

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH [14TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2008] TERM HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL, 218 S.S. ERIN ROAD , DEBE**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

Alderman	Dr. Allen Sammy	Chairman of Council
Councillor	Premnath Boodoosingh	Palmiste
Councillor	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Premchand Sookoo	Debe East/Barrackpore West
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
Alderman	Roland A. Hall	

MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-

Counillor	Sonnlyal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
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MEMBER OF COUNCIL ABSENT:-

Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
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MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Ms.	L. Chandoo Singh	Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer
Ms.	A. Ramjohn	Corporate Secretary
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant I
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Ms.	N. Ragbir	Clerk I

784. The meeting commenced at 9:35 a.m with a prayer led by Alderman Roland Hall

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

- [i] The Chairman welcomed all to the Fourteenth [14th] Statutory Meeting, the first in the new building.
- [ii] He remarked that the Corporation is in a state of transition and all the services are not yet in place. He thanked the staff for the manner of adjusting, from 5000 sq ft. to 17,000 sq. ft. They were told that productivity has been affected because of the working conditions however, some of those barriers have been removed and thrust that staff will renew their vigor and that output would be noticeable.
The Chairman thanked his fellow councillors for their patience in putting up with the conditions. Now there is a Councillors room and a Vice Chairman room in this new building.
- [iii] The Prime Minister made public reference to the failure of Local Government. The Chairman stated that he had an issue with this statement because Penal/Debe has made every effort to manage its resources and, instead of getting additional, central government has emasculated many of the services and given to other agencies [C.P.E.P., PSAEL, E.M.B.D.C., etc.] Local Government is failing and this is an indictment on Central Government and the Prime Minister himself who use every excuse to form parallel organizations. He expressed fear that with the Local Government reform Corporation would be further stripped of services and only left with water distribution and scavenging services.
- [iv] Requested a condolence letter be sent to the Administrative Officer II on the death of her mother.
- [iv] Thanked the Works Supervisor section and all others for the expeditious manner in which they worked in this new building.

786. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- [i] Councillor Roy Kissoon announced that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah asked to be excused.
- [ii] The Administrative Officer II announced that the Chief Executive Officer was attending a meeting in Port of Spain.
- [iii] Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that oil and gas was seeping through the earth near Hillpiece Recreation Ground.

787. At 9:50 a.m. resolved, unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Hardial that the agenda be waived to go into Committee stage.

At 10:17 Council resumed.

788. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH [13TH] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Statutory Meeting held on August 30, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

789. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16, 2007 be adopted.

790. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourteenth[14th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-21 of the Fourteenth [14th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007 be accepted.

791. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-21 of the Fourteenth [14th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007 be adopted.

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

792. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

793. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Fourteenth [14th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007 be accepted.

794. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Fourteenth [14th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

795. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007 be adopted.

796. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Fourteenth [14th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be accepted.

797. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Fourteenth [14th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be adopted.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

798. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be adopted.

799. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-17 of the Fourteenth [14th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusions:-

[i] Recommendations made at Special Finance Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007 & September 06, 2007.

[ii] Annual Medical checks for employees at \$120.00 per person in favour of Penal Medical Associates.

[iii] *Virement of \$20,000.00 from Hosting of Conference towards the Tobago trip.*

800. **Adoption of the of Reports and Recommendations the Fourteenth [14th] Finance Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-17 of the Fourteenth [14th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007 be adopted subject to the above inclusions.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

801. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be adopted

802. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Festival Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-17 of the Fourteenth [14th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 18th, 2007 be accepted.

803. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-17 of the Fourteenth [14th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

804. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be adopted.

805. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-2 of the Fourteenth [14th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be accepted.

806. Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Fourteenth [14th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendation Nos.1-2 of the Fourteenth [14th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be adopted.

[vii] YOUTH, CITIZEN LIAISON & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

807. Adoption of the Minutes the Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted

808. Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-3 of the Fourteenth [14th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007 be accepted.

809. Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Fourteenth [14th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-3 of the Fourteenth [14th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007 be adopted.

