>Councillors</u>

1. Councillor Ainsley Parkins

- 2. Councillor Jennifer Hull
- 3. Councillor Theresa Turner-Flynn
- 4. Councillor Mark O'Connor
- 5. Councillor Neil Powell

#### b) Officers

Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie
 Ms. Chantae Brown
 Director of Administration
 Linstead Town Centre

#### 1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

#### 2. **DEVOTION**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor George Moodie prayed to begin the meeting.

#### 3. <u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</u>

# Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and Officers who were present in the Chamber, those online, the agencies and media representatives.

#### **Arrival of Councillor**

# At this stage Councillor Peter Abrahams joined the meeting

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

- 1. Councillor Jennifer Hull who was in an accident few days ago and is recuperating;
- 2. Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant, who is off the island and who has a prolonged illness and would join us in September;
- 3. Councillor Mark O'Connor who was not well
- 4. Councillor Lloyd Grant who would not be able to attend.
- 5. Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie, who was not well
- 6. Mr. Romond Fisher, who was doing an inspection for the drop-in centre

The Chairman stated that Mrs. Downie had lost her father and offered condolences on behalf of the Corporation. He also said that he understands that Councillor McLean was also in an accident and that he was happy that he is okay.

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 9, 2022

Councillor William Cytall moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on June 9, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

### 5. <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:</u>

# a) Regulations Governing the Three Strategic Laws

Arising from minutes of meeting held 09/06/22, page 5, the Chief Executive Officer stated that the letter was sent, as directed.

#### b) **Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in Schools**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 09/06/22, page 8, Ms. Douglas informed the meeting that the schools are closed for the summer break. She added that it would be more helpful if the Councillor is aware of a particular situation, that he provides the Health Department with the information, and they will investigate.

The Chairman stated that, as Parish Managers, they will notify the department if they have any information regarding the disease, so that action can be taken.

In response to a question, Mrs. Douglas informed the meeting that the Health Department is not aware of a hand, foot and mouth epidemic now, but has heard of cases.

# c) <u>Commercial Garbage in the Parish</u>

Arising from minutes of meeting held 09/06/22, page 15, the letter was sent and as soon as a response is received, Councillors will be advised of its contents.

### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Renair Benjamin joined the meeting

# d) <u>Update from ALGAJ – Outstanding Benefits for Councillors</u>

Arising from minutes of meeting held 09/06/22, page 4 item 8, Councillor Wilson stated that he would like an update from either ALGAJ or the Ministry in relation to the outstanding benefits for Councillors. He said that they were all feeling the pinch from the additional expenses and needed answers. He said that the cost to travel has increased significantly and he was not comfortable. He suggested that the Minister be invited to meet with Councillors, as he wanted to know that someone is looking into the interest of Councillors.

#### e) **Jamaica 60 Celebrations**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 09/06/22, page 17 item (b), Councillor Graham sought an update on the events planned for the Jamaica 60 Celebrations for St. Catherine.

The Chairman said that he could not give a specific answer, but had spoken with the Minister and a team from the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) is to meet with him. He added that there has not been any disbursement of funds to do anything within the parish in relation to the celebraitons.

#### 6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman made the following announcement:

- 1. "Let me welcome all Councillors, members of staff, the media, online participants and our external experts to our July Municipal Corporation Monthly meeting.
- 2. I am most concerned about the Monkey Pox is now on the island and I really hope and pray that this the Ministry of Health & Wellness will manage this. We are now managing the COVID19 virus and so we must contain to maintain the COVID 19 protocols.
- 3. The St. Catherine Municipal Corporation, in collaboration with the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission, will commemorate Emancipation and Independence Days by hosting the following ceremonies:
  - > Flag Raising Ceremony on Monday August 1, 2022 at 10:00 are at Emancipation Square. All councillors are invited to be a part of this ceremony.
  - ➤ The Emancipation and Independence Flag Raising and Civic Ceremony will be held on Saturday August 6, 2022 at 9:00 am at Emancipation Square, Spanish Town in St. Catherine.
- 4. Youth Summer Employment Pogramme (YSEP) is scheduled to begin in August. The forms are available in the office of Ms. Hanson, my personal assistant and these are to be

completed and returned by or no later than Friday July 22 2022. Each Councillor will receive 20 forms-fifteen will be for the regular Summer employment and the other five will be placed in employment by the Social Development Commission

- 5. Please ensure that the participants have current accounts at commercial banks in their names
- 6. All Councillors and their team leaders are invited to a meeting in the chambers of the Municipal Corporation on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 10:00 am to discuss the YSEP programme.
- 7. All Councillors need to submit their Farm Work forms by the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022."

