

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

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Ann Parish Council was held on Thursday, July 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
	-	Dr. Rohan Williams
	-	Sydney Stewart
	-	Lloyd Garrick
	-	Lambert Weir

**OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

Mr. Alfred Graham	-	Secretary/Manager
Miss Claudiah Carter	-	Director of Administration
Miss Ethlyn Douglas	-	Director of Planning
Miss Althea Hall	-	Acting Supt. Roads & Works
Mrs. Marcine Jackson	-	Director of Finance
Mr. Christopher Morris	-	IT Specialist
Miss Nicola Gayle	-	Internal Auditor
Miss Kaydian Harty	-	Public & Comm. Relations Officer
Miss Yvonne Ferguson	-	Actg. Asst. Matron
Mr. Alvin Clarke	-	Parish Disaster Co-Ordinator
Mr. Dwayne Johnson	-	Actg. Deputy Supt.

**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. - Nil**

**REPRESENTATIVE OF NEPA - Nil**

**REPRESENTATIVE OF NEPM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - Nil**

**REPRESENTATIVE OF ST. ANN PARISH DEV. COMMITTEE**

Mr. Anthony Charley	-	Chairman
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**REPRESENTATIVE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Deidre Pryce	-	Parish Administrator
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**REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLICE DIVISION**

Mrs. Yvonne Martin-Daley	-	Senior Superintendent
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**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS - Nil**

## DEVOTION

Pastor Dervan Smith of the Church of God of Prophecy Church conducted the devotion. He read the Scripture from 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles chapter 5 vs 12 - 19. During his exhortation, he reminded members that while they were up there they must remember where they were coming from and who had brought them there; that whatsoever they achieve was not by themselves but by the Almighty God and that they should humble themselves and serve him. He then sang a hymn and closed with prayer.

The Chairman thanked Pastor Smith for conducting the devotions after which he withdrew.

## WELCOME

The Chairman extended hearty welcome to all present. Special welcome was extended to the Senior Superintendent of Police as well as the representatives of the other organizations/agencies in attendance.

### 1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Secretary/Manager read the Notice convening the meeting.

### 2. OMISSION OF MINUTES

On page 1, under the caption “**Representative of St. Ann Fire Dept.**”, the name **Withsean Lamont** to be inserted.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on June 12, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Robb-Oddman and Brown, respectively, subject to the aforementioned omission.

### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

- Councillor Delroy Giscombe
- Councillor Ian Bell
- Parish Manager, SDC
- Senior Deputy Supt., Fire Brigade
- Actg. Inspector of Poor
- Medical Officer (Health)

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

#### Trucking of Water to Drought Stricken Areas

Councillor Stewart noted that the Drought Season was at hand and asked whether there was any recent development regarding an allocation for the parish. He expressed concern that the truck was the only means of getting water to the residents and further questioned whether any additional funding would be made available to engage the service of private contractors, as the Council’s sole unit was unable to meet the demand.

The Chairman told the meeting that the latest development on this matter was that the Council had received Notices of Allocations from the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change for three constituencies in the parish; that the funding would be disbursed on behalf of the Members of Parliament and not the Council. He further suggested that a resolution could be passed and forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development seeking assistance with

funding to carry out the exercise and that discussion would also be held with the Actg. Supt., Roads and Works in respect to the development of a programme.

Councillor Dickenson then highlighted some of the areas in his division that were in need of assistance with water and asked that an amount be factored in the resolution to take care of same.

In response, the Chairman explained that the request would be for the parish, but pointed out that while the residents of those areas should have access to the commodity, it was the responsibility of the National Water Commission to deal with same, as the areas mentioned were served by the NWC's system.

#### **Request for Additional Water Truck**

The Chairman informed that a letter had been written to the Minister with responsibility for Water, seeking his intervention into the captioned matter and a response was awaited.

#### **Repairs to Rainwater Catchment Tanks**

With regards to the Farmers Heights Water Supply System, the Chairman told Council that the work had been completed; however, the testing was being done.

The Chairman informed Council that Mr. Reid from Rural Water Supplies Limited had visited the tanks in the following areas: Lawrence Park, Thatchfield, Grierfield and Rosetta; that the Bills of Quantity were awaited for these tanks and it was anticipated that a further visit would be carried out of other tanks in due course.

Councillor Richards brought to attention that some work was done on the York Castle Tank, but that a small amount was left for it to be completed. She was of the hope that same would be completed at a later date.

#### **Black Tank Programme**

Councillor Clemetson urged the Council to continue with the captioned project, adding that it was a very useful exercise that helped the residents greatly.

The Chairman recalled that at a previous meeting, a suggestion was made that the Council needed to examine its resources in order to determine when another cycle of the project could be started.

#### **Town Hall Meetings**

The Chairman advised that the meeting for the Beecher Town Division was held, which was a very successful one. He however mentioned that he had not yet received any communication from the other Councillors in whose divisions the meetings were postponed.

#### **Stakeholder's Meeting**

The Chairman informed that there was no new development on this matter, as no meeting had been held since the last report was given.

#### **Parish Review Committee for Special Discretionary Relief – Property Tax**

The Chairman mentioned that no meeting was held, as the Council had not received enough applications for processing.

#### **Tying of Horses along the Highway**

The Chairman reminded members that at the last meeting, note was taken that this matter had two separate issues and a decision was taken to separate them. As a result,

the meeting in respect to the tying of horses along the highway had been scheduled for July 23, 2014.

### **Municipal Building**

The Chairman advised that a meeting was held with the Implementation Committee the previous day to look at the way forward with the captioned building; that some discussions were held with the technical persons and some responses were received as well as some understandings were arrived at.

He further mentioned that the Council had been looking to see how much funds were in-house in order to apply to the National Contract Committee (NCC) for permission to do the work on a force account basis. Also, that based on the amount of funds that were in-house, the Actg. Superintendent would advise as to what aspect of the work could be undertaken

### **Tour of Sections of the Parish with the Ministers of State in the Ministries of Transport, Works and Housing and Local Government and Community Development**

The Chairman informed that Council was still awaiting a report from the captioned Ministries as to what course of action would be taken in respect to the tour that was carried out with the Ministers of State in the Ministries of Transport, Works and Housing and Local Government and Community Development.