[viii] COMMUNICATION, SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

810. Adoption of Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

811. Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-5 of the Fourteenth [14th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007 be accepted.

812. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1-5 of the Fourteenth [14th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on September 04, 2007 be adopted.

[ix] SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:-

813. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

814. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Fourteenth [14th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2007 be accepted.

815. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Fourteenth [14th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2007 be adopted.

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

816. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be adopted

817. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-13 of the Fourteenth [14th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007 be accepted.

818. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-13 of the Fourteenth [14th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2007 be accepted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

819. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 27, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 27, 2007 be adopted.

820. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-3 of the Fourteenth [14th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be accepted.

821. **Adoption of the Reports & Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-3 of the Fourteenth [14th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

822. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Thirteenth [13th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

823. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourteenth [14th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusion.

[i] *Building Plan Applications Nos. 1-7 & #12 in favour of Mahendra Sankar & ors.*

[ii] *All Building Plans go to Building Committee Meeting*

824. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Fourteenth [14th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourteenth [14th] Building Committee Meeting held on September 06, 2007 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions:

825. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

826. **MATTERS REFERRED: -**

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

828. **REPORTS AND REPLIES: -**

Alderman Roland Hall reported on that he attended, on behalf of the Chairman, the Minister's meeting of Mayors/Chairmen/Chief Executive Officers held at Paria Suites, La Romaine on September 19, 2007. The agenda included: -

- ❖ Local Government Reform
- ❖ Public Sector Investment Programme [PSIP]
- ❖ 2006-2007 Status Report
- ❖ Infrastructure Renewal Improvement & Development Programme [IRIAD]
 - Status Report 2006/2007
 - Programme of Works 2007/2008
- ❖ Administrative Complexes
- ❖ Rural Development Works-Discussion
- ❖ Scavenging
- ❖ Truck Borne Water Supply
- ❖ Local Government Week
- ❖ Disaster Management
- ❖ Service Circle
- ❖ OSHA [Presentation by Mr. Martin Jacque]

829 **PETITIONS: - NIL**

830 **QUESTIONS: - NIL**

831. **PERSONAL EXPENDITURE: - NIL**

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS:-**832. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Was glad when the Prime Minister visited Penal, however, no reference was made at any forum, about the visit. The Prime Minister also visited Penal and environs two years ago and again nothing was done.
- [ii] The Government said they were a caring government but there are overcrowding in hospitals with pregnant women sleeping on the floor etc.
- [iii] Congratulated the technical section for work done in his district where he noticed men working after lunch hours.
- [iv] Wished the Public Health Inspector III [Mr. Badall] well on his retirement.
- [v] A trolley should be made available to the kitchen staff.
- [vi] Hoped the suggestions made earlier for re-designing of the Hall are taken into consideration.
- [vii] His stock pile should be cut more regularly.
- [viii] Wished the Building Inspector well on his acting appointment.
- [ix] Requested the police to investigate the corn and watermelon vendors located at the entrance to the Penal Presbyterian School.

833. Councillor Roy Kissoon made the undermentioned comments/requests:-

- [i] Was having problems since 2003 to have his allocation utilised into recreational facilities in his district. He is very disappointed that none of his requests are fulfilled.
He commented that recently he and Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh were lucky to get two pavilions built by N.G.C. however, whatever additional works were needed was completed for Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and nothing was done for him.

The Sports Club in his area refused to accept the pavilion and the Village Council had to accept the keys. He hoped that this discrimination stopped and the facilities [especially electricity] are supplied.
- [ii] It was very unjust that the people who live on Caroni lands have to travel to Port-of-Spain in order to pay land tax. The people in Port-of-Spain are already complaining about crime & traffic among other problems and this government is just adding to the problems by telling these people to go to Port-of-Spain to pay land tax.
- [iii] TrinityPavers Ltd. did work and damaged the roads and private premises and left the place unrestored. There is now a new contractor and arrangements are made to have a meeting with them in order to have the problems resolved.
- [iv] Was having problems with A.P.I. with respect to paving of a roadway but N.G.C. said they would do the work.

834. **Alderman Roland Hall made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] At the last Youth, & Citizen Liaison Committee Meeting he made mention of a primary/secondary schools music festivals. He requested some O.J.T.'s to assist in this project.
- [ii] He praised all those who worked to make staff more comfortable in this building. Although a lot of work still has to be done the building would become better in due time.
- [iii] At meetings the matters were discussed and decisions made for two [2] security in this building but there was only one presently.
- [iv] Reminded the Councillors to organize the youths in their respective districts for upcoming programmes.

835. **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Local Government is about the delivery of service and he was proud to be representing the people of Palmiste and by extension the people of Penal/Debe. It is very disappointing that Administration treat this Council with such contempt. So many things are going wrong and Council expect a certain level of discipline and response to this Council's enquiries.
- [ii] Everyday he receives complaints from the public who expect a level of value and efficiency. However, Councillors come here to often and talk but get no service from administration. He made formal complaint about the non - attendance of senior staff at this Statutory Meeting.
- [iii] As Chairman of Communication he had been trying to get a complaints system going which includes a list of complaints, the nature of the complaints, and who are they referred to and what remedial measures taken, as a whole system where these information could be easily generated into hard copy.
- [iv] Questioned the function of the Corporation security when the station is located next to the abattoir and everything in the abattoir are stolen. Also for months he has been complaining about a blocked drain in Palmiste and nothing was done by the security.
- [v] Vehicle #TAT-9440 was making a "dump heap" next to Hillpiece Recreation Ground and wanted the security to address this matter.
- [vi] As much as he requested a list of contractors which he hasn't received yet, he understands that the same contractors were working again.
- [vii] The handing over ceremony for Hillpiece recreation ground pavilion was scheduled for September 29, 2007 and requested the provision of water and electricity, the area be cut and cleared for the occasion. He was proud that every recreation ground in this district has a pavilion.
- [viii] Natural oil and gas was flowing from the ground into someone's garden located next to the Hillpiece recreation ground.

Lunch - 12:20 p.m.

Resumed - 1:13 p.m.

837. **Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Requested at a Committee Meeting that the lights at Tulsa Trace Government School be repaired in time for an upcoming event. Just three light bulbs needed to be changed and hasn't been done and hoped this would be done as a matter of urgency.
- [ii] Received complaints from residents of Digny Village, Debe that there was no scavenging service for an entire week, also the garbage is collected only twice per week.
- [iii] Administration went ahead and prepared the Recurrent Draft Estimate 2007/2008 and submitted to the Ministry of Finance where members of staff went and defended the estimate. Members of Council had no discussions in the projects they preferred or the changes they wanted to make in the final document. When the document was submitted Council recommended changes, however the final document was never re-submitted for Council's approval.
- [iv] As the close of the financial year is approaching he hoped Administration come to their senses and stop fooling the Council. Victimization and discrimination should stop immediately.

838. There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 1:55 p.m.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by zCouncillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be adopted.

Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-49 the Thirteenth [13th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007 be accepted.

743 **Adoption of the Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-49 the Thirteenth [13th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007 be accepted.

688. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] 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 Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted.

744 **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Thirteenth [13^h] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] 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 Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be adopted

754 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendation Nos.1-3 of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

756 **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirteenth [13th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

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

703 **Adoption of the Minutes the Eleventh [11th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted.

757 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-2 of the Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

757. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-2 of the Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

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

Adoption of Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be adopted.

758. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

said it was important to advertise the relocation of the Administration building for the public information and also a sign should be placed on the building.

- [iii] He asked that the Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer put things in place to receive the O.J.T.'s from upcoming Monday.
- [iv] It was incumbent that the implementation meeting be continued as scheduled every second and fourth Monday of the month and reminded Councillors that the meetings would be only for updates on recommendations and not for discussions, which would be done at Committee Meetings. The Chairman also reminded Councillors that they should become more aggressive given the responsibility that comes with their portfolio.

739. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- [i] Councillor