#### **Arrival of Councillors**

During the announcement Councillor Alric Campbell joined the meeting

#### 7. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING</u>

Nil

#### 8. ALGAJ REPORT:

The report from ALGAJ was emailed to the Councillors.

### 9. QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Nil

### 10. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

On the motion of Councillor Alphanso Johnson, seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint, the Corporation resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

#### i) Medical Officer's Report

Mrs. Denece Douglas, Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector presented the Medical Officer's Report as under:

#### "UPDATE ON PROSECUTION MATTERS

- The matter of Pig Rearing in Guys Hill-Trial date is set for July 18, 2022.
- The matter of dog rearing in Portsmouth- The matter is still not concluded as the inspector testified last month. The offender will testify July 21, 2022.

#### **COVID-19 CASES UPDATE**

- The total number of COVID-19 cases for June is 978.
- The number of active cases for June is 174.
- The total number of deaths for June 2022 is 5.
- Spanish Town and Portmore Zones continue to record the most cases.
- The positivity rate for the parish is 15%.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination Programme**

• Number of booster doses given to date= 3,774-Pz, 425- JJ and 1,546- Az,

- Number of doses administered in infirmaries and nursing homes= 811
- Number of doses administered to shut-in clients = 67

#### **VECTOR CONTROL**

**Institutions Monitored** 

Inspections were carried out at our key premises such as institutions and markets for mosquito breeding sites. The following institutions were monitored:

- 7 Health Centres- No breeding
- 2 Markets- No breeding
- 2 Hospitals searched- 1 breeding
- 1 Market- No breeding
- Health department- No breeding

#### Tyre Shops

Forty-six (46) tyre shops and three garages were visited. A total of three thousand eight hundred and two (3802) tyres were inspected for mosquito breeding. Three thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine (3799) were found at tyre shops and three at garages. One hundred and twenty-eight (128) tyres at tyre shops were found breeding and treated with oil. Tyres found at the garages were not breeding.

#### **Drain Inspections**

A total thirty-seven (37) drains were inspected.

Fifteen (15) of the drains inspected were breeding mosquitoes. The drains found breeding were treated with oil. The breakdown of the drains inspected is detailed in the table below

#### Spanish Town Area

Location of Drain	Breeding
Frazers Content	Yes
Leslie Gardens	Yes
Tawes Meadows	Yes
Old Harbour Road	No
Homestead drain at fence of Primary School	No
Homestead, corner of Starboard Ave	Yes
Homestead, Redford Road	Yes
Homestead, Pittsburg Road	No
Valdez Road	Yes
Burke Road	No
Dela Vega City, Henderson Dr	No
Lauriston, Sunfishes Close	Yes
Clifton	No

#### Portmore Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
West Bank	Yes
Newland road	Yes
Myrtle Way	No
Passage Fort	No
Reid's Pen	Yes

#### Old Harbour Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Marlie Gardens	Yes
Old Harbour Bay	Yes
Marlie Acres	Yes
Succaba Gardens	Yes

#### Linstead Zone

Location of Drain	Breeding
Commodore	No
Gillette Street	No
Bennett Lane	No
Montgomery Avenue	No
Rosemount	No
Berwick	No
Sunny Side	Yes
Venecia	Yes
Knolls beside train line	No
Knolls, Sugar Lane	No
Knolls, Eagle Farm Lane	No
Bronx Street	No
Hopeview Avenue	No
Bennett Lane	Yes
Shenton	No

Councillor Lawrence said that work had started on the Dela Vega Treatment Plant but had stopped. He said that it is overgrown with shrubs and sought an update from the Health Department.

Mrs. Douglas informed the meeting that about two months ago there was a request for a site visit, but the Officers were unable to access the premises due to the overgrowth. She said that the area is now accessible and an update will be provided.

Councillor Lawrence asked that some pressure be placed on the National Water Commission (NWC) to have the works completed.

Councillor Wilson stated that when persons served well they should be lauded. He said that he did not think the parish is getting the kind of service it got from the previous Chief Public Health Inspector. He said that he would like to know if it was possible for a request to be made for his return to the parish.

