

**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH [11<sup>TH</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2007] TERM HELD ON JUNE 26, 2007 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL #4 DOOKIE STREET, PENAL**

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -**

Alderman	Dr. Allen Sammy	Chairman of Council
Councillor	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Premchand Sookoo	Debe East/Barrackpore West
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
Alderman	Roland A. Hall	

**MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-**

Councillor	Premnath Boodoosingh	Palmiste
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**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-**

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	R. Badall	Public Health Inspector III
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Ms.	L. Chandoo Singh	Personnel Industrial Relations Officer
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Ms.	S. Sooknanan	[Ag.] Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Mr.	N. Ragbir	Clerk I

Members of the Public

613. At 9:14 a.m. Municipal Police Corporal, J. Singh, announced the arrival of the Chairman of Council, Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy.  
Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah led in prayer.

614. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:-**

- [i] The Chairman welcomed all to the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Statutory Meeting.
- [ii] The Chairman commented that the Council came into office in 2003 and next month (July) would be the final month. He said they were not sure of their position and hoped to know by the upcoming Thursday [June 28, 2007]. He also alerted everyone that there would be 12 Committees Meeting in one week.
- [iii] He congratulated Councillors Roy Kissoon & Premchand Sookoo on their Community Health Fair to be held simultaneously on Wednesday June 27, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

615. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- [i] The Chairman announced that a tree fell and destroyed a house in Ethel Street, La Romaine. He reminded everyone of a similar situation in Bryansgate where people's houses are threatened by palmiste trees.
- [ii] Councillor Premchand Sookoo stated his disappointment with the state of the recreation grounds with no brushcutter working.
- [iii] Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah announced that Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh asked to be excused. He also announced that 3 houses in Beckles Street North sustained damages due to strong winds.

616. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TENTH [10<sup>TH</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON MAY 22, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Statutory Meeting held on May 22, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to the under mentioned amendments:-

Page 1: to delete "Members of Council Absent" and insert "Members of Council not notified."

Page 2: Item 556ii: paragraph 4: last line to include "200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the." before "Abolition."

Page 3: line 1: to delete "Petra" and insert "Peola"

Page 3: Item 557-ii: Line 5 to include "and he would require minor repairs to his yard when the vehicles are removed."

Page 10: Item 597-i: line 4: to include: "It was agreed that funds are requested for an extension of water distribution for a further two weeks."

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-****REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-****[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE****617. Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2007 be adopted.

**618. Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007.**

**RESOLVED: -** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-33 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be accepted.

**619. Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007.**

**RESOLVED: -** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-33 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be adopted.

**[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE****620. Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2007 be adopted.

**621. Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be accepted.

622. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

623. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2007 be adopted.

624. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>h</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be accepted.

625. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be adopted.

[iv] **FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

626. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2007 be adopted.

627. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 14, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 14, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusions:-

1. Recommendations No. 26: Payment to Ivan Toolsie for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of documenting the Heritage Festival – be approved.

2. Recommendations No. 27: Merit award in the sum of \$4,999.00 to Ivan Toolsie for documenting the Chairman's Reception and the Schools Prize giving function – be approved.

#28: Variation in the sum of \$15,000.00 for electrification of Bakal Recreation Ground –be approved.

3. List of Vouchers dated 22-25 June, 2007
4. Inventory Items for Stores – Disaster Unit – in the sum of \$49,950.00

628. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 14, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 14, 2007 be adopted subject to the above mentioned inclusions.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

629. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor S. Manwah that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2007 be adopted.

630. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be accepted.

631. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B .Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

632. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2007 be adopted.

633. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendation Nos.1-4 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be accepted.

634. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Eleventh[11<sup>th</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be adopted.

[vii] **YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

635. **Adoption of the Minutes the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2007 be adopted.

636. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June12, 2007 be accepted.

637. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations No.1 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted.

[viii] **COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

638. **Adoption of Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Tenth[10<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on May 01, 2007 be adopted.

639. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be accepted.

640. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-**

641. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on May 17, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on May 17, 2007 be adopted.

642. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007 be accepted with the undermentioned amendment:-

Recommendation:- #11: To delete “noted” and insert “approved.”

643. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-13 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007 be adopted subject to the above mentioned amendment:-

[x] **PLANNING, THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.**

644. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on May 08, 2007 be adopted

645. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-26 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be accepted.

646. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the [11<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-26 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be accepted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

647. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on May 17, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on May 17, 2007 be adopted.

648. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held June 21, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007 be accepted.

649. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

650. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2007 be adopted.

651. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusion.

Building Plan Applications Nos. 1-5 dated 26/06/07 in favour of Imran Shane Hosein and others inclusive of Building Plan in favour of Selwyn Joseph of Dumfries Road, La Romaine.

652. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Eleventh[11<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion.

653. **CORRESPONDENCE: - NIL**

654. **MATTERS REFERRED: - NIL**

655. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: - NIL**

656. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:- NIL**

657. **PETITIONS:- N I L**

658. **QUESTIONS:-**

Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired if N.S.D.P. made any payments to water checker.

The Chief Executive Officer answered that all payment documents were sent to N.S.D.P. and within 7days we may get a response.

659. **PERSONAL EXPLANATION:- N I L**

670. **MOTION:- N I L**

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-**

671. **Councillor Rampersad Hardial made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

[i] Crime has become a serious issue in Penal/Debe. Only Saturday [June 23 2007] a resident of Clarke Road, Penal left his house to jog and was kidnapped and found murdered in Lalbeharry Trace, Debe. Other crimes such as larceny of crops, livestock and vehicles are very common and implored people to be very cautious in these times.

- [ii] The rainy season recently started and already the ground is already saturated and these heavier showers would surely bring floods. His requests for backhoe from the Corporation and even from the Ministry of Agriculture have always been turned down whilst he kept getting excuses. As a result, the water courses are not cleared and the representative is made to look like fools and jokers.
- [iii] B.G.T.C.L officials came to the Corporation seeking permission to run lines in Barrackpore and Rock Road areas. There was hardly any consultation with him and work had already started. He enquired if the Council gave approval for the work.
- [iv] In the past his district had crime watch and it worked very effectively. Now with the availability of cellphones people would be able to communicate very easily.

672. The Chief Executive Officer informed that approval to B.G.T.C.L. was still before the Council.

It was decided that no approval would be granted until there is consultation with Councillor Premchand Sookoo and Councillor Rampersad Hardial and B.G.T.C.L.

673. The Chairman indicated that the Chief Executive Officer was in the process of locating balances of funds to hire additional backhoe to clear water courses.

674. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] The Country is on a verge of collapse. People are still suffering for a water supply from W.A.S.A. and W.A.S.A. Official said he was glad the rain came so people could get water.
- [ii] On the issue of crime, people are unsafe where ever they go. Mr. Jagmohan was his neighbour, who while jogging was kidnapped and murdered. The Commissioner of Police made same day arrests of the terror suspects but cannot pick up the common criminals.
- [iii] The Prime Minister went to Biche and told the people they do not have proper representation. However a Government Minister was insisting he put up a housing project in his area and the people are insisting they do not want this. In another area the government representative was putting a recreation ground and the people also do not want it. Representation is so bad the police had to guard the housing project.
- [iv] The cost overrun for the Brian Lara Stadium had already reached over 100% but Penal/Debe cannot get some funds to hire backhoe to clear water courses in order to avoid flooding. The people in his area are expecting massive floods because in the dry season no work was done.
- [v] The recreation grounds are overgrown and, since neither backhoe was working, he requested one of the portable grass cutters so he himself could use it.

675. **Councillor Carl Dabideen made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Everyone was aware of this position with respect to Committee Meetings. Councillors who attend meetings more frequently than him are complaining more than him, so nothing had changed.
- [ii] He was not invited to the last Statutory Meeting and, if he did not make a phone call to the Chairman, he would not have received invitation to this meeting.
- [iii] He pointed out Recommendation #6 of the Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting which stated a “site visit be arranged with the Councillor Carl Dabideen and the Member of Parliament for Oropouche.” He enquired why did he have to arrange a site visit with the Member of Parliament when his work is unrelated to that of the Member of Parliament. His site visits would be in his capacity as Councillor and with personnel of this association.
- [iv] Does not have “office day” but meets with people once he is contacted. His contact number is 740-7956 and anyone could call for an appointment.

676. **Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] When he speaks against the County Superintendent, Works Supervisor I, and the Public Health Inspector III people will say it is not right. A worker at Debe sub-office even told him if he speaks ill about the Officer he will not get any work done in his area. He asked for a job be replaced with the perimeter lighting but the Works Supervisor said no. When he asks the Works Supervisor for information he cannot get any. The Chief Executive Officer even tried to assist but even the Chief Executive Officer could not get any information.

The County Superintendent was asked to do an estimate to cut some trees in Bryans Gate, but months have gone by and no estimate was done as yet.

The Public Health Inspector III was asked to remove some derelict vehicles in Church Street, but said the person was operating his business and he could not remove the vehicles. The entire street was complaining about this person but the P.H.I. III was not taking any action.

677. **Councillor Roy Kissoon made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Thanked the person responsible [Pastor Singh] for taking the Community Outreach Clinic to his area in order to bring some relief to the poor and sick people. This government has no clue of the plight of these people.
- [ii] The floods are going to strike again and with only one river in his district, he hoped the Disaster Preparedness Unit of the Corporation was ready to deal with these cases.
- [iii] The residents of Woodland received a pavilion from N.G.C. without lights and water which the Corporation was supposed to provide. He understood an estimate was passed for these and hoped it would be completed soon.

- [iv] The roadways in La Romaine are very narrow and this is further compounded when the slush from the drains are put on the roadside. These materials needed to be removed because it is washed right back into the drains with the slightest of rainfall.

678. **Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] With respect to not being notified for the last Statutory Meeting he said he wanted guidelines from the Permanent Secretary to deal with this.
- [ii] He requested that the Morne Diablo fishing port be considered for a disaster shelter and for a life guard station. Also for the beachfront to be cut for the St. Peter's Day Celebrations.
- [iii] Requested the road verges along Scotts Road to be cut for the weekend.
- [iv] With respect to overgrown plots in Penal Junction, the Corporation should seek to cut the plot and use as a car park to recover the money.
- [v] The Corporation should award a consultancy for a facelift of Penal Junction.
- [vi] Congratulated First Citizen Bank, Clarke Road United for winning the national cricket league.
- [vii] Requested again, some assistance towards Visham Ramroop-an Under 19 cricketer. He said this boy comes from a very poor family and has been representing Penal/Debe and the country since primary school.
- [viii] Congratulated the Chairman, Councillors and Administration for their effort towards bringing some relief to the people of Penal/Debe.

679. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the under mentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] After almost four years as a Council it could safely be said that Penal/Debe happens to be one of the most productive Corporations in the country. This is because the Councillors are focused on bringing this Corporation into the premier organization it supposed to be. However, certain rights were being slowly taken away. Last year the Corporation received \$5M under PSIP and some work was done. This year that fund was no longer afforded to us.

The Corporation used to get \$2M under Road Improvement Fund but now it gets \$200,000.00. What can be done with such little funding he asked?

The IRIAD jobs were now being contracted directly from Head Office and no one could say whether any project would start by September 2007.

There is numerous amounts of blocked water courses but despite pleas to the Minister of local Government for funds nothing was released and no work was done.

- [ii] Crime is very serious in the entire country. While the Prime Minister was having meetings with crime lords in lavish hotels, he was closing down the sugar and rice industries at the same time thereby denying honest people from affording their children a proper education.
- [iv] The government was boasting that they are caring while the price of foodstuff keep rising to the extent that people have to resort to petty crime in order to survive.
- [v] Whether we are Councillors or Administration let everyone work collectively to ensure that people get some relief in the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.
- [vi] Congratulated and thanked Pastor Tirbany Singh of the Seventh Day Adventist Church who was responsible for the health clinics to be held at Ramai Trace and Woodland.

680. The Public Health Inspector III informed that funding was available to undertake works towards clearing of water courses and would like the assistance of Members of Council in identifying urgent areas that need work.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo suggested that everyone submit their listing at the Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

681. **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS: -**

The Chairman requested the County Superintendent prepare estimate for cutting of trees in Bryans gate and to invite quotations and Council would make a decision.

There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 11:30 a.m.

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**Chairman**  
**Statutory Meeting**