

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 10, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Ann Parish Council was held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in the Council's Meeting Room, St. Ann's Bay.

PRESENT WERE:

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

His Worship the Mayor	-	Cllr. Desmond Gilmore – Chairman
Deputy Mayor	-	Cllr. Delroy Redway– Vice Chairman
Councillors	-	Vinnette Robb-Oddman (Mrs.)
	-	Winston Brown
	-	Marlon Garvey
	-	Lydia Richards (Mrs.)
	-	Arthur Clemetson
	-	Dalas Dickenson
	-	Gilbert McLeod
	-	Anthony Walker
	-	Lloyd Garrick
	-	Ian Bell
	-	Dr. Rohan Williams
	-	Delroy Giscombe
	-	Lambert Weir

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Alfred Graham	-	Secretary/Manager
Miss Claudiah Carter	-	Director of Administration
Mrs. Marcine Jackson	-	Director of Finance
Miss Ethlyn Douglas	-	Director of Planning
Miss Althea Hall	-	Acting Supt. Roads & Works
Mrs. Yvett Duncan	-	Inspector of Poor
Miss Nicola Gayle	-	Internal Auditor
Miss Kaydian Harty	-	Public & Comm. Relations Officer
Mr. Christopher Morris	-	IT Specialist
Miss Carolyn Prince	-	Office Manager, CS Unit
Mrs. Sharmain Davidson	-	Matron, Infirmary
Miss Meisha Samuels	-	Budget & Revenue Officer
Mr. Alvin Clarke	-	Parish Disaster Co-Ordinator

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ST. ANN HEALTH DEPT.

Mr. Leroy Scott	-	Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector
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REPRESENTATIVE OF ST. ANN FIRE DEPT.

Mr. Anthony Hinds	-	Senior Deputy Supt. of Fire
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REPRESENTATIVE OF NEPA	-	Nil
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REPRESENTATIVE OF NEPM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - Nil

REPRESENTATIVE OF ST. ANN PARISH DEV. COMMITTEE

Mr. Andre Arscott	-	Treasurer
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REPRESENTATIVE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Diedre Pryce	-	Parish Administrator
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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLICE DIVISION

Mr. Dudley Scott - Senior Superintendent
Mr. Dwight Powell - Deputy Superintendent

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Ms. Vernice Lynch - Parish Organiser

DEVOTION

Father Paulo Amato of the Lady of Perpetual Help Church conducted the devotion. The Hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung after which the Public and Community Relations Officer did the First Reading from Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30 and 33-62. The Second Reading from John 8: 1-11 was done by Father Amato. He then did the Reflection followed by a Prayer of Intercessions and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Chairman thanked Father Amato for conducting the devotions. He then remained in the meeting for a short-while after which he withdrew.

WELCOME

The Chairman extended the usual warm welcome to all present.

1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Secretary/Manager read the Notice convening the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on January 9, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Robb-Oddman and Dickenson, respectively.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of the following persons:

- Medical Officer (Health)
- Mr, Anthony Charley
- Cllr. Sydney Stewart
- Parish Manager, SDC

4. MATTERS ARISING

Trucking of Water to Drought Stricken Areas

The Chairman reminded the meeting that at the last sitting, a decision was made that assistance should be sought from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development for funding to carry out the captioned exercise throughout the parish. He informed that the first response to Council was that an amount of \$6,000,000.00 would be made available and that the necessary arrangement would be put in place to collect the cheque the following day. Further, that the Actg. Supt. Roads and Works was asked to prepare a programme for the amount.

Councillor Richards indicated that every district in her division was in dire need of the supply, but that she continued to experience difficulty in getting a unit to do the delivery, as the operator who usually assist, do not possess the necessary documentations that were needed by the Council to carry out the exercise. She also said that the Member of Parliament for the area had made an amount available to assist in this regard, but based on the prevailing condition, nothing could be done at the time. She further made enquiries as to the way forward with the matter, and was of the opinion that if some of

the drivers were aware of the procedures before, probably they would not have taken up the offer. She then asked whether anyone could assist in identifying a suitable operator who would be willing to truck water to the division under the circumstance.

At this point, the Chairman asked whether any member knew of any private truck operator who could assist with this matter and wished to share the information with Council.

Councillor McLeod explained to the meeting, the problem being experienced in the South Western section of the parish with the truck operator who usually assisted with the delivery of water in that area. He was adamant that the operator would not render any more assistance at the time, until the outstanding amount owed to him by the Council for carrying out the exercise had been paid. He also mentioned that there were other trucks in the area, but that some of them were not properly sanitized to transport potable water.

The Chairman then directed Councillor McLeod to arrange for the driver to have discussions with the Secretary/Manager regarding the outstanding payment owed to him by the Council.

Councilor Richards mentioned about a man who had a Filling Station at his home in Clarendon and it was believed that he had purchased water from the National Water Commission for this purpose; that he had trucked water to the division before and was yet to receive payment. She also made a request for an officer of the Council to visit the location to verify whether it was an approved NWC source, so that payment could be made.

Ensuing from a brief discussion, it was agreed that contact be made with the Clarendon Parish Council, with a view of having an officer from that Council visit the location to ascertain whether it was an approved NWC source.

At this point, Councillor Bell highlighted that Mr. Mark Perkins had recently visited the Council regarding payment for water that was trucked to the Beecher Town Division from May of the previous year and to date he had not received any payment.

The Chairman asked the Councillor to state what the problems were for clarity and also pointed out that if the work was done and the correct procedures were followed the operator would have been paid. However, if a problem developed same would have to be identified and corrected, so that the payment could be made.

Councillor Bell further expressed concern that the instructions regarding the submission of pertinent documents were given after the work was done, hence the problem with the payment.

In making his contribution on the matter, Councillor Clemetson declared that Council needed to implement an easier and more acceptable process of payment to carry out this exercise.

The Chairman explained to the meeting that whenever an allocation for the trucking of water was received, it was not the Council that set some of the conditions; that the allocation was usually accompanied with a letter from the Ministry of Water with the relevant guidelines to be followed.

Councilor Richards was of the view that as a Council, it should be the norm for these requirements to be met by the operators who had to transport potable water to the citizens. She further argued that the Council should not have allowed the operators to carry out the work, without ensuring that they were aware of the proper procedures.

Councillor Robb-Oddman told Council that she was aware that some of the truck operators still had a problem to meet the requirements of Council to deliver water to Drought Stricken areas; however, there were some operators who were paid immediately after the work was done, and as such, they would not put those engagements on hold to deliver water for Council at the time.

She added that even though she knew that the Council only had one water truck at the time and a schedule was in place, but that the unit was in need of tyres for some time now and further wondered the reason for the delay in purchasing same. Continuing, she spoke of the difficulty that the citizens of her division were experiencing in getting some of the supply.

Inclosing, the Chairman suggested that in terms of the Council to be able to honour the payment, Council could look at the possibility of putting some reasonable parameters in place to be asked of the operators; that same should be done the following day, so that the operators could be engaged to carry out the service with the understanding that they would be paid at an early date.

Request for Additional Water Truck

The Chairman told the meeting that he had called the Minister's office the previous day and was told that he was at Parliament and as such, he was unable to get a response. He further promised to make further contact after the meeting.

Repairs to Rainwater Catchment Tanks

The Chairman informed Council that Mr. Reid of Rural Water Supply had promised to visit the parish at an early date to look at some other tanks that the agency could assist with in terms of repairs; that this would be considered as phase 2 of the project.

Councillor Richards stated that she would appreciate if arrangement be made for Mr. Reid to visit the Bensonton Division and asked that she be informed of the date when he would be visiting the parish. She also said that there were a number of tanks in the Eight Miles area that needed attention and she was sure that same was not included on the list.

The Chairman mentioned that although Mr. Reid would be visiting the entire parish, he also had a list of tanks from the Public Health Department which was considered priority to work with, as well as a list from the Council in order to determine the ones that would receive attention under phase 2 of the project.

The Chairman assured Councillor Richards that the Secretary/Manager would make contact with her as soon as the date of the visit was known.

Beecher Town Catchment Tank

Councillor Bell brought to attention that a recommendation was made from the Health Department that urgent attention should be given to the captioned facility; that an estimate was in-house which was presented at the Finance Committee Meeting. He further asked that immediate consideration be given to the matter, so that the repair work could be started with immediate effect. He also emphasized that it was the only source of water in the area and that the matter was considered as a priority one for the Health Department.

The Chairman recalled that the matter was mentioned at the Finance Committee Meeting; however, no estimate was presented so that the Committee could be aware of the cost to carry out the work.

At this point, Councillor Bell draw attention to page 60 of the Minutes of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting where it was recorded that an estimate amounted to \$820,820.00 was prepared and the Committee recommended that same be forwarded to the Finance Committee Meeting for its approval.

The Chairman suggested that based of the Council's limited resources, the Actg. Supt. Roads and Works would make the necessary arrangement to visit the area, to confirm that the amount was realistic, so that discussions could be held with the Director of Finance to see how best the matter could be dealt with.

Councillor Giscombe was of the view that the matter was of importance as well as an emergency one and suggested that a team from the Council should visit the location, with a view of having the situation addressed.

Farmers Heights Water Supply System

Councillor Dickenson expressed concern that Rural Water Supply had started a project at the captioned system, which was about 90% completed but that a pump was needed to complete the work. He further asked that the necessary arrangement be made for the site to be revisited by Mr. Reid.

The Chairman asked that Councillor Dickenson be also made aware of the date of Mr. Reid's visit.

Water Supply Systems – Dry Harbour Division

Councillor Clemetson made a request for the list to be reviewed to confirm whether the following tanks were included, if not the necessary arrangements to be made for the locations to be visited with a view of having them included:

- Retirement
- Queenhythe
- Dumbarton
- Hopewell Bottom

The Chairman indicated that the tanks would be looked at in the order of priority.

It was then agreed that Councillors Clemetson and Richards be supplied with a copy of the list of tanks to receive attention.

Middle Buxton Tank

Councillor Redway asked about the status of the captioned facility, to which the Secretary/Manager responded that it was on the list of tanks to receive attention, but was classified as priority numbered two by the Health Department and Council had not yet finished with priority numbered one.

He further stressed that he was aware of priorities but that it was the only source of water in the area and the residents were in dire need of the supply; that some of them had to be purchasing the supply from their limited resources and the situation continued to place hardships on the community.

Council then agreed that the necessary arrangement should be made for Mr. Reid to visit the location.

Bensonton Tank

Councillor Richards brought to attention that the previous week the Member of Parliament had sent a load of water to this tank and subsequently, a frog died in the tank. As such, she had made the necessary arrangements for the tank to be cleaned and took the pictures to confirm that the work was done. She further promised that the bills would be submitted to Council for payment.

Town Hall Meetings

The Chairman informed that the last meeting was held in the Borobridge Division, which was a very successful one, adding that the participation was good from the wider communities as well as the attendance. He further said that the next meeting would be held in the Calderwood Division on the 22nd instant followed by Dry Harbour on the 24th.

Stakeholder's Meeting

The Chairman reported that the previous day, a meeting was held at Area 2 Headquarters which was a very successful one and the attendance was good from all the stakeholders and agencies. He mentioned that the representatives tried to meet once per month to discuss the state of affairs in the parish; that the major focus was on the transportation centres and markets as well the assistance that could be given by the police to try and regularize the situation and to have it properly monitored.

Coming out of the meeting, a proposal was made by the representative of Transport Authority for the Ocho Rios Transportation Centre to be given some special attention this Labour Day. He mentioned that an early walkthrough would be done between himself and the stakeholders to try and identify what needed to be done and could be done on that day. Also, that arrangement would be made for representatives of the Health Department to be a part of the walkthrough, based on the issues that arrived out of the meeting. In addition, the Resort Board would be doing a "Clean Up" campaign in the Ocho Rios Area on the 27th of the month.

Councillor Williams sought to ascertain whether the Ocho Rios Transportation Centre would be the Parish Project for this year, but same was not confirmed.

Councillor Weir asked whether matters affecting other major towns were discussed at the meeting and highlighted the issue regarding the traffic situation in St. Ann's Bay, particularly on Main Street.

In response, the Chairman informed that the matter was mentioned as well as the traffic report from the Island Traffic Authority in respect to the proposed traffic changes in St. Ann's Bay. He indicated that another issue that was also raised was the one that affected Windsor Road with the proliferation of shacks etc. He further said that in all the towns the issues once mentioned were discussed and that the appropriate plans would be put in place to have the situations monitored.

Councillor McLeod spoke about the traffic situation in the Brown's Town and Alexandria areas and the Chairman asked SSP Scott to note the information, so that same could be discussed at the next Stakeholder's Meeting.

Councillor Dickenson asked whether the implementation of the proposed traffic changes in St. Ann's Bay was discussed at the Stakeholder's Meeting, to which the Chairman replied that the Stakeholder's meeting was not the committee to deal with the implementation of the system; however, the Actg. Parish Manager was a part of the meeting and simply spoke about the findings, the recommendations and the steps that were being taken for the implementation. Councillor Dickenson said that the reason for his enquiry was that the deadline for April 1 had already gone and to-date he had not heard anything further on the matter. He further asked if there was a report on the matter to be presented to Council as to the way forward with the matter, to which the Chairman responded in the negative.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Traffic Authority Committee Meeting was chaired by the Parish Manager of the National Works Agency and that a representative of that agency should have attended the Roads and Works Committee Meeting. He was of the view that the question could have been asked at that meeting, as the agency had the responsibility to deal with the implementation process. Councillor Dickenson said that although a representative from the agency was in attendance, the matter was not raised as he was aware that the deadline had passed and that there were some new matters to be addressed by Council which were still outstanding before the implementation could come on stream. He was also of the view that the entire stretch along Harbour Street had become a traffic nightmare.

Councillor Bell commented that everything else was done and the only thing that was outstanding before the implementation could come on stream was for the Council's part to be addressed.

The Chairman expressed his dis-satisfaction with the aforementioned comment made by Councillor Bell and further asked him to bring to attention, the things that should have been done by Council that were yet to be addressed, as he was not present at the last sitting of the Roads and Works Committee Meeting.

In response, Councillor Bell mentioned that some signs were to be ordered after which the entrance to the transportation centre to be dealt with among other things to be addressed. The Chairman responded that the signs had been ordered, repair work had started on the street as well as estimates had been prepared and forwarded to Finance Committee in respect to the other things to be addressed. He further implored his colleagues to be more cognizant when speaking on matters of Council as same could give a bad reflection on the Council.

Parish Review Committee for Special Discretionary Relief – Property Tax

The Chairman informed that a meeting date to be decided on so that the nine (9) applications that were received could be dealt with.

Tying of Horses along the Highway

The Chairman told the meeting that a date to be rescheduled for a meeting to be held to discuss the captioned matter.

Concern regarding Traffic Light in the vicinity of Evelyn Street and the Ocho Rios Development Road – Ocho Rios Division

The Chairman informed the meeting that this matter was also receiving attention at the Stakeholders' Meeting. Also, that a request was made for the necessary arrangements to be put in place for the Traffic Engineer to revisit the area to redo the timing of the lights on the pole that was erected along the by-pass some time ago, in close proximity to the transportation centre as well as the issue with the filter lights in front of the Ocho Rios Police Station was being discussed.

Liberty Water Supply System – Bamboo Division

The Chairman requested that the captioned matter be referred to the Roads and Works Committee Meeting.

Illegal Cook Shops – Ocho Rios Division

Note was taken that this matter was referred to the Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting for investigation and appropriate action.

Councillor Giscombe was not satisfied with the action taken and further argued that if the shops were illegal, it was the Council's responsibility to have them removed and not for them to be regularized.

A decision was then taken for the matter to be referred to the Roads and Works Department for investigation, with a view of taking the appropriate action if the cook shops were found to be illegal.

Municipal Building

The Chairman informed that the meeting with the Architect had been scheduled for April 24, 2014; that the representatives of the Council to be in attendance were:

- Secretary/Manager
- Director of Finance
- Actg. Supt. Roads and Works

Tour of Sections of the Parish with the Junior Ministers of Transport, Works and Housing and Local Government and Community Development

The Chairman told the meeting that the letter as requested by Councillor Stewart was sent to both Ministries.

Councillor Dickenson enquired about the report from the tour and the Chairman responded that same was still outstanding. Councillor Dickenson informed that he had visited the Bamboo area recently and the two sections of break-a-way were still in place and needed urgent attention.

It was then agreed that a letter should be written to both Ministers regarding the report of the tour.

Streetlight Repairs – Borobridge Division

The Chairman advised the meeting that a letter had been written to the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited regarding the repairs to streetlights in the captioned division as well as the maintenance of streetlights in the entire parish.

Repairs to Streetlights – Brown’s Town Division

The meeting was also informed that a letter had been written to JPSCo., regarding the captioned matter and a response was awaited.

Request for the installation of Traffic Light – Moneague Division

The Chairman enquired from Councillor Garrick whether he was aware of the response that was received from the Ministry of Transport and Works the previous year regarding the captioned matter, to which he responded in the affirmative. The Chairman further informed that there was no new development since then.

Councillor Garrick asked that a follow up be done on the matter.

The Secretary/Manager enquired from Councillor Garrick as to what exactly was required of Council with this matter and Councillor Garrick explained that coming out of a meeting where the letter was read, he had asked that Council should make a request for the matter to be reconsidered, adding that the police, motorists and pedestrians continued to experience a serious problem in the area.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that a letter be written to the Ministry of Transport and Works, asking that the Council’s request be reconsidered because probably their recommendation was based on a traffic study; however, the use of the road was a major concern to the police, motorists and pedestrians alike.

Councillor Garrick was then asked to discuss the matter with the Secretary/Manager, so that the matters of concern could be listed and forwarded to the Ministry.

Rehabilitation of Road No. 46, Mt. Zion

Council was informed that the Resolution had been forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development requesting that the amount be deducted from the Equalisation Fund to effect the repairs to the road.

5. FINANCE MATTERS

a. Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on March 20, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors McLeod and Robb-Oddman, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Owen Sound Visit

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Councillors and Members of the Council who assisted either at the planning stage or at the various functions that were held for them to be successful.

He then presented a letter dated April 8, 2014 from the Office of the Mayor of Owen Sound, expressing thanks to the Council for the gift (*Jamaica Heritage in Pictures Album*) that they had received as well as the hospitality extended to the delegation from Owen Sound.

It was further noted in the letter that the Chairman was again welcomed to visit the City of Owen in the future and may the twinning relationship between both communities continued to prosper and grow in the years ahead, as they embark on the next forty (40) years as twin cities. **Noted**

Training under the LAMP/KOICA Grant Aid -Cadastral Mapping Land Titling Project

The Chairman informed the meeting that Council was in receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change, advising that the Ministry had been provided with additional training opportunities under the captioned project to be conducted in South Korea from April 13, 2014 – April 26, 2014 and that Miss Ethlyn Douglas, Director of Planning had been selected to participate in the two (2) weeks training course.

The Chairman advised Council that the relevant approval had been given for the Director of Planning to attend and that the participants would be leaving the island on Friday, April 11, 2014.

On behalf of Council, the Chairman wished for her a safe, pleasurable and informative journey adding that whatever she had learnt, the Council and the Ministry would benefit significantly.

Financial Workshop – March 26-28, 2014

The Chairman explained that the workshop was held as scheduled at the Hilton Rose Hall Hotel in Montego Bay; that the participants involved Ministers of Government, Mayors, Chair of Finance Committee and Secretary/Managers/Town Clerk/Chief Administrative Managers. That the main focus was on the strategic direction of Local Government, particularly, as it pertains to the financing arrangements and the financial opportunities available to Councils within the context of the Jamaican Economy.

The Director of Finance was asked to give a brief summary of the workshop, which she did. She mentioned that the workshop was held under the theme “*Improving Revenue through Prudent, Fiscal Management and Visionary Leadership*” and that strong emphasis was placed on the financing framework within which all Councils would be asked to operate. As such, representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Police, Development Bank of Jamaica, PIOJ, European Union among other agencies were in attendance and they had discussed how the prevailing framework would directly impact each of the fourteen (14) Local Authorities.

She also mentioned that they were informed that for the next four (4) years funding from Central Government in some areas would be reduced or eliminated. In addition, the Ministry would be reviewing its Tax Reform and as such, with effect from June 1, 2014, the payment of General Consumption Tax on goods and services would become effective for all Local Authorities. In terms of the funding of community projects, it was suggested that contact could be made with the European Union, Community Development Fund or the Development Bank of Jamaica for assistance.

Labour Day 2014

The Chairman urged his colleagues to look at the projects that they wanted to execute in their respective divisions on Labour Day, May 23, 2014. He also announced that this year the activities for Labour Day would be spearheaded by the Ministry of Youth and Culture; however, the theme had not yet been confirmed, but as soon as it was received Council would be informed.

7. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution from the St. Thomas Parish Council

The Chairman reminded members that this Resolution was presented to Council at its last sitting and a decision was taken for additional time to be allowed for the document to be properly perused and the matter be presented at this meeting. He further asked Councillors whether they had the chance to look at the document.

Councillor Garvey made a request for the matter to be discussed and it was agreed. He pointed out that he was in favour of the request, adding that Cuba was Jamaica's closest neighbor and that history would reveal that the embargo was placed on Cuba because of the type of governance practised by that country.

Councillors Redway and Richards indicated their support for same.

Ensuing from a discussion, a vote was put to the floor with results as under:

- 6 Councillors voted in favour
- 4 against
- 3 abstained

8. SESSION AS THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Richards and Dickenson respectively, Council sat as the Local Board of Health.

a. REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER (HEALTH)

The Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector presented the captioned report for the month of March 2014. He then gave the following highlights:

Regional Director – NERHA

Miss Fabia Lamm had been assigned duties as the Regional Director for the North East Regional Health Authority (NERHA) with effect from April 1, 2014.

Slaughtering of Animals

Note was taken that the number of animals slaughtered legally had been declined since the start of the year; however, there was an increase with the number slaughtered as a result of predial larceny. He highlighted that one Dairy Farm was raided three (3) times and during this process nineteen (19) heads of cattle were slaughtered while seventeen (17) others were left suffering from machete wounds. In addition, he said that during the said period three (3) other small farmers in the parish had suffered similar losses.

Food Handlers Training Session

Four (4) additional Food Handlers Training Sessions were held during the month of March to facilitate the certification of butchers for the Annual Butchers' Licensing Session which would be held later that month.

He further highlighted that the department had received several complaints from some of the butchers pertaining to their inability to collect their Butchers' Licences after they had been recommended for approval. He stated that he was aware that in the past some of the issues came about as a result of the challenges being experienced for the recommendation of the police to be returned in time for processing of the documents.

He then made a request for the matter to be resolved, as the department continued to experience a challenge when the butchers do not have the licence to present.

Food Handler's Establishment

The Department had certified and licenced 102 Food Handling Establishments and that one operator had been convicted for failure to comply with the department and was fined in the Resident Magistrates Court.

Water Supplies

The department was concerned with the availability of potable water which created a problem for some of the citizens. Additionally, that communities that were served by the NWC's systems at Liberty Gardens/Dumbarton were affected as well as another five (5) of the systems had been out of service for several years. The Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector reiterated that water availability was a serious concern which needed to be examined and addressed.

Operation of Barber Shops

Councillor McLeod told Council that he was of the opinion that some barber shops were being operated without the proper facilities in place. He further tried to ascertain how the certification was done without the necessary checks being carried out to ensure that all the requirements were adhered to.

In response, the Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector explained that from a public health perspective, in order for an applicant to obtain a licence to operate a barber shop/beauty salon one of the requirements was that running water had to be connected to the establishment. Further, that an individual had to apply for a health permit from the Health Department; however, both the licence for the individual as well as the one for the establishment had to be issued by the Parish Council.

He also mentioned that whenever an application was made at the Council, the Health Department would be advised and as such, the necessary inspection would be carried out and if the establishment was found to be satisfactory, the department would then made a recommendation to the Council after-which a licence would be issued by the Council.

Councillor McLeod reiterated that proper sanitization method was not being practiced at some of the establishments.

Councillor Redway stated that as responsible officers whenever they come across any similar situation that they were in doubt with, same should be reported to the relevant authority for investigation. He also suggested that this particular case should be reported, so that the necessary investigations could be carried out.

On the adoption of the motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Giscombe respectively, it was agreed that the meeting be continued beyond 1:00 p.m. for another half an hour.

Drain in the vicinity of the Discovery Bay All-Age School

Councillor Clemetson told Council that a recommendation was made for this drain to be cleaned as it was in a deplorable condition and contributed to the breeding of mosquitos in the area. He further asked whether the Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector had an update on the matter.

In regards to the matter, the Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector explained to the meeting that the area was a swamp, and as such, he had indicated that it could not be treated with oil as it could create an environmental challenge; that the swamp needed to be cleaned for the removal of as much vegetation as possible, so that there were no cover or hiding areas for the mosquitoes. In addition, there was the issue of students dumping garbage into the swamp, which was discussed and same was being investigated.

Note was taken that this matter was a part of the Public Health & Sanitation Committee Meeting and the Chairman asked that it be further discussed at that meeting.

b. Recommendations for Burials in Family Plots

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Brown and Redway, respectively, Council ratified the following applications that were recommended by the Public Health Department and approved out of session by the Chairman of the Council:

• Glen Williamson	-	Brittonville
• Stanley Lunch	-	Alley Fox, Inverness
• Mavis Campbell	-	McNie
• Basil Green	-	Mt. Waddy, Moneague
• Thomas Llewellyn	-	Exchange
• Laura Cameron	-	Exchange
• Romoie Brown	-	Upton
• Sandra Porter	-	Philadelphia
• Ariel Lowers	-	Madras
• George Clarke	-	Hampstead
• Laura Cameron	-	Exchange
• Mavis Campbell	-	McNie
• Astley Brown	-	Muirhouse
• Stanford Palmer	-	St. D’Acre
• Thelma Brown	-	Fullerton Park
• Raphael Gordon	-	Castle Kelly
• Harold Brown	-	Middlesex
• Lucille Harvey	-	Irons Mountain
• Robert Weir	-	Alderton
• Allan Smith	-	Bensonton
• Ernest McKenzie	-	Aboukir
• Louise Jones	-	Bethel Town, Discovery Bay
• Ruby Rose	-	Inverness
• Violet Campbell	-	Mt. Moriah
• Albertha Codner	-	Watt Town
• Alistina Adams	-	Hopewell Bottom
• Nicole White	-	Wilberforce
• Gladston Miller	-	Fort George
• Michael Harris	-	Barrett Hall

c. Recommendations for Barbers/Hairdressers/BeautyTherapists/Cosmetologists

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Brown, respectively, Council ratified the following applications that were recommended by the Health Department and approved out of session by the Chairman of the Council:

Beauty Salons

Salons

1. Primrose Harrison	Primrose Beauty Salon	Brown’s Town
2. Annette Parke	Classic Hair and Nail	Brown’s Town
3. Renee Brown	Many Face’s of Beauty	Brown’s Town
4. Karlene McKnight	Sarie’s Beauty Salon	Brown’s Town
5. Susan Hibbert	Susan Barber Salon	Brown’s Town
6. Stacy Lawrence/ Keith Bailey	Keisha’s Uptown Cut Barber Salon & Hairdressing	Brown’s Town
7. Shaw Park Beach Hotel & Spa	Shaw Park Beach Hotel & Spa	Ocho Rios
8. Jamaica Inn Hotel	Ocean Spa at Jamaica Inn	Ocho Rios

Beauty Therapist

1. Claudette McDonald	Sandals, Ocho Rios	Bamboo Walk, St. Mary
2. Opal Bennett	Sandals Grande Beac	Victor Scott Close, New Seville
3. Philliecianna Miller	Iberostar Rosehall	Liberty District, St. Ann's Bay
4. Valrie McDonald	Sandals , Ocho Rios	Eltham, Ocho Rios
5. Melonie Campbell	Sandals Grande Riviera	Mason River, Clarendon
6. Jennifer Williams	Sandals Grande, Ocho Rios	Great Pond, Ocho Rios
7. Deedra Taylor	Sandals Grande, Red Lane Spa	Lime Hall, St. Ann
8. Melissa Thompson	Sunset Jamaica Grande, Aqua Azul	Buckfield, Ocho Rios
9. Marva McDonald	Sandal Royal Plantation	Ocho Rios
10. Stacy-Ann Brown-Drackett	Sandals Grande, Red Lane Spa	Tranquility Glade, Retreat
<u>Beauty Therapist Cont.</u>		
11. Natalie Jackson	Sandal Royal Plantation	2 Catterto Road, Buckfield
12. Nordia Blackman	Sandals Grande Rivera	Walkerswood, St. Ann
13. Judeen Alridge	Sandals Grande Rivera	10 James Avenue, Ocho Rios
14. Sharlene McFarlane Edgecombe	Sandals Grande Rivera	23 Edgecombe Ave,Mt.
15. Donnette Brown	Sandals Grande Rivera	Lot 178, Liberty Estate
16. Sandra Parkes	Mobile Spa	Buckfield, Ocho Rios
17. Antonette Johnson	Red Lane Spa	Royal Plantation P.O. Box #2
18. Simone Hewitt	Red Lane Spa	Hamilton Mountain, St. Mary
19. Marjorie Campbell	Red Lane Spa	P.O.Box 771, Main Street, Ocho
20. Arlene Hall	Holiday Inn	Lewis District, St. Ann
21. Karen Gaynor	Sandals Grande	Main Street, Ocho Rios
22. Noreen Christie	Renova Spa	Ocho Rios
23. Delvine Chevawnes	Red Lane Spa	Pineapple, Ocho Rios
24. Diana McKenzie	Renova Spa, Riu Club Resort	Mammee Bay, St. Ann

Costmetologist

1. Keisha Bennett	Beauty Statement Salon	Moneague Gardens, Moneague
2. Keshan Barrett		Liberty Hill, Discovery Bay
3. Nordia Gray		Main Street, Brown's Town
4. Michelle McNight- James	Princess Beauty Salon	Runaway Bay, St. Ann

Barber

1. Kennyato Felding		Cardiff Hall, Runaway Bay
2. Kirloo Williams	Kirloo Barbershop	Claremont, St. Ann

Hairdressers

1. Keisha Stewart	Nosirah's Spa	Hamilton Mountain, St. Mary
2. Nicknola Grocia	Beauty Statement Salon	Beecher Town, St. Ann
3. Colleen Hoilett	Beauty Statement Salon	Content Gardens, Ocho Rios
4. Maria Francis	Shear Joy Beauty Salon	73 Main Street, Ocho Rios
5. Tamoy Mitchell	Tamoy Beauty Salon	Towne Centre Blvd, Ocho Rios
6. Carol March	Carol's Beauty Care	6 James Avenue, Perry Plaza
7. Carol Parke	SRT Beauty Salon	2 Westly Crescent, Brown's Town
8. Maria Francis	Shear Joy Bauty Salon	73 Main Street, Ocho Rios
9. Andre Williams		Brown's Town, St. Ann

The Chairman thanked the Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector for making the presentation.

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Redway, respectively, Council resumed its normal sitting.

9. **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE MATTERS**

a. Minutes of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting held on March 19, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Walker and Redway, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

10. **HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS**

a. Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting held on March 19, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Giscombe, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

11. **PHYSICAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MATTERS**

a. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Environmental Control Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Physical Planning and Environmental Control Committee Meeting held on March 11, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Brown and Clemetson, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

b. Affixing of Council's Seal to Building Applications, Subdivision Applications and Advertising Signs

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Clemetson, respectively, Council granted its approval for the Seal to be affixed to the following documents:

AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S COMMON SEAL IN CONNECTION WITH:

SCHEDULE OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

FILE NO.	NAME OF APPLICANT	NAME OF OWNER	LOCATION	# OF LOTS	PURPOSE OF SUBDIVISION
1. L/13/7380	Leabert Sutherland	Leabert Sutherland	Breadnut Hill	31	Residential/Homestead
2. L/13/7603	Nigel Wilson	Dunkley Grier	Belle_Air (lot # 37)	3	Residential
3. L/13/7594	Norman Bowen	Norman Bowen et.al.	Exchange	7	Residential
4. L/13/7501	Pickersgill, Dowding	Est. Lemuel Archer	Claremont (Olge))	2	Residential
5. L/13/7625	Enid Brown	Douglas & Enid Brown	Huntley	2	Residential/Commercial

SCHEDULE OF STATUTORY DECLARATION FOR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

File #.	Name of Applicant	Name of Owner	Location	# of Lots	# of lots Released	Purpose of Subdivision
1. L/13/7627	Clarence Dunn	Clarence Dunn	Great Pond	20	10	Residential
2. L/13/4928	Leonard Halsall	Leonard Halsall et. al.	Belle-Grove	8	3	Residential
3. L/13/7575	Richmond Development	Richmond Development	Richmond & Coolshade	1165	1	Resi./Agri./Comm.

SCHEDULE OF STRATA APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

File #.	Name of Applicant	Name of Owner	Location
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

SCHEDULE OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

File #	Name of Applicant	Name of Owner	Location	# of Lots	Purpose of Subdivision
1. L/13/7609	Brenton Campbell	Brenton Campbell	Seville Estate (lot 124)	3	Residential
2. L/13/7627	Clarence Campbell	Clarence Campbell	Cuffie Ridge (lot 31)	2	Residential

SCHEDULE OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CLOSURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

File #	Name of Applicant	Name of Owner	Location	# of Lots	Purpose of Subdivision
1. NIL	NIL	Nil	NIL	NIL	NIL

c. Schedule of Building/No Objection and Subdivisions Applications for approval for the month of April 2014

The Secretary/Manager presented a memo from the Director of Planning advising that at the last sitting of the Physical Planning and Environmental Control Committee Meeting, a decision was taken that the following applications be referred to General Council for approval:

SCHEDULE OF BUILDING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH APRIL 2014

File No	Name	Location of Construction Work	Type of Works
B/11/12669	Richard Anderson (et.al)	Lot # 3 Beverly called Panorama Estate	Dwelling House
B/11/12679	Noel Bailey	Lot # 13 Greenwich Park	Addition to Dwelling House
B/11/12164	Arthur Beecham	Lands part of Salem	Petroleum Filling Station
B/11/12689	Miguel Brown	Lot # 6 Panorama Estate, Beverly	Dwelling House
B/11/12683	Victoria Lugg - Carty Columbus Communication c/o	Part of Chester Field Pen, Lime Hall	Dwelling House
B/11/11520	Oantel Charley	55 Top Road, Brown's Town	Storage
B/11/12579	China Harbour Engineering Co. Ltd	Crescent Park (Beulah), Golden Grove	Commercial Dwelling (Office & Dormitory)
B/11/12721	Michael Collins	Lot # 72 Anthurum Crescent	Addition to Dwelling House
B/11/12687	Ainsley Cooper	Land part of Hinds Town	Dwelling House
B/11/12702	Divi Wholesale Ltd	Lot # 3 White River	Warehouse
B/11/12688	Dwyane Ebanks (et.al)	Lot # 29 Mount Boon, Rose Mount	Dwelling House
B/11/12567	Pauline Edwards (et.al)	Lands part of Cedar Valley	Dwelling House
B/11/12672	Florie Findlay	Lot # 57 Hopewell Gardens	Addition to Dwelling House
B/11/12676	Robert Gallimore	Lands part of Southhampton	Dwelling House
B/11/12693	Orville Grant	Lot # 4 Goshen	Dwelling House
B/11/12711	Guardian Life Limited	2 Graham Street, Ocho Rios	Disabled Ramp
B/11/12707	Andrea Richard - Higgins	Lot # 172 Minard, Brown's Town	Dwelling House
B/11/12668	Beverly Hunt	Lot # 12 Fern Grove	Addition to Dwelling House
B/11/12684	Freda Johnson	Lot # 3 Bonham Spring	Dwelling House

B/11/12686	Florence McInstosh	Lot # 285 Seville Estate	Addition to Dwelling House
B/11/12332	Dudley McKnight	Lot # 6 Part of Lot # 20 Belle Air	Dwelling House
B/11/12646	Jasmine Moulton	Lot # 114 Buckfield called Mansfield	Addition to Dwelling House
B/11/12701	Noranda Bauxite Ltd	Lot # 194 Minard H/S	Dwelling House
B/11/12685	James Peart	Lot # 32 Farm Hill, Part of Exchange	Addition to Dwelling House
B/11/12634	Sailaja Rampa	Lot # 43B Greenwich Park	Addition to Commercial Building (Generator Room)
B/11/12494	Dwight Anthony Salmon	Lot # 2 Eltham	Dwelling House
B/11/12505	Superclubs Properties Ltd	Lands part of Cardiff Hall	Renovation fot Jewels Staff Quarters
B/11/12674	Candice Grant Tabor	Lands part of Bonham Spring	Dwelling House
B/11/12673	Beryl Whitehorne	Lot # 1 Queenhythe	Dwelling House
B/11/12681	Harry Williams (et.al)	Lands part of Gravel Hill	Dwelling House
B/11/12626	Basnell Woodburn	Part of York Valley	Dwelling House
B/11/12331	Franklyn McKnight	Lot # 5 part of Lot # 20 Belle Air	Dwelling House

ADVERTISING SIGN

A/893	Complete Medical Care	16 Rennie Road, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign
A/898	Pro GFX c/o Shane Gohagen	75B Main Street, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign
A/887	The Prescription Centre	Shop # 1 & 2 Beecham Plaza	Advertising Sign
A/894	Hi-Tee Auto Parts	80A Main Street, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign
A/888	GKRS (Bill Express)	Ocho Rios Post Office	Advertising Sign
A/890	GKRS (Bill Express)	St. Ann's Bay Post Office	Advertising Sign
A/892	United Barber Salon	75B Main Street, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign
A/893	Computer Gadget & Games	Lot # 16 Rennie Road, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign
A/896	Star Walk c/o Anil Punjabi	4 Evelyn Street, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign

A/900	D' Essentians Meat	5-7 Little Buckfield, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign
A/901	CJ & Associates	80A Main Street, Ocho Rios	Advertising Sign
A/903	His & Her Barber and Beauty	25 James Avenue	Advertising Sign

SCHEDULE OF BUILDING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH APRIL 2014

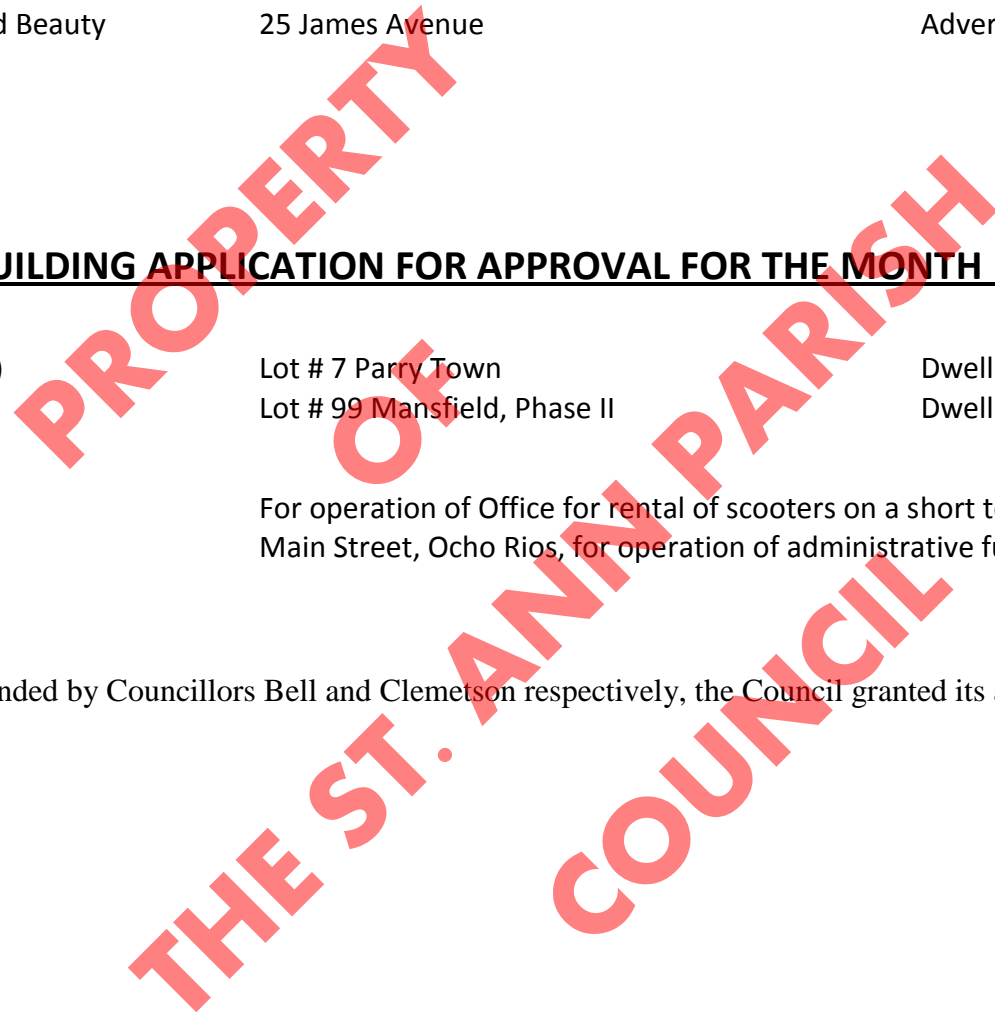
REVALIDATION

B/11/12046	Evelt Richards (et.al)	Lot # 7 Parry Town	Dwelling House
B/11/12065	Colin Wright	Lot # 99 Mansfield, Phase II	Dwelling House

NO OBJECTION

Go-Go Scooters	For operation of Office for rental of scooters on a short term basis.
Bird Peppers	Main Street, Ocho Rios, for operation of administrative functions for boating tours.

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Clemetson respectively, the Council granted its approval for the applications presented.



12. POOR RELIEF MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Poor Relief Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Poor Relief Committee Meeting held on March 18, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Robb-Oddman and Brown, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

13. ROADS AND WORKS MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Roads and Works Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Roads and Works Committee Meeting held on March 6, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Dickenson and Bell respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

14. DISASTER MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Disaster Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Disaster Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors McLeod and Redway respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

b. Report of the Senior Deputy Supt. - Fire Brigade

The report on the activities of Fire Brigade for the month of March 2014 was adopted on a motion moved and seconded by Councillors McLeod and Bell respectively.

The following points were highlighted by Senior Deputy Supt. Hinds:

Fire Statistics:

Classification of Calls	Amount	Total
Genuine Fire	102	
• Residential	5	
• Commercial	1	
• Bush Fires	89	
• Rubbish	5	
• Electrical	2	
		109

The Dry Season was fast approaching and as such, the department was seeking the assistance of Council to try and encourage the residents to desist from burning areas for the preparation of cultivation, as well as how they dispose of their garbage. He also mentioned about the need to preserve the environment and that the lighting of bush fires should not be discouraged.

Rescue Unit/Fire Boat – Ocho Rios Police Station

The Rescue Unit assigned to the Ocho Rios Fire Station had been experiencing some challenges as well as the Fire Boat was still out of commission.

Fire at Liberty Hill Primary School, Dumbarton– Brown’s Town Division

The unit assigned to the Brown’s Town Office had developed a serious mechanical problem and was taken to Kingston for repair work to be carried out. However, unfortunately, when the call was received about the captioned fire, a team from St. Ann’s Bay had to respond.

Fire Hydrant in the vicinity of the Parish Library

The Fire Hydrant was replaced on Tuesday February 4, 2014.

Fire Beecher Town Division

Councillor Bell questioned the reason a unit from Ocho Rios had to respond to a fire in the captioned area when St. Ann's Bay was closer to the location and the unit from Ocho Rios took a longer route to reach the destination.

In response, Senior Deputy Superintendent Hinds explained that only one Pumper had been assigned to each station and if a call was received and the unit was deployed if another call came in during that time another station would have to respond once that unit was available.

Fire Hydrant Evelyn Street

It was brought to attention that the fire hydrant in the captioned area had been damaged and was in need of repairs.

Senior Deputy Superintendent Hinds indicated that the department was aware of the matter.

The Chairman then thanked Deputy Superintendent Hinds for attending the meeting and making the presentation.

15. CIVIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Civic Affairs and Community Relations Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Civic Affairs and Community Relations Committee Meeting held on March 18, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Clemetson and Bell respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

16. COMMERCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Commercial Services Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Commercial Services Committee Meeting held on March 17, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Redway respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Consultations Schedule for the Draft Water Sector Policy and Implementation Plan

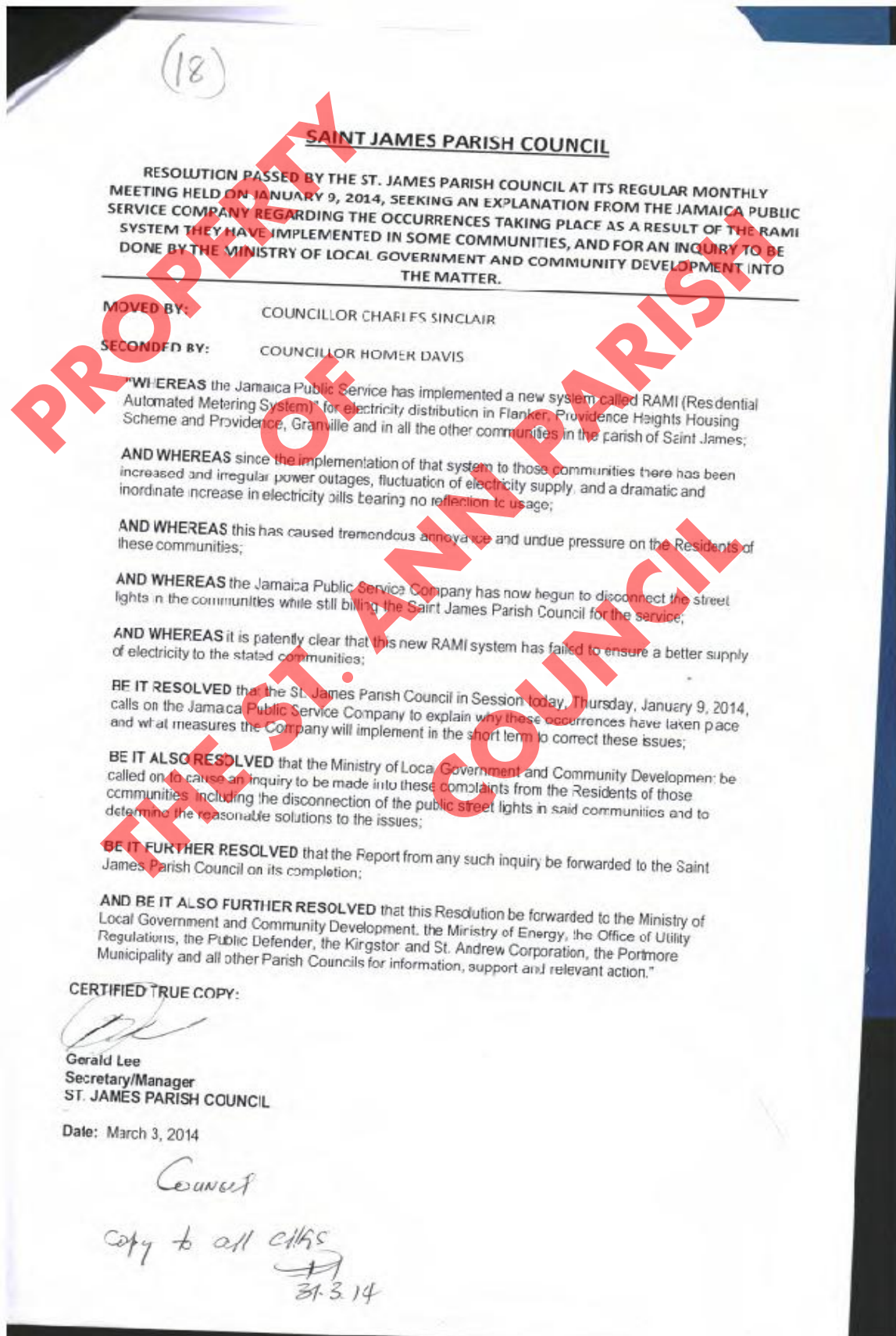
Presented letter from the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change dated March 28, 2014, advising that the Ministry had recently completed the draft Water Sector Policy and Implementation Plan; that the policy was available on the Ministry's website and could be accessed from the Ministry's Documentation Centre, Parish Libraries and Post Offices. Further that the draft Policy would also be presented to stakeholders for comments/feedback via the following series of public/regional consultations.

Parish Councillors were invited to attend the scheduled meeting that targeted the parish within which their Division was located and for St. Ann, St. Mary and Portland the venue was the St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church Hall, St. Mary on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 commencing at 2:00 p.m.

18. **RESOLUTION PASSED BY OTHER COUNCILS AND
SUMMITTED FOR SUPPORT**

- a. Presented letter dated March 11, 2014 from the St. James Parish Council, forwarding a Resolution which was passed at its regular Monthly Meeting held on January 9, 2014, seeking the Council's support regarding the RAMI System that was implemented by the Jamaica Public Service Company for electricity distribution in the communities of Flanker, Providence Heights Housing Scheme and Providence, Granville and in all the communities in the parish of St. James.

The Resolution was read as follows:



- b. Presented letter dated March 26, 2014 from the St. Catherine Parish Council forwarding a Resolution which was passed at its Finance and Planning Committee Meeting held on March 19, 2014, for the support of Council.

The Resolution was read as follows:



Council unanimously supported the Resolution.

19. **A.L.G.A.'s Update/Newsletter**

The captioned document was received and circulated in the meeting.

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Dickenson and Giscombe respectively, the report was accepted.

Councillor Redway suggested that the report on the Owen Sound Visit could be forwarded to ALGAJ with a view of having it published in its Monthly Newsletter.

On the adoption of a motion moved by Councillor Bell seconded by Councillor Redway it was agreed that additional time be allowed to complete the discussions.

20. MATTERS FROM THE ST. ANN PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Arscott reminded the meeting that Mr. Anthony Charley was the newly appointed Chairman of the Committee. He further said that there was a visitor from Japan who was an Environmental Specialist as well as a Proposal Writer and she was at the disposal of any entity that needed her assistance. Also that another Proposal Writer was expected in the island within the next few months who was also a Community Specialist.

Councillor Richards again spoke about a visit that was carried out at Black Gate, Alderton some time ago, which resulted in the Council being offered available lands for the establishment of a cemetery. She however, mentioned that up to that date there was no new development on the matter, as there was the need for a 'bore hole' to be done. She further made a request for the Proposal Writer to do a Project Proposal for the 'bore hole' in order that funding could be sought to carry out the work.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Arscott for the presentation.

21. MATTERS FROM THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Report of the Chairman

Ms. Pryce reported that for the past month, the SDC met with six (6) Councillors and had completed six projects in the following areas: Alexandria, Old Folly, Cave Valley, Gibraltar, and Claremont. Further, that so far the Commission had been represented at all the Town Hall Meetings.

The Chairman commended the agency for its attendance at the meetings.

Councillor Richards also applauded the officers of the SDC for the work that they did and continue to do within the parish.

At this point, Councillor Redway asked Ms. Pryce whether she was aware of the change in the Labour Day Secretariat for this year, to which she responded that she wasn't aware of same until the information was given in the meeting. She however pointed out that the SDC shared a very good working relationship with the Ministry of Youth and Culture and further assured Council that they would assist with the Labour Day Projects as far as it was practicable.

22. MATTERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Scott expressed thanks to the Council for the opportunity given to that department to report to Council. He commended the various stakeholders for the support given to them in the execution of their duties.

He reported that major crime was up slightly in the parish, but that operational plans were in place and hoped that same would be reduced in a short-while. Further, that there was a slight increase in robbery and shooting; however, the number of reported rape cases had been decreased. He stated that the mission was for the division to engage in operational activities geared towards the policing of the 'hot spots' as well as to reduce serious crimes, especially murder and shooting. Additionally, that they would be putting the necessary measures in place to try and prevent the migration of gang members in the

parish, and as such, border blocks would be arranged which would inconvenience persons at times, but that everyone should come on board and assist the police in this regard.

Superintendent Scott also pointed out that there would be an increase of police presence, especially in and around the town of Ocho Rios and its environs, the transportation centre and any communities where there were major issues, pointing out that they would be working on any possible information received from the public. In addition, he named some of the areas of concern as follows: Steer Town, Faulklands and Ocho Rios, among others and further ensured Council that there would be 24 hours police presence in the 'hot spot' areas. Notwithstanding, the Police Division continued to have its social intervention and would be engaging the Community Security and Justice Programme; that they would be having social development which involved HEART/NTA and the Parish Council and expressed gratitude for the level of assistance received from the Council.

He also added that the division had spearheaded partnership with other stakeholders to establish a Football Club especially in the Steer Town Community, as also arranging Cricket Competitions between the citizens of Dam Head and Green Bay.

Superintendent Scott highlighted that the St. Ann Council Dispute Resolution Office had been re-opened in the Ocho Rios area to further the interactive violence and intervention strategy. Furthermore, on May 1, 2014 the St. Ann Police Division would be hosting the Area 2 Sports Day at Drax Hall and urged members to come out and support the event.

Inclosing, he thanked the Council for the support that was given for the Incentive Programme that was held at the Jamaica Grande Hotel.

Issues Affecting Exchange Division

At this point, Councillor Giscombe drew attention to some issues that had been affecting the Exchange Division. He spoke about a matter concerning a nine (9) year old girl who had been raped in the area and said that it was the fourth case in the division within a few days. He also remarked that the alleged perpetrator had been incarcerated and expressed thanks to the police for their quick action in this regard.

He further added that there was a very active Citizens' Association Group in the Paradise area that met on a regular basis; that he attended the last meeting and was told of the challenges that the citizens of that area had been experiencing. He explained that because the area was not properly lit, criminals continued to hide in the dark areas and attacked them at nights; however, the information that he had received at the meeting was that an elderly lady was recently hit in the face and when she went to the Ocho Rios Police Station to report the matter, she was not treated kindly by the police who was on duty at the time. He told Superintendent Scott that a meeting was scheduled for Sunday of that week and requested that the police be in attendance so that the matter could be clarified.

Councillor Bell mentioned that he shared border with Councillor Giscombe in the Breadnut Hill area and wondered why the older ladies in that area had been targeted by criminals. He too spoke about an incident that had occurred involving a sixty (60) year old lady in the area and when they visited the Police Station to report the matter, they too were ill-treated by the police on duty.

Superintendent Scott thanked both Councillors for the information given and assured Councillor Giscombe that a member of the Management Team would be in attendance at the meeting. He further suggested that any similar complaints should be brought to his attention, as they would not tolerate any act of indiscipline in the organization. He also said that he was sorry to hear about the attack on the citizens and promised that something would be done about the matter.

Alerting of Motorists

Councillor Weir expressed concern that whenever the police was carrying out duties on the roads the motorists continued to alert each other and further asked that some measures be put in place to deal with the matter.

Request for Bicycle Patrol – Rural Townships

Councillor Weir made a request for the police to look at the possibility of having Bicycle Patrol in the rural townships of the parish such as Claremont, Alexandria and Brown's Town, adding that same would help to reduce crime.

Superintendent Scott stated that he was happy for the suggestion and believed in the presence of the police but further hoped that with the added resources in terms of manpower they would try to see how best the matter could be addressed, bearing in mind that there would be a cost factor. He was of the view that the business communities could partner with the Police Force by assisting with the supply of some of the bicycles to do patrol in the major towns. He also pointed out that the traffic situation in the Brown's Town Area was of concern and promised that police presence would be increased in the area as far as it was practical.

Eight Most Wanted Men in the Parish

Councillor Garrick recalled that the police had recently named the eight (8) most wanted men in the parish. He further asked whether any of them had been captured or if they were still at large. In response, Superintendent Scott indicated that all of them were still at large.

Stopping of Vehicles by the Police

Councillor Bell pointed out that quite often when the police stop motorists along the road, as soon as they approached the vehicle, the first question that they asked was whether anyone in the vehicle had a licenced firearm. He was of the view that the police should be more tactful in carrying out their duties and asked that something be done about the matter.

Superintendent Scott told the meeting that there was a protocol that outlined how the police should approach members of the public; that beyond this approach it would become a breach and the necessary action would have to be taken.

Police Matters – Alexandria Division

Councillor McLeod commended the police for their quick response to matters in the Alexandria Division. He however pointed out that there were several gang members in the division which comprised of persons ranging from ages twenty-five (25) years and under.

He too spoke of a bad experience with a police officer in the area in which he was verbally abused.

Superintendent Scott advised that the necessary discussions would be held with the Councillor regarding the matter.

Police Matters – Dry Harbour Division

Councillor Clemetson was of the view that the Jamaican Police Force had been doing and continued to do an excellent job in comparison to first world countries. He pointed out that there were some decent police personnel who continued to serve their country and persons should not be afraid to congratulate them.

He expressed concern that too often when a crime was committed in the parish, the perpetrator continued to escape in a taxi. He further suggested that the police should be more vigilant with this matter.

Matters of Concern – Lime Hall Division

The Chairman enquired from Superintendent Scott whether any consideration would be given for a Mobile Station to be put in place in the Steer Town Community.

He also tried to ascertain the date when the Football and Cricket Competition between the communities of Dam Head and Green Bay would kick-start to which Superintendent Scott advised that the competition had already started in the Steer Town area.

The Chairman further informed that Mr. Daniel Blair, who was the officer in charge of the CSJP Programme in the Steer Town Area had passed on suddenly; however, he was not sure whether his passing would affect the programme in moving forward.

Superintendent Scott expressed regret on the passing of Mr. Blair and further hoped that the programme would continue.

He further mentioned that when the ISCF was formed, there were specific reasons for same, and as such, they were given specific duties. He then questioned what would be the implications for the Local Authorities with the amalgamation of the ISCF and the JCF, adding that he was aware that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was in place between the Ministry of National Security and the Ministry of Local Government for the police to pay special attention to the Council's Public Spaces, which included the markets, transportation centres etc.

In response, Superintendent Scott assured the Chairman that the merger of the ISCF and the JCF would not affect the core functions of the ISCF and pointed out that all administrative functions would be channeled into operational functions.

Alleged Prostitution/Solicitation – Ocho Rios

Councillor Williams brought to attention that the captioned matter had been plaguing the Ocho Rios area for sometime, which was an illegal activity and asked that the necessary steps be taken to abate the situation.

Superintendent Scott informed that at a recent meeting that he had attended, the matter was discussed at length; however, there were some challenges as to how they could approach same, as the Town and Community Act would have to be repealed. As such, there was not much that the police could do in this regard for the time being.

Congestion along Main Street – St. Ann's Bay

Councillor Dickenson brought to the attention of the police personnel that on Friday and Saturday nights the entire stretch along Main Street from the vicinity of the Police Station to the clock was taken over by hand cart operators and other vendors. He further asked that urgent steps be taken to have the situation under control.

The Chairman endorsed the information given by his colleague and pointed out that the entire corridor was a nightmare that it was almost impossible for an emergency vehicle to drive through that area on those nights.

Superintendent Scott told the meeting that the police had started the clearing of areas, especially in the townships and promised that the matter would be given attention.

He then thanked the Council for the commendations that were extended from the members and further assured them that the negatives would be examined and dealt with.

Traffic Situation – Brown's Town

Superintendent Scott told Council that they were aware of the captioned matter and it was the hope that the police presence would be strengthened in this area at an early date.

The Chairman thanked both Superintendent Scott and DSP Powell for attending the meeting, and further told them that Council appreciated their attendance as well as the information shared. He also assured them that as they move forward, the partnership would continue as to how Council could assist them and *vice versa* after which they withdrew.

23. **QUESTIONS ON GENERAL BUSINESS**

Retired Councillor – Brown’s Town Division

Councillor Clemetson asked whether Council was aware that there was a retired Councillor who was living alone in the captioned division and had served the Council for approximately thirty (30) years was in need of some assistance.

The Chairman directed the Inspector of Poor to carry out the necessary investigations with a view of forwarding a report to Council as the earliest.

24. **MOTION**

26. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Rape and abuse of Adolescence in the Parish

Councillor Giscombe brought to attention that it was his intention to present a Resolution to Council at its next sitting in relation to the matter at caption.

Request for Respect to be shown to Councillors
by Members of Parliament

Councillor McLeod spoke of his intention to present a Resolution to Council at its next sitting requesting that each Member of Parliament must serve each Councillor with respect despite their political affiliation.

27. **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA - Nil**

28. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further matter to be discussed, the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman of the Council

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Secretary/Manager