In response to Councillor Kirlew about the Mountain Pass issue and the department's preparedness, Mrs. Douglas said that this would be a question for the Medical Officer (Health). She introduced Mr. Campbell, the new Parish Manager to the meeting

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Campbell. He said that he hoped he heard Councillor Wilson speak about Mr. Hutchinson, former Chief Public Health Inspector and the service that the parish is used to getting from the department. He said he was in agreement with Councillor Wilson.

Councillor Rose said that he had made representation to the Ministry of Health for a new health centre to be built in Treadways. He said that all the documents were passed on to the former Parish Manager, who had indicated that they were awaiting funds to be identified. He asked that the Chairman request an update on the matter.

# **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Hawthrone Thompson joined the meeting

#### ii) Application for Butchers Licences

#### iii) Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences

Nil

The Chairman again impressed upon the Officers of the Corporation to do the requisite investigations and checks, to ensure that these premises are registered and the workers certified by the Corporation.

#### iv) Exhumation

Nil

#### **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint, the meeting resumed.

### 11. REPORTS

#### (A) MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

# I) <u>Infrastructure and Traffic Committee 15/06/22</u>

The minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on 15/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on June 15, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

#### II) Human Resources Committee 20/06/22

The minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on 20/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on June 20, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

#### III) Public Health Committee Meeting 16/06/22

The minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on 16/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Health Committee held on June 16, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

# IV) Municipal & Commercial Services Committee 21/06/22

The minutes of the meeting of the Municipal and Commercial Services Committee held on 21/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee held on June 21, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

#### (B) MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES

#### i) Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee 13/06/22

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on 13/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on June 13, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose and carried.

#### ii) Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 14/06/22

The minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 14/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on June 14, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose and carried.

# iii) Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 15/06/22

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 15/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on June 15, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose and carried.

### iv) Poor Relief Committee Meeting 16/06/22

The minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 16/06/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

(Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on June 16, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY accepted."

Seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose and carried.

# (C) <u>USE OF COUNCIL'S COMMON SEAL</u>

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Claude Hamilton, approval was given for affixing the Corporation's Common Seal on applications for subdivision, which were approved by the Physical Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting held on July 18, 2022:

- Application by Rudolph Daley c/o Andy Jackson to subdivide lands at part of Davises, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 17,001.46 square metres into eight (8) lots for residential and reserved roads purposes.
- Application by Ralston Morgan c/o Garfield Johnson to subdivide lands part of Gutter Mountain, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 15,219.811 square metres into eight (8) lots for residential, farmstead and reserved road purposes.
- Application by Neuville Jones et. ux. c/o Mark Berry to subdivide lands part of Wakefield consisting of approximately 2,195 square metres into four (4) lots for family plot/gravesite and residential purposes.

#### D) REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:

The report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee is as under:

"The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for July 7, 2022 at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead

#### **Councillors present were:**

1. Councillor Herbert Garriques (J.P.) - Linstead Division (Chairman)

Councillor William Cytall
 Councillor Leroy Dunn
 Guys Hill Division

#### Councillors absent were:

Councillor Neil Powell
 Councillor Sydney Rose
 Councillor Beverly Jobson Grant (J.P.) 
Above Rock Division
Treadways Division
Ewarton Division

4. Councillor Roojae Kirlew
 5. Councillor Peter Abrahams
 6. Bog Walk Division

#### **Officers**

Ms. Chantae Brown
 Mrs. Jodian Thorpe-Morris
 Recording Secretary

#### **Representatives**

1. Insp. Damion Butler. - Jamaica Constabulary Force

2. Mr. Godfrey Marshall - Linstead DAC

3. Mrs. Minnett Anderson-Myer - Social Development Commission

4. Dr. Cynthia Anderson
 5. Mr. Robert Demetrius
 6. Dixon's Drug Store

6. Mr. Owayne Weir - Linstead & Bog Walk Taxi Association

# PAYMENT OF PUBLIC CLEANSING TICKET

APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT Nil

APPLICATION FOR BARBER LICENCE
Nil

APPLICATION FOR BARBERSHOP LICENCE
Nil

#### APPLICATION FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENCE

<u>No</u>	ume of Applicant	Name and Address of Business
<i>1</i> .	Shauna James	Shawna's 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Salon King Street, Linstead
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#### APPLICATION FOR SALON LICENCE

Name of Applicant	Name and Address of Business
1. Shauna James	Shawna's 21st Century Salon
	King Street, Linstead

#### LICENCE ISSUED Nil

# CLAMPING Nil

# APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Name of Applicant	Name of the Deceased	Address of Burial
1. Andrea Palmer	Millard Palmer	Benbow, Guys Hill
2. Javil-Don Beason	Jennifer Gidden	Cotton Piece Ewarton
3. Sonia Mitchell-Walker	Irma Mitchell	Banbury Linstead
4. Altimont Lawrence	Steve Lawrence	Berwick District Linstead
5. Junior Johnson	Theophilus Johnson	Wakefield, Savannah Linstead
6. Judith Smith	Robert Hammond	Golden River Above Rocks
7. Lola Weatherly	Lee Washington	Mount Rosser Ewarton
8. Tadine Smith	Thomasita Martin	Victoria District Linstead
9. Margaretta Mills	Ida May Harris	Newport District Troja
10. Kadian Palmer	Adonania Hines	Sandy Hill Glengoffe
11. Eunice Foster	Omar Francis	Crawle Riversdale
12. Kerry ann Stanbury	Pedro Gibbs	Johnson Land Jubilee
13. Alicia Graham	Maureen Salmon	Hampshire District Riversdale
14. Shorna Clarke	Ainsworth Clarke	Hamwalk Pear Tree Grove
15. Carol Wisdom	Unicie Bennett	Johnson Road Ewarton
16. Dedra Reece	Edna Coley	Berkshire Hall Redwood
17. Verol Taylor	Verna Taylor	Mount Rosser Ewarton

#### PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS

Name of Applicant	Name of Deceased	Cemetery	Type of Spot
1. Roberts Funeral Home	Terrence Gayle	Commodore	Dirt Grave
2. Danielle Francis-Barron	•	Commodore	Vault
3. Ivy Newsome	Trevor Thomas	Ewarton	Vault
4. Phiana Harrison	Delroy Hutchinson	Treadways	Vault
5. Rosalee Sterling	Alvin Fullerton	Ewarton	Vault
6. Rohan McKenzie	Horace McNeil	Commodore	Vault
7. Joseph Green	Tianna Green	Commodore	Vault
8. Vincent Rose	James Guthrie	Treadways	Tomb
9. Vincent Rose	Donald Rose	Treadways	<b>Tomb</b>
10. Leanora Smith	Michael Rodney	Treadways	Vault
11. Patrick Myers	Denise Robinson	Treadways	Tiling
12. Yanick Burrell	Desmond Burrell	Commodore	Vault
13. Eleazear Crossbourne	Archibald Crossbourne	Treadways	<b>Tomb</b>
14. Errol Chavannes	Delroy Brown	Treadways	Vault
15. Eleazear Crossbourne	Archibald Crossbourne	Treadways	Tile
16. Kemar Bryan	Alexander Bryan	Harkers Hall	Vault
17. Jereen Harris	Greetal Reid	Treadways	Vault
18. Mickaliah McLean	Maureen Francis	Commodore	Vault
19. Shandy Blair	Augustus Blair	Commodore	Vault
20. Cecil Gordon	Rosy Gordon	Commodore	Tile
21. Cecil Gordon	Rosy Gordon	Commodore	<b>Tomb</b>
22. Roberts Funeral Home	Esmie Phillips	Commodore	Vault
23. Fiona Wright	Leonard Wright	Commodore	Vault
24. Kevon Brown	Ballentyne Brown	Commodore	Vault
25. Oneil Lawrence	Sonia Lawrence	Treadways	Vault & Tile

#### **POLICE CRIME STATISTICS REPORT**

According to the latest police crime statistics, 13 people were murdered in Linstead since the start of the year. This is 6 more homicides when compared with the corresponding period in 2021. The data revealed that Linstead has a clear-up rate of 51 percent.

The crime report also showed that lottery scamming is on the rise in the zone, revealing that scamming is taking hold in the usually quite communities. Seven persons have been arrested and charged with breaches of the Law Reform Act.

With the Linstead Police having only one (1) vehicle in operation, the committee is renewing the calls for more police personnel and motor vehicles for the Linstead Police Station. We must have a police force that is large enough and equipped with the tools required to make them effective.