### **Request for the installation of Traffic Light – Moneague Division**

The Secretary/Manager presented letter dated July 3, 2014 from the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, advising that investigations carried out revealed that the intersection previously assessed and the intersection now proposed were two separate locations; that the previous location was Rose Hall Housing Scheme/Moneague Road 'T' junction whilst the current location was the Moneague/Blackstonedge Road intersection. Notwithstanding, the Ministry had commenced the investigation for the new location and would provide the Council with its current recommendation (s) as soon as the assessment had been completed. **Noted**

### **Rehabilitation of Road No. 320, Club Street – Brown's Town Division**

Councillor Stewart enquired whether the Council had received a response from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development on the captioned matter, to which the Chairman responded in the negative. He further asked whether any work had started on the said road, to which Councillor Redway replied in the negative.

### **Non- Functional Fire Boat – St. Ann Fire Brigade**

Presented letter dated June 23, 2014 from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development addressed to the Commissioner of the Jamaica Fire Brigade and copied to the Council, advising that the contents in the letter from the Council regarding the captioned matter had been noted and that the Brigade should provide an update to Council on the plans going forward with the matter.

Councillor McLeod was very disgruntled about the matter and pointed out that it was months now that the unit had been out of service.

Councillor Stewart pointed out that the contents in the letter were not accepted and that the Council should express its concern to the attention of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, as he was of the view that the Minister should be in a position to update Council on the matter, adding that the Fire Brigade falls under the jurisdiction of that Ministry.

In response, the Chairman explained to the meeting that the Council wrote a letter to the Actg. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government and Community

Development about the matter and the response was from the Actg. Permanent Secretary addressed to the Commissioner of the Brigade and copied to the Council.

Councillor McLeod told Council that his concern was that in the event of a fire; the Fire Unit should be able to respond quickly in order to save lives and property.

### **Drain Cleaning – Bensonton Division**

Councillor Brown noted that an estimate had been prepared and forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, seeking assistance with the cleaning of drains in the parish. He further asked whether any funds had been received from the Ministry to assist in this regard.

He also told Council that it was read in the news the previous night that all Councils had received funding to assist with the captioned exercise and that the Members of Parliament would receive their allocations within the next two weeks.

In response, the Chairman said that that Council had not received any funding to date; however, on Tuesday, he was told verbally that by the end of that week, each Parish Council would be informed of how much funding it would receive from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development to assist with the cleaning of critical drains and that the information was still awaited.

### **Drainage System in the vicinity of the Brown's Town Infant School**

The Chairman advised the meeting that as requested, a letter had been written to the National Works Agency about this matter and a response was awaited.

Councillor Redway commented that it was more than a year now that he had been asking for the matter to be dealt with and to date no steps had been taken to address same. He recalled that representatives of the Council as well as the National Works Agency had visited the location and they all agreed that it was a dangerous situation. He then made a request for some urgent actions to be taken for that section of road to be repaired, as it posed a danger to life and property.

The Chairman questioned whether the road falls under the jurisdiction of the National Works Agency, to which Councillor Redway responded in the affirmative, but reiterated that as far as he was concerned, the situation posed a danger to students within the range of ages three (3) to five (5) who were not able to supervise their movements along that corridor.

Councillor Richards reminded Council of a recent incident that had occurred in the Montego Bay area, which involved a pair of twin brothers who had lost their lives due to flood waters. She further suggested that the necessary contact should be made with the National Works Agency, with a view of having the matter addressed at the earliest.

### **Request for Marl – Dry Harbour Division**

The Chairman enquired from Councillor Clemetson whether the discussion was held with the Actg. Supt. about this matter, to which he responded in the affirmative. He further added that the Actg. Superintendent was very helpful within her scope and had also indicated her willingness to assist in this regard.

The Actg. Supt. then told Council that the captioned matter was work in progress.

### **Alexandria Library**

The Chairman advised Council that there was no new development on the captioned matter.



Councillor McLeod told Council that during the previous month, the Chairman had promised to brief the Minister on the matter and he was very appalled to hear that he had not received any words about same. He further tried to ascertain the following:

1. Whether the Council had been pressured by any of the Ministers of Government about the matter;
2. The reason that the Council refused to collect the cheque in Kingston;
3. The reason that the Council, as the implementing Agency refused to continue with the work;
4. What was the official decision of the Council to date on the matter?

He recalled that a team from the Council went to Kingston and gave the Embassy an undertaking that the project would be completed before December 31, 2014. He mentioned that a meeting was held in the Alexandria Division and nothing was said about the matter, which in his opinion was very unacceptable. He argued that he was not building a political library in the division; that it was a library for the people of the constituency of South West, St. Ann. He further stressed that he was not happy with the project and pointed out that the matter had been handled politically.

Additionally, he said that the Embassy had reminded Council that the money could not be re-routed for any other projects and was of the view that in the event that the Embassy had to take back the funds, the country would be barred from any of its grant, which would be an embarrassment to the island. He expressed further anger about the matter and was of the view that the Chairman's hands were tied. He then made an attempt to depart the meeting room.

The Deputy Mayor remarked that the issue had been discussed on several occasions and that the Chairman knew the position of all the Councillors in respect to the particular project. He further stated that as a Council, they should carefully consider the responsibility that they bear to the parish in general and to the people of the Alexandria division; that with this in mind, Council needed to use the authority vested in it to do what was right.

Councillor Weir commented that as Councillors, they were elected by the citizens in their respective divisions and each Councillor had set his/her own goals and objectives for their divisions; that over the years, it was a vision for the Councillor of the Alexandria Division to have a library built in that area. He further spoke about the need for them to support each other despite the political divide and also shared the views that politics had played its part in this matter.

At this point, Councillor Garrick made a request for the Chairman of the Council or the Secretary/Manager to inform Council of the position to date about the matter.

Councillor Richards too questioned whether a Stop Order was on the project, noting that if the money was available why the work could not go on.

In response to the aforesaid comment made by Councillor McLeod that the Chairman's hands were tied as far as the project was concerned, the Chairman made it clear that he took offense to the statement and that same was not true. He pointed out that he did not want anyone to think that for the project to move forward, it required the signature of the Chairman of the Council and that all sixteen (16) of them were on the "said page" as far as the matter was concerned. He explained to Council that he has had private discussions with the Member of Parliament as well as the Councillor about the matter, and that he told the Member of Parliament exactly how he felt about same. He further highlighted that the funds were not yet with the Council and it was not the Council's fault why it was not in its possession; that the matter of funding was still an issue that had to be sorted out with the Ministry of Finance and that the Japanese Government was in dialogue with that Ministry about the matter.