#### NSWMA Criticised for Erratic Garbage Collection

The Committee is fuming at the beleaguered National Solid Management Authority (NSWMA) for its failure to collect garbage in a timely manner in Linstead and its environs. Residence are worried about the health risks to which they are being exposed because of poor garbage collection in their communities. The garbage pile-up is reaching crisis proportion in the communities and town centres across the parish, with community bins overflowing creating a breeding ground and dining area for rodents.

The committee is calling for the NSWMA to establish an emergency response team to deal with the crisis in a two week period.

#### **NO- PARKING SIGNS**

The committee has announced new measures to address illegal parking in section of Linstead, as it moves to restore order. The action that the committee plans to take on illegal parking in the next couple of months, hopefully will bring some results as what presently exists can no longer continue. No-Parking areas have been marked and the committee plans to erect six (6) No-Parking Signs clearly visible to the motoring public. Persons caught parking in these areas will have their vehicles towed.

With that said, the committee is requesting six (6) No-Parking Signs for the town.

#### **LINSTEAD ACKEE FESTIVAL**

The Linstead Ackee Festival, which seeks to promote the culinary and economic benefits of ackee, Jamaica's national fruit, and one of Linstead main agricultural produce, will be held on October 17, 2022 on the grounds of the Dinthill Technical High School.

The committee is encouraging the corporation to partner with the event organizers to mark the festival as a Cultural Event. This will definitely boost the economic component of the venture and create the economic empowerment that we envision, which is one of the main objectives of the festival."

The Chairman remarked that he was pleased that the meeting was held.

On the motion of Councillor Herbert Garriques, seconded by Councillor William Cytall, the report was accepted.

## 12. GENERAL:

Nil

#### 13. MOTIONS:

a) <u>Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)</u>

Nil

b) **Notice of Motions:** 

Nil

#### 14. <u>PETITIONS:</u>

Nil

#### 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

#### a) Own Your Own Device

Councillor Lawrence stated that it pained his heart that Councillors went and got information from parents for students to receive tablets, only to hear now that the programme has been scrapped. He said they need answers from the Ministry and that he was seeking the support of his fellow Councillors, as it affected all of them. He asked that this be done urgently

Councillor Douglas said that he supported what was said by Councillor Lawrence. He said that when he received the letter with the information, he thought it was a prank or error. He said that as a Councillor, and with the introduction of the programme, he was actually proud and worked hard to get the information from parents, the Ministry of Education and the schools. He had done everything to ensure that the most needy students would benefit and now based on his calculation, approximately five thousand seven hundred (5,700) needy students have been cheated.

He said that while he has been promised a better transportation system, to be safer at home where he can leave his windows open, and a better economy and future for his children, he still has hope. He asked however, how could he look at the students in his division and tell them that they were going to return to school without these devices. He added that he was a Councillor to serve and was not there to speak on party line, as what was done is wrong. He said that the information was not coming from one Ministry, as this matter involved the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Science and Technology. He asked how could the children be cheated out of their ability to learn, in a time like this.

He then asked the Chairman to appeal on their behalf and suggested that funds be diverted from the Parochial Revenue Fund to purchase these important devices for the students. He appealed to his other colleagues to side with him on this matter.

The Chairman said that he has been trying to figure out how they were going to bring across the disappointing news to the students in his division. He said that he was calling on the Prime Minister to urgently intervene into this issue, as so much had been done to get the information and they could not go back to the students and tell them they were not getting the devices. He said that a letter is to be sent to the Prime Minister asking him to use his power to do something about the cancellation of the programme. He sought the support of the members and the matter was put to a vote.

Twenty-five councillors voted in support and one against.

Councillor Abrahams said that when he heard about the cancellation, he wondered how he would go back to the sthe students. He asked if Councillors could be given a letter from the Corporation to take back to their divisions, explaining the cancellation of the programme.

The Chairman stated that they would be given a copy of the letter.

Councillor Dunn remarked that his colleague expressed himself explicitly and he concurred. He said that they all went out and got the information required and are ashamed of the fact the programme has been scrapped, and this is the reason for the concensus. He asked if the Corporation could identify some funds to save face and provide even half the number of the students, in light of the cancellation of the programme.

The Chairman remarked that the suggestion was a good one and he would have dialogue with the Chief Executive Officer in that regard. He said that it had to be dealt with.

The Chairman stated that there was an announcement in Parliament regarding another \$2.7 Billion allocated. He said some \$70 Million will go to the Municipal Corporations, some to the Poor Relief and other funds to the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA). He said that if the NSWMA is incapable of carrying out its present duties, he was anxious to see how they will manage the additional duties, but would however, work with them.

He remarked that as Councillors they were being treated as if they were just called, instead of being treated like elected representatives. He said he was elected and had promised to make the lives of the residents and the communities in his division better. He added that he expected the Corporation to be treated in a manner that represents the people of St. Catherine.

#### **Suspension of the Standing Order**

On the motion of Councillor Fenley Douglas, seconded by Councillor Peter Abrahams, the Standing Order was suspended to take the reports of the agencies present.

#### National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)

Mr. Walsh stated that he was happy to report that there has been great improvements in Spanish Town. He said that work was also done in Linstead and that they have been starting earlier in the mornings and have been doing the problematic areas during the nights. He said that even though they clean in the nights, there is still garbage piled up in the mornings.

He said that recently, the Corporation had asked for a joint walk through, which was a success. He said that they educated the business owners about their roles and responsibilities. He further reported that the agency continues to clean the hotspots, such as Manchester Street and Morrison Street and have been liasing with the Corporation. He however, pointed out that there continue to be problems with commercial collections and the breakdown of some the units.

He said that the agency continues to have problems with the collection of residential garbage. They have also been clearing backlog in the Bog Walk area such as West Prospect and they will be going into Ewarton also. They have also been using social media to communicate with the public and added that on July 6, 2022, the agency celebrated twenty (20) years of serving the country. He said that they had a campaign in Half Way Tree, where they interacted with the public and were trying to get the involvement of the Police in their operations. They also focused on and emphasized the separation of garbage and that Jamaica Recycle Limited was also a part of the campaign, along with community participation. He said too that composting is also being encouraged to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.

Councillor Rose noted that the agency spoke glowingly about the towns, but stated that the people in areas such as Treadways also pay their taxes and have not been getting the service that the people of this country deserve. He said that most areas are nasty, dirty and stink and the time has come for the agency to take a different approach. He added that the agency has failed miserably and is asking that the functions be returned to the Corporations and for the Chairman to meet with the Minister in this regard.

Councillor Douglas stated that the representative spoke about celebrating twenty years, and said that he did not think that it was twenty years he would want to speak about. He said that waste management is a technical job and that it does not appear as if the persons running the operations understands the job. He went on to say that in every jurisdiction governments earn money and added that the office should be located at the landfill where it can be monitored better. He asked what the plans were for the next two years with regard to moving the country out of the dump it is presenty in.

Councillor Edwards congratulated the agency for its twenty years of service. He stated that as it relates to the separation of garbage, he was surprised that the Corporation was not included in the campaign. He asked where was the Corporation in all of this.

Councillor Wilson said that a strong challenge had been sent and he had seen some recent improvements, but not at the standard that is expected of the agency. He said that he knows that the Minister of Local Government would have purchased the trucks if he had the funding, but was being held up by the Ministry of Finance. He asked for

the resources to be provided as this is the worse he had seen, in relation to non-collection.

The Chairman stated that he had met with the Executive Director of the agency, Ms. Holt and a team, which visited the parish. He said that he expects follow-up meetings and interventions, and further said that the main perpetrators were the businesss owners. He stated that there are individuals on the team from the Corporation, who are District Constables and the visit to the business community is bearing fruits. He commended Ms. Holt and her team.

Councillor Garriques said that he had promised the residents of the towns in his division that he would ensure that they are cleaned, and is disappointed with the collection of garbage. He asked that the public cleansing function be returned to the Corporations.

Mr. Walsh informed the meeting that Jamaica Recycling Limited who collects plastic bottles and the agency currently does composting training and community groups can request training in this area.

Councillor Edwards stated that as local leaders, the Corporation should be properly engaged and they would mobilize communities to be involved in this programme.

The Chairman suggested that the representative have dialogue with the Councillors after the meeting.

#### **Social Development Commission (SDC)**

Mr. Erskine read the following report:

"Highlight of some major Activity for the Month: -

- 1. Product Testing & Standardization Workshop Friday June 10, at the SDC Complex, with the Jamaica Bureau of Standard (BSJ). A total of 45- persons participated, from which 22-persons have started the follow-up process towards testing and standardizing their respective products. These are SDC Supported Local Economic initiatives (LEIs) as well as other Local Economic Enterprises.
- 2. SDC Economic Village Friday, July 1 at the SDC Complex., this is part of an ongoing activity to create an economic space where small economic initiative from across the parish will have the opportunity to display and sell their products

#### **Upcoming Activities**

- 1. "SDC National T/20 Cricket Competitions The National quarter finals will be held over this weekend, Saturday and Sunday (July 16, & 17) at the Chedwin Park. St. Catherine still has one team at this stage Greater Portmore Cricket Team.
- 2. Glengoffe Community Profiles Development Development of Glengoffe Community Profile is now on. Data collection process will start within the coming weeks.
- 3. Youth Summer Employment Programme (YSEP) Preparation are being made to accommodate the youths selected for this programme. Plans are that they will assist to update some community research information. They will also be exposed to some personal development sessions,

- 4. Summer Camps The SDC will be providing some support to a few supper Camps, as follow:
  - a. Spanish Town Summer Camp, at the SDC Spanish Town Complex.
  - b. Caymanas Summer camp, at Caymanas Bay Church of God of Prophesy.
  - c. Kitson Town Summer Camp at Kitson Town Community Resource Centre"

In response to the Chairman, Mr. Erskine informed the meeting that the cricket finalists are Greater Portmore, St. Thomas and St. Mary. There would also be a press launch at Chedwin Park

Councillor Rose said that he is concerned that all three camps are in Spanish Town and its environs.

Mr. Erskine stated that there will be other camps put on by the CDC's.

The Chairman agreed and said that it is unfortunate and thinks that they should have covered the entire parish and asked that this be conveyed to the Parish Manager.

Councillor Edwards commended the Social Development Commission for reviving the CDC's and community groups.

#### **Fire Department**

The report from the Fire Department is as under:

STATIONS	GENUINE	M.F. A	F.A.W.G. I	SPECIAL SERVICE	BUSH FIRE	TOTAL CALLS
Spanish Town	33	7	1	3	65	109
Waterford	18	5	1	8	14	46
Linstead	07	6	1	2	09	25
Old Harbour	13	7	-	3	19	42
TOTAL	71	25	3	16	107	222

2. ESTIMATED RISK: \$640,000,000.00

ESTIMATED LOSS: \$095,155,000.00 ESTIMATED SAVED: \$544,875,000.00

#### 3. **Structural Fire:**

There were Twenty-seven (27) structural fires of which 19 (nineteen) adults and three (3) children were displaced.

#### 4. **Motor Vehicle Accidents:**

There were five (5) motor vehicle accidents in which nine (9) civilians were injured and six (6) hospitalized.

#### **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Patricia Harris, seconded by Councillor Keisha Lewis, the standing order resumed.

#### **Any Other Business (Cont'd)**

# b) Special Projects for the Corporation

Councillor Lawrence stated that he had passed a resolution in terms of development in the divisions, for a special office to be set up at the municipality where requests can be made for projects. He also asked what could be done to deal with special projects that are needed in the divisions.

The Chairman stated that the resolution that was passed was sent to the other municipalities and the ministry, and support is awaited.

#### c) **Drain Cleaning**

Councillor Wilson thanked the Chairman for the assistance with drain cleaning funds for councillors. He said that he hoped that the Ministry would have topped up the amount.

The Chairman responded that the Ministry had assisted by allocating funds for drain cleaning and each division would be allocated Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) to do drain cleaning works.

Councillor Wilson stated that he had always said that Minister McKenzie is a good minister and that he had high regards for him and he would like a letter to be written to the minister saying thanks. He said that they had received more than what they normally received and he is appreciative and asked that it be used wisely.

### 16. ADJOURNMENT

CONFIRMED.

At this stage (12:31 p.m.), Councillor Sydney Rose moved, seconded by Councillor Keisha Lewis, that the meeting be adjourned.

CONTINUED.	
CHAIRMAN	
ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION	N
AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN	
DATED	

# **Action Page**

# Action to be taken

# By Whom

1. Page 7 – update DelaVega Sewage Treatment Plant Public Health Dept.

2. Pages 14-15 - update on Own Your Own Device Programme

Chairman