At this point, Councillor Garvey requested that more clarity be given in respect to the matter of the funding and the Chairman directed the Director of Finance to respond to same.

The Director of Finance explained that the Japanese Embassy had made a request of Council to open a bank account to accommodate the funds and same should be separate from all the Council's accounts, so that they would be able to monitor it; that this was one of the requirements for that government and for it to be done, the information had to be sent to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for its approval. Additionally, she said that the information was sent through the Ministry of Local Government to the Ministry of Finance and Planning; however, when it reached the Ministry of Finance, the advice was that the information should have been sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIOJ as well as some other agencies, so that it could be included in their budget. At that time, the Supplementary Budgets for these agencies had already been approved; nonetheless, they had forwarded some forms to the Council to be completed and returned the said day, which was done.

Since then, the Japanese Embassy had been in dialogue directly with the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development about the matter; that recently the Council received a call from the Ministry to confirm the name of the account that would be opened and same was confirmed; however, the Council was still awaiting further communication on the matter. She further said that the emails for all communications that were sent had been copied to all the relevant persons.

Councillor Robb-Oddman sought to clarify whether the delay in having this matter address was not due to negligence on the part of the Council, the Member of Parliament nor the Councillor for the area, to which the Chairman explained that based on the documents received at the Council; the delay was with the Ministry of Finance.

She further suggested that a letter be written to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development about the matter, so that the necessary discussions could be held with the Ministry of Finance, as the Council continued to experience some amount of pressure as a result of the project.

The Director of Finance explained that the request had already been made; however, the drawback was with the budget because for international projects to be processed, the information must form a part of the country's budget.

Councillor Stewart stated that the Council was the Implementing Agency and that the project would have started from some allocations that were available. He added that no construction was in progress at the time and further asked whether any funding was available from the previous allocation, so that they could proceed with the project until the funding from the Japanese Embassy had been released.

In response, the Chairman told Council that no funding was available at the time; that the Director of Finance had informed that all the funds that were realized had been expended.

Councillor Clemetson was of the view that the Council needed to apply some amount of pressure on the Ministry that was responsible for the financing, so that the funds could be released.

Councillor Garvey stated that the matter of the Alexandria Library had been discussed on several occasions at the Council; however, they were at the point where apart from this matter, it was the general practise of Council to have lengthy discussions on matters without any basic information being shared. He pointed out that if the aforementioned information was passed on before, there would be no need for the lengthy discussions to be held. He further made a request for the free flow of information to be passed on to the members of the Council.

Councillor McLeod echoed that politics had played an integral part in the delay of the project. His recollection was that on three different occasions, the Member of

Parliament had brought the Minister of Education to the site and they even took pictures of it. Moreover, when representatives of the embassy tried to communicate with the different Ministries about the matter they received no response. He again stressed that the matter was politically handled after which he departed the meeting room.

The Chairman reminded members that matters that were being discussed at the meetings were kept as records of Council and that they should be cognizant when making their contributions, so that the information could be accurately documented; that if they were expressing their views about a matter same should be clearly stated or whether the comments made were based on facts. He further added that the fifteen (15) other Councillors including himself understood how Councillor McLeod felt about the matter and that they were in total support of the project; however, he did not want anyone to leave the meeting with the belief that the St. Ann Parish Council or any of its affiliate was not in support of the matter. Additionally, that the matter in respect of the opening of the account rests with the Ministry of Finance and Planning and whilst the Council would continue to lobby with its Ministry about same, there was nothing much that could be done until the Ministry of Finance had given its approval to same.

At this point, Councillor Stewart continued to make further representations on the matter on behalf of his colleague.

The Chairman highlighted that the cheque had been written by the Japanese Embassy to the St. Ann Parish Council for the Alexandria Library from the end of March and could not be lodged because of the problem with the opening of the account.

Councillor Stewart suggested that a resolution be moved and forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development stating the Council's position on the matter.

The Chairman questioned the views of the other members of Council in relation to the suggestion made.

In response, Councillor Redway enquired whether the resolution would expedite the establishment of the account and if so, in what way should the resolution be formulated to ensure its effectiveness.

The Secretary/Manager advised Council that the matter was being discussed hence the communication would not have to be done in the form of a resolution; that once it was discussed and Council made its decision as to how it should proceed, same should be documented in a letter to the Ministry. He further explained that he mentioned the letter because of the urgency to expedite the matter; however, the other proposal was that in terms of a resolution, a Notice of Motion would have to be served at that meeting and the member who had served the notice would have to draft a resolution and present same to the Secretary/Manager, so that it could be circulated and tabled at September's Meeting.

Ensuing from a discussion, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development about the matter at the earliest possible time; that if the response was not in the affirmative then another approach would be looked at.

#### Council's Retreat

Councillor Richards reminded the meeting that at the previous sitting, she had indicated that due to previous engagements she would not be able to attend the Retreat. She however informed Council that she had adjusted her time and attended same.



Work carried out at the St. Ann Infirmary

The meeting was told that work was in progress at this institution; that work was being carried out on the laundry; that the construction of a ramp had almost been completed as well as a Recreational Area had been erected on the beach.

Roads numbered 45, 46 & 50 – Sturge Town and Bamboo Divisions

Councillor Stewart told the meeting that he was expecting to hear something definitive in respect of roads numbered 46 and 50. He was of the view that if another rainfall was experienced in this section of the parish, Road numbered 46 would have impacted on Road numbered 50 and worsened its condition, adding that although the residents were not yet marooned, the situation was very unbearable. He reminded members that Roads numbered 46 and 50 derived out of an emergency situation and that almost nine (9) weeks had passed since the situation had occurred and the matter was investigated and submission made for some rehabilitation works to be done to allow the residents of these communities easy access to go about their lawful business on a daily basis. He further expressed concern that the residents who lived in these areas had been travelling to and fro, but had to do so at some exorbitant costs.

Continuing, he said that he was in the district of Mines the previous night and the condition of the road was a disgrace; that he was of the understanding that the Member of Parliament had recently attended a Graduation Ceremony in the Mt. Zion area and told the gathering that he too was extremely embarrassed to travel on the section of road from Mines to Mt. Zion. He pointed out that the Council needed to carry out some urgent work on sections of the two roads, as the residents of these areas had been suffering.

With regards to road numbered 45, Nelson, Councillor Stewart reminded the meeting that an inspection of the road was carried out some months ago and subsequently an estimate was prepared and forwarded to Council to carry out the necessary rehabilitative works; that the Chairman looked at the estimate and was satisfied with same, but requested that a report be submitted and same was done. He further urged the Chairman to try and make some funding available to carry out the necessary work on these roads at the earliest possible time, as the residents of the communities would be looking forward to an urgent response about same.

At this point, Councillor Richards commented that no Councillor should feel anyway disheartened if the road at Rentland was given some attention, adding that she would like to take the Councillors there, so that they would be able to see the condition of same.

The Chairman's recollection was that at the start of the term of office, a proposal was made to which they all agreed that based on the history that they had seen happening over the years where they all had issues with roads; that requests were made for the relevant estimates to be prepared and presented to either the Roads and Works or General Council Meeting where they were approved pending the availability of funding and then referred to the attention of the Finance Committee for its attention. It was also further agreed that:

- they were not reaching anywhere with those matters and as a result they should forget all the estimates that were prepared and forwarded to the meetings prior to;
- in the case of emergency matters, provision should be made for same due to the fact that each month 20% of the allocation for SGR had been deducted for emergency purpose;
- where there was an issue in a division and efforts were being made from the Councillors allocation or any other quarters to address it and if there was a shortfall then they would deal with the responsibility of the Council to see how it could assist to ensure that the work could be carried out.

The Chairman made it clear that the issue surrounding the three (3) roads was very contentious, adding that every sitting Councillor had at least one roads in his/her division that had reached a similar stage and would require intervention from the Council.

Councillor Stewart was very disgruntled about the matter and explained to the meeting that with respect to road numbered 45, he had been lobbying with the Council over a period of time to do some rehabilitation work on this road, but to no avail and since then the condition had worsened. However, with regards to roads numbered 46 and 50, these were emergency matters because subsequent to a rainfall that had affected both roads, the Superintendent visited the area and carried out the necessary inspections and prepared the relevant estimates; that a memo was sent to the Chairman of the Council for the matter to be dealt with as an emergency one. Additionally, he said that the condition of the roads had worsened since then and in the event of another rainfall, the residents would be marooned.

The Chairman recalled that there was a similar issue affecting a road in the St. Ann's Bay Division and the Councillor indicated that he had an amount of funding available, but needed an additional amount to carry out the necessary rehabilitation work; that since the commitment was made Council went ahead and proceeded with the work.

The Chairman explained to Council that one of the roads in his division had been closed; that he had received a letter from the Senior Superintendent of Police, which was also written to Council, informing that the police was unable to properly patrol a particular section of the Steer Town Road because they could no longer traverse same. However, he had not brought the matter to the Council's attention because he knew that he would have to wait until some amount of funding was available at the Council to assist with the amount that he had to carry out the repairs.

He also reminded members that in terms of equity, they all received the same amount of funding to assist in this regard, noting that if anyone had a similar situation in his or her division, they should indicate the amount that they had available to do the work then Council would see how best it could assist rather than for them to request additional attention from Council.

Inclosing, Councillor Stewart indicated that if he had an amount of \$2million available for his division, he would not have approached the Council for assistance with funding to repair these roads; that his request was for the funds to be identified in order that the Superintendent could execute the work. However, based on the aforementioned comment made by Chairman of the Council, he had a commitment of \$160,000.00 to start the work but that an amount of \$1.4million would be needed to complete same.

Requests submitted to the Ministry of Local Government for funds to be deducted from the Equalisation Fund to Rehabilitate Roads in the Parish

The Chairman informed that a letter was sent to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development about the captioned matter as well as a reminder was sent about the outstanding requests, and a response was awaited.

## 5. FINANCE MATTERS

### a. Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on June 19, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Brown and Walker, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

## 6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman made the following announcements:

a. Council's Website

The website was up and running and that the Councillors should receive the address for same.

b. Council's Recess

The Council would be on recess during the month of August 2014.

c. Council's Retreat

The Retreat was held on the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June at the Grand Lido Hotel in Negril; that Council was awaiting the completion of all the reports from the various secretaries who took the notes, so that a presentation could be made to Council at one of its sittings where all Councillors should be in attendance. He also recalled that one of the decisions that were taken at the Retreat was that the Implementation Committee would then come into effect and the action items for the short term period would be done as well as the long term ones would be determined.

At this point, the Chairman invited the comments of some of the Councillors who had attended the Retreat as to their views on the success or failure of same.

Councillor Richards was of the view that the Retreat was a good one, which was different from the others and that they had achieved more from this Retreat than the others. She however hoped that whenever the presentation was made, whatever proposal was put forward same would be unanimously supported by Council.

Councillor Clemetson shared the view that it was a very good gesture to have the Retreat which was a very successful one; that he enjoyed the environment as well as the way in which the Secretary/Manager presented the programme.

Councillor Redway endorsed the aforementioned comments, but questioned that in terms of the Implementation Committee, what plans were in place for it to be effective during the month of August when the Council would be on recess. He mentioned that communication was critical to any process and therefore the circulation of documentations was very essential and that they must be able to meet at convenient times so that they could be effective to deal with the short term matters as well as the long term ones.

In response, the Chairman advised that the three (3) reports would be put together as one document and that the necessary arrangement would be made for the Implementation Committee to meet before the end of the month. Notwithstanding, the implementation would still take place between the Roads and Works, Commercial Services and other departments of Council and although Council would be on recess during the month of August, the departments would still be functional. Nonetheless, as soon as the committee met and review the document whatever instructions to be given would be done in order that whatever could be executed would be done at the earliest possible time.

The Chairman informed Council that at the end of the Retreat, Councillor Garvey was involved in a motor vehicle accident on his way home; that he was extremely happy that Councillor Garvey was still with them and further hoped that any other persons who were involved in the said accident were alive and well.

Councillor Garvey expressed thanks to Council for the support that he had received, adding that at one point, they really felt like a family.

**7. SESSION AS THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

a. **REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER (HEALTH)**

The Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector apologized for the Medical Officer (Health) who was on vacation leave as well as the officer who had been working in that capacity, as she too had to attend an interview session.

He then presented the report for the month of June 2014 and the following were some of the matters highlighted:

Claremont Health Centre

Health Care Services had returned to the Claremont Health Centre with the opening of the new Centre of Excellence and that service delivery had been improved at the facility.

Butchers' Licence

It has been the practise that the Council does not accept applications prior to the start of the new Financial Year; however, licences had to go through a particular procedure in order for them to be granted. He expressed concern that all butchers would be without a licence for at least one month because all licences expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> March each year. He further made a request for consideration to be given for the acceptance of applications for Butcher's licences prior to the start of the Financial Year in order to expedite the process of the granting of the licence, so that the butchers would not be without a licence at any time.

Exhumation of Bodies

A request was made by the National Road Operations and Construction Committee (NROCC) for the exhumation of fourteen (14) bodies from the community of Davis Town for re-interment in the Steer Town Cemetery to facilitate work on the construction of that leg of Northcoast Highway 2000 and permission was granted subsequent to a licence being provided by the Council; that the process was undertaken by Mizpah Funeral Parlour on behalf of NROCC.

Burials on Family Plots

In respect of Family Plot burials, the Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector told Council that during the reporting period, a number of applications were received and investigated and some were recommended for approval. He however pointed out that not only were the burials on family plots a challenge to the resources of the Public Health Department, but that the Department continued to receive some of the applications a few days before or even after the interment had happened.

Cemeteries

For some time now, discussions had been held regarding the establishment of a new cemetery for the parish even though they were aware of the delay that the procedures for the establishment of a cemetery could take. He further asked whether the Council had been looking at the possibility to upgrade any of its existing public cemeteries in the parish with adequate land space into a modern facility to accommodate more burials.

In response, the Chairman recalled that the Walkerswood Cemetery was one of the facilities that was looked at that had adequate land space and could be developed into a modern burial facility, adding that this facility boasts approximately thirty (30) acres of land.

He further suggested that probably the Health Department could assist Council as to how it could approach the matter to have this facility developed into a modern burial facility.

At this point, Councillor Richards recalled that some time ago, representatives of Council visited Alderton to look at a parcel of land that could be used for the establishment of a cemetery; that at the time, they were told by the representatives of the Jamaica Bauxite Institute that they could get any amount of land in the area that was needed for that purpose; however, there was the need for a “bore hole” to be done.

She was of the opinion that the Council should embark on the offer with a view of carrying out the work as a project of Council, so that the necessary funding could be put in place.

She also suggested that contact should be made with the Chinese Company that had been working on the highway for assistance, as they had some equipment that could be useful in this regard.

The Chairman recalled that one of the requirements was that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) should be carried out which is a very expensive process; however, while there was a possibility that this could be done, one of the draw backs was that probably the recommendation would be that the location was not a suitable one for the establishment of a cemetery. Continuing, he said that a suggestion was made that in the short term, Council could look at the cemeteries that were already established and had available land space but did not require an EIA but needed additional funding to develop one in a more modern burial facility. He also reminded members that the Council was still looking at the possibility of expanding the Tobolski Cemetery, as a number of burials had already been carried out at that location.

Councillor Garrick contended that the Walkerswood Cemetery would be the ideal one to be upgraded. He told Council that some fifty (50) acres of land were available at this location and was sure that if there was the need for additional lands, same could be easily acquired, as the lands were owned by the Commissioner of Lands.

He further reminded Council that about two (2) years ago, plans were in place to cut a road through this property so that the back section could be easily accessed. He also spoke of the need for a Chapel to be erected at the facility as well as for the property to be properly fenced.

Councillor Robb-Oddman highlighted that earlier, a letter was written to Noranda Jamaica Bauxite Partners regarding the possibility of lands in the Calderwood Division for the establishment of a cemetery; that the Company had requested another letter from the Council about the matter, as it was not aware of the one that was previously sent. She then made a proposal for an inspection to be carried out of the proposed site, with a view of writing a letter to the company about the matter.

The Chairman proposed that the matter regarding the possibility of the modern burial facility be looked at as a part of the Council’s strategic planning for the way forward.

Councillor Garrick stated that the Council should ensure that the Cemetery Keepers perform their duties satisfactorily; especially as it relates to the marking of the grave spots. The Chairman recalled that sometime ago, a proposal was made that the Roads and Works Department and Planning should do the marking of the grave spots at the cemeteries.

#### Certification of Barbers/Hairdressers/Cosmetologists/Beauty Therapists

An amount of thirty five (35) individuals who operate as barbers, hairdressers, cosmetologists and beauty therapists had been trained and issued with Health Certificates by the Public Health Department.



### Chick Virus

Councillor Garrick reminded members that at the previous meeting, the Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector had informed Council about a Chick Virus disease that was a threat to the Caribbean. He further questioned whether the island was safe from this disease.

In response, the Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector told Council that the disease continued its strength across the Caribbean; however, at the time, there was no case in Jamaica that the department was aware of. Nonetheless, they continued their surveillance activities as well as the Vector Control Team had been heightened.

He further pointed out that there were few cases of death resulting from the disease notwithstanding, the greatest effect was the damage that it does to the joints, which may result in some form of deformity of the individual.

The Chairman thanked the Actg. Public Health Inspector for the presentation made.

### b. Recommendations for Burials in Family Plots

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Redway and Garrick 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:

- |                  |   |                 |
|------------------|---|-----------------|
| • Evelyn Byfield | - | Mosley Hall     |
| • Hyacinth Perry | - | Philadelphia    |
| • Sheldon Brown  | - | Goshen          |
| • Charles Kelly  | - | Bamboo          |
| • Noel Pascoe    | - | Alexandria      |
| • Doris Burrell  | - | Hopewell Bottom |

### c. Recommendations for Barbers/Hairdressers/Beauty Therapists/Cosmetologists

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Dickenson and Garrick, 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:

#### Salon

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|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Rose Clare Green | Rose's Hair Works | City Place Plaza,<br>Claremont |
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#### Beauty Therapist

- |                          |                                |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Beverley Howell       | Beverley Beauty Salon          | 17 Musgrave Street,<br>St. Ann's Bay |
| 2. Tashika Jones         |                                | Exchange                             |
| 3. Cheryl Davis Mullings | Faces & Fingers                | 5-6 DaCosta Drive,<br>Ocho Rios      |
| 4. Joiceyn Tucker        | Radiant Spa/Jewel Runaway Bay  | Runaway Bay                          |
| 5. Tiana Nashelle Hinds  |                                | Free Hill, Bamboo                    |
| 6. Deelia Johnson        | Rui Hotel                      | Mammee Bay                           |
| 7. Doreen Harrison       | Jewel Paradise Cove            | Salem, Runaway Bay                   |
| 8. Hyacinth Malcolm      | Grand Bahia Principe           | Pear Tree Bottom,<br>Runaway Bay     |
| 9. Ann Marie Hope        | Radiant Spa/ Jewel Runaway Bay | Runaway Bay                          |
| 10. Russhana Davidson    | Bahia Spa                      | Runaway Bay                          |

11. Natricia Tanisha Henry
12. Shanieka Llewelyn
13. Stacy Dixon

Mt. Zion

Parry Town, Ocho Rios

Shop # 25B, Pointe Plaza , Ocho Rios

**Hairdresser**

1. Carlene J. Green
2. Donnette Darby Mom's Village Salon
3. Stacy –Ann McGlashan
4. Kadian Whyte
5. Camekia Whyte
6. Sherlette Whyte
7. Sharon Francis Chez Beauty Salon
8. Petrona Canegan
9. Dereece Clarke
10. Necorian Rose Marie King
11. Marie Brown Marie House of Beauty
12. Samona Henry
13. Kischeka Palmer

3 Main Street, SAB

Salem, Runaway Bay

11 Harbour Street, SAB

11 Harbour Street, SAB

Newlin Street, O/Rios

Salem, Runaway Bay

Point Plaza, Ocho Rios

Main Street, SAB

Upper Mammee Bay

61 Main Street, O/Rios

1 Bravo Street, SAB

8 Evelyn Street, O/Rios

**Cosmetologist**

1. Petrena Newland
2. Carise Williams
3. Sophia Bowen Sophia's All Natural Beauty Salon
4. Kaydia Skyers
5. Marsha Marie Thomas

33 Main Street, SAB

Prosper Hall, Exchange

Shop #12, Pointe Plaza, Ocho Rios

Helicon, Discovery Bay

3 Main Street, SAB

**Barber**

1. Fabian Brown
2. Lenworth Brown
3. Andrew Lewin
4. JMark Walsh Walsh Barbershop
5. Marvin Brown Walsh Barbershop
6. Kamal Gordon
7. Kerry Lloyd Smith
8. Delmore Kelly

68 Main Street, O/Rios

14 Newlin St. O /Rios

14 Newlin St. O/ Rios

68 Main St., O/ Rios

Main Street, SAB

Main Street, St. SAB

**d. Recommendations for Butchers Licence**

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Garrick 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:

Name of Butcher	Animals to Slaughter	Operating Days & Time	Place of Slaughter
Stanley Benbow	Cattle, Pigs & Goat	Tuesdays 12 noon-1p.m	Bengal Farm, Farm Town, Discovery Bay
Nathaniel McDonald	Cattle, Pigs & Goat	Fridays 10a.m -11a.m	Battersea
Dameion Phillip Campbell	Cattle, Pigs & Goat	Fridays 10a.m -11a.m	Battersea
Zemel Hanson	Cattle, Pigs & Goat	Fridays 10a.m -11a.m	Battersea

Audley Mills	Cattle, Pigs & Goat	Fridays 10a.m -11a.m	Battersea
Clifton Moulton	Cattle, Pigs & Goat	Tuesdays 11a.m -12noon	Battersea
Basil Davis	Cattle, Pigs & Goats	Tuesday & Fridays 10 a.m – 12 noon	Caledonia
Desmond Smith	Cattle, Pigs & Goats	Tuesday & Fridays 8:30 a.m – 9:30 a.m	Retirement District
James Virgo	Cattle, Pigs & Goats	Tuesday & Fridays 10 a.m – 11 a.m	Standfast
Joseph Walford	Cattle & Goats	Tuesday & Fridays 9 a.m – 10 a.m	Lower Buxton
Michael Schiffer	Cattle, Pigs & Goats	Tuesday & Fridays 10 a.m – 11 a.m	Orange Hill
Michael Green	Cattle & Goats	Tuesday & Fridays 9 a.m – 10 a.m	Lower Buxton
Cyril Needham	Cattle & Goats	Tuesday & Fridays 9 a.m – 10 a.m	Lower Buxton

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Robb-Oddman and Richards, respectively, Council resumed its normal sitting.

#### 8. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE MATTERS

- a. Minutes of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting - Nil

#### 9. HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS

- a. Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Weir and Redway, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

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

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

**AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S COMMON SEAL IN CONNECTION WITH:**

**SCHEDULE OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014**

<b>FILE NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>NAME OF OWNER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b># OF LOTS</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF SUBDIVISION</b>
1. L/13/7609	Brenton Campbell	Brenton Campbell	Lot # 124 Seville Estate	3	Residential
2. L/13/7627	Clarence Campbell	Clarence Campbell	Lot # 31 Cuffie Ridge	2	Residential

**SCHEDULE OF STATUTORY DECLARATION FOR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014**

<b>File #.</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># of Lots</b>	<b># of lots Released</b>	<b>Purpose of Subdivision</b>
1. L/13/7176	Samuel Phillips	Medora Calnick	Exchange (Middle Street)	3	1	Residential
2. L/13/7425	Winnifred Cooper	Winnifred Cooper & Samuel Barrett	Thicketts, Hermitage & Lookout	2	1 (Sec#2)	Homestead & Agricultural
3. L/13/4563	George Ingram	Eselyn Ingram	Thicketts, Hermitage & Lookout	6	6	Homestead & Agricultural
4. L/13/7004	Uriel Pink	Uriel Pink	Union Pen	3	3	Residential
5. L/13/2995	Hildred Reynolds	Hildred Reynolds	Exchange	4	1	Residential
6. L/13/7545	Kemtek Development	Kemtek Development	Drax Hall	358	4	Residential
7. L/13/7450	Collin Nelson	Archer Walker	Enfield	2	1	Residential & Homestead
8. L/13/7042	Leslie Simpson	Lurline Whorms	Mount Pleasant	4	1	Homestead
9. L/13/2629	Drax Hall Development Ltd	Drax Hall Development Ltd	Drax Hall Estate	431	2	Residential

**SCHEDULE OF STRATA APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014**

<b>File #.</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Weir and Brown respectively, Council granted its approval for its Seal to be affixed to the captioned documents.

b. Planning Committee Matters

Read memo dated July 10, 2014 from the Director of Planning, forwarding the following documents to be presented at Council:

- Michael Bovell – Proposed temporary Recreational Area and Advertisement - Cecile's Gardens and Wedding Centre
- Richmond Development Company – Strata Certification (68 Units)

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Robb-Oddman and Garrick respectively, Council approved the recommendations made by the Director of Planning.

c. Monthly AMANDA Report – June 2014

Presented memo dated July 3, 2014, from the Director of Planning, forwarding the captioned report to be tabled at Council Meeting as per the request of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.

The Secretary/Manager explained to Council that it was a requirement that the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development had asked that the number of development applications that were received and processed be submitted to Council on a monthly basis to show the Council's speed in processing development applications as a result of the implementation of the Amanda System. He then shared the information for the month of June as follows:

- Building Applications 23 received and entered on the Amanda System
- Subdivision Applications – 7 received and 6 entered on the Amanda System

Councillor Redway questioned whether a Progress Report would be submitted in terms of the numbers achieved.

In response, the Secretary/Manager explained that there was a separate report (Status Report) that captured all the information on all of the applications that were in the system and same was done on a quarterly basis.

Councillor Redway further suggested that based on the fact that the Minister had requested that Monthly Reports be submitted to Council, whether the Status Report could also be submitted on a monthly basis in order that the Council's performance could be assessed.

The Secretary/Manager then promised to discuss the matter with the Director of Planning, with a view to ascertain whether the information could be incorporated in the monthly report.

## 11. POOR RELIEF MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Poor Relief Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Poor Relief Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Dickenson and Robb-Oddman, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.



## 12. ROADS AND WORKS MATTERS

### a. Minutes of the Roads and Works Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Roads and Works Committee Meeting held on June 5, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Walker and Brown, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

## 13. DISASTER MANAGEMENT MATTERS

### a. Minutes of the Disaster Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Disaster Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Redway and Dickenson respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

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

The report on the activities of the Fire Brigade for the month of June 2014 was tabled by the Secretary/Manager and adopted on a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Brown and Garrick, respectively. The following points were highlighted:

#### Fire Statistics:

Classification of Calls	Amount	Total
Genuine Fires	85	
Malicious False Alarm	03	
False Alarm with Good Intent (FAWGI)	00	
Special Service	09	
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>97</b>	

Genuine Fires	Amount	Total
Residential	07	
Commercial Building	02	
Hotels	00	
Bush	62	
Dumps and Rubbish	05	
Electrical Equipment	03	
Motor Vehicle	02	
Tree	04	
<b>TOTAL GENUINE FIRE CALLS</b>	<b>85</b>	

Total Risk : \$785,500,000.00

Total Loss : \$ 14,180,000.00

Total Saved : \$771,320,000.00

Residential Displacement: 11 Adults/ 12 Children

#### Fire Prevention Activities:

Activities	Amount
Building Plans approved	05
Subdivision Plans inspected/approved	12
Fire Prevention Lectures	09
Pamphlets issued	26

**Response Capability:**

The response capability of the Division for the month of June 2014 continued to be fair.

The Pumpers assigned to all three stations in the parish were fully functional. The Rescue Unit assigned to the St. Ann's Bay Station was also fully functional; however, the one assigned to the Ocho Rios Station was still out of service.

The Fire Boat was still out of service and funding was awaited to effect the repairs.

**Building Project – St. Ann's Bay Fire Station**

The building project at the St. Ann's Bay Fire Station was progressing well. The building had reached the stage where the concrete decking would be done on July 10, 2014.

**14. 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 June 17, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Clemetson and Walker, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

**15. COMMERCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MATTERS****a. Minutes of the Commercial Services Committee Meeting**

The Minutes of the Commercial Services Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Redway and Dickenson, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE****Registration and Hosting of Website**

Presented letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> July from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, informing that the Council's website had been registered and could be accessed at <http://stannpc.gov.jm>. It was noted that the website was a public medium for the Council to disseminate information and effectively communicate with its stakeholders, and as such, the website had to be regularly maintained with accurate and updated information. Forwarded also, were some recommendations for the Council to adhere to.

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

**RESOLUTION****Re: JYS 2014-2015 Rate Case Submissions**

Whereas the Trinidad Public Service Co. Ltd has submitted application for Rate Change for the period 2014-2015;

And

Whereas this proposal for increase in the payment for electricity for residential customers has to be at a stage of twenty one percent (21%);

And

Whereas this increase is in line on top of all the many incremental increases that have been imposed on the people over recent years;

And

Whereas this increase will have a detrimental ripple effect in all areas of our lives;

And

Whereas this increase is sure to cause hardship and suffering amongst all people including the poor, the unemployed, the under-employed and those with frozen income in particular;

And

Whereas the increase will cause:

- ... More use of credit cards to pay for electricity without paying;
- ... More small businesses to fold under the strain of this heavy load;
- ... Delayed transfer of payments of the employed and the under-employed;

Be it resolved that the Council in resolution hereby seek the following:

1. That the TTRC review its plans and recommend a much lower increase;
2. That the government even further reduce energy by identifying an alternate supplier of electricity for citizens of the country;

The Resolution was unanimously supported by Council.

On the adoption of a motion moved by Councillor Garrick and seconded by Council Brown, it was agreed that the meeting be continued beyond 1:00 p.m.

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

The captioned document was received and circulated in the meeting. The following matters were highlighted:

##### Property Tax Collection

Councillor Richards highlighted that based on the information recorded in the report, St. Ann had done well in carrying out the captioned exercise. She further asked whether the Council had received any incentives for same, noting that Portmore had been rewarded.

In response, the Chairman told Council that the Ministry had offered an amount of \$5 million to the parish that did the best and as such Portmore had been awarded. He also recalled that at one of the meetings, they had asked the Ministry to reconsider the matter, with a view of increasing the amount in order to have a second place winner.

Development Approval Process

The Chairman noted that St. Ann was named as one of the parishes to be congratulated as it was able to deliver an approval for more than 87% of all applications received.

The Chairman thanked the employees who worked in the Planning Department as well as the Planning Committee for a job well done.

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

**20. MATTERS FROM THE ST. ANN PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Charley, Chairman of the Parish Development Committee gave the following report:

Ocho Rios, St. Ann's Bay & Brown's Town Markets

The Parish Development Committee had been looking at the captioned entities and as such, investigations carried out revealed that they had several challenges, some of which were highlighted as follows:

As it relates to the St. Ann's Bay Market, note was taken that a lot of stagnant water was in the drain which was a health risk for the environs in and around the market area.

Some improvement works were carried out on the Brown's Town Market, especially on the inside; that there were some issues with congestion at the entrance to the entity; however, the police had assisted in clearing some of the affected areas. He pointed out that the higglers had engaged the services of hand cart operators to transport their goods and this had caused some amount of inconvenience to pedestrians and other shop owners.

It was also brought to attention that in the event of a fire, no fire unit or apparatus could access the road that leads to the meat market because of the number of tarpaulins and other make shift roofs that lined the roadway. In addition, the Tourism Product Development Company (TPDCo.) wanted to establish a tourist stop at the market, but because of the prevailing conditions, the buses were unable to stop in that area. Further, that a skip was promised for the back of the market and they were still awaiting the arrival of same.

Also, that it was the intention of the Community Tourism to create a better environment at the captioned entities in order that the tourists could be better able to access same and that this matter was an item on the PDC's agenda.

The Chairman told Council that in respect to the three markets; especially the Ocho Rios Market, he was aware that the matter was one of the items on the agenda for the Resort Board as well as the Jamaica Hotel and Tourists Association (JHTA). In addition, some amount of work had been carried out on the Ocho Rios Market from funds provided by the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.

Mr. Charley expressed the view that greater emphasis needed to be placed on the management of the markets as well as more attention to be paid to what had been happening at these entities. He further informed Council that the Brown's Town Community Development Committee (CDC) had planned to host one week of awareness in the area; that steps would be taken to sensitize the schools and churches and that a march would be carried out in respect of the cleanliness of Brown's Town.

As of the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014, another JICA representative would be in the island for three (3) years who was a Community Developer and was also equipped in Project Proposal Writing.

Councillor Richards enquired of the possibility to engage the Parish Development Committee (PDC) to assist in getting the bore hole done in Alderton, to which the Chairman of the Committee responded in the affirmative, pointing that the PDC was willing to offer any assistance needed, but requested the Councillor to forward the request to him in writing.

#### Lack of Water – Discovery Bay

Some of the communities in the captioned area continued to experience problem with water for the past three (3) months.

#### Minard Heights Pump

It was brought to attention that since the pump had been repaired the previous month, the community of Minard Heights had only received water on about three (3) occasions.

Inclosing, Mr. Charley stated that the PDC was there to work with the Council as well as all the community groups; that they had joined forces with TPDCo., and the Resort Board for the upliftment of the parish.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Charley for the information shared.

### 21. **MATTERS FROM THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Ms. Diedre Pryce, Parish Administrator of the Social Development Commission tendered an apology on behalf of the Parish Manager, who she said was unavoidably absent.

She reported to Council that during the months of June, July and August, the PDC had been and continued to do a lot of research activities in the various communities. Further that the Commission was represented at the Council's Retreat as well as the Town Hall Meetings. She reminded Councillors that at the Retreat the SDC had issued packages to them which contained a Parish Directory with the relevant information on all the different groups in their communities.

She also mentioned that during the reporting period, the following Councillors were engaged in different activities in their divisions:

- Cllr. Weir - Claremont Division
- Cllr. Richards - Bensonton Division
- Cllr. Bell - Beecher Town Division
- Cllr. Giscombe - Exchange Division

The Chairman thanked Ms. Pryce for the information shared.

### 22. **MATTERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Chairman told Council that SSP Martin-Daley had to withdraw from the meeting to attend another engagement in the Ocho Rios area. However, she had given him some highlights to brief Council in respect to the crime situation in the parish.

#### Major Crimes

The division had seen a reduction of approximately 12% overall in major crimes when compared to the corresponding period last year; that the police had



implemented some strategies to include increase operational output as well as to increase community meetings and interventions.

Anti-harassment strategies had been implemented in the Ocho Rios area to treat with visitors' security, trafficking activities, massage parlours as also the hip strips for prostituting in the Ocho Rios and Salem areas.

Request for the Demolition of Illegal Buildings - Salem

The police was also seeking the Council's assistance to demolish the buildings in Salem that were being used to carry out illegal activities.

23. **QUESTIONS ON GENERAL BUSINESS**

Non-Attendance of Agencies – Roads & Works Committee Meeting

Councillor Dickenson asked whether Council was aware that most of the agencies were not attending the Roads and Works Committee Meeting.

The Chairman asked that the necessary information be forwarded, so that a report could be written to the responsible Ministries.

Erection of Container – Buckfield Playfield

Councillor Williams questioned the circumstance under which two derelict containers had been erected on the Buckfield Playfield without the relevant knowledge or approval of the Council. He mentioned that these containers had encroached on a neighbouring property and his investigations revealed that they belonged to a church and would be used to feed the homeless and persons of unsound mind.

He expressed the concern of having persons of unsound mind visiting an area that had been designated for children to play as well as, for other sporting activities to be carried out. He further sought to ascertain which officer or member of the Council had given the necessary approval for this to be done.

He also reminded members that it was they who sat in meetings to deal with the dereliction of illegal buildings that were allowed to prevail in the Ocho Rios Market as well as the ghettoization of the St. Ann's Bay Bus Park.

Inclosing, he questioned whether the Council was the responsible body to deal with orderly development in the parish.

Illegal Development on Fortland Road – Discovery Bay

Councillor Clemetson asked what steps had been taken by the Council to correct the situation involving an obstacle that was constructed illegally across the captioned roadway.

Mushrooming of Illegal Shops – Discovery Bay Beach

Councillor Clemetson also asked whether Council was in a position to do anything to correct this situation in short order.

Road leading from Pedro River to Kellits

Councillor Richards sought to ascertain whether the National Works Agency was aware that the road leading from Pedro River to Kellits was in a deplorable condition and needed urgent attention. Also, that there was a hole in the middle of the road that needed urgent attention.

Bush Fires

Councillor Redway asked whether Council was aware that as the parish continued to go through the tremendous Drought Period a lot of bush fires had been happening.

He further asked whether Council would be willing to start a Sensitization Programme to encourage persons in the rural areas to desist from the practice of the burning of lands for the preparation of farming.

Death of Mr. Stanford Clarke – Former Councillor  
St. Ann Parish Council

The Chairman asked whether Council was aware that on Saturday of the previous week the body of former Councillor Stanford Clarke was laid to rest; that he had served the Council for approximately thirty (30) years.

- 24. **MOTION - Nil**
- 26. **NOTICE OF MOTION - Nil**
- 27. **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**
- 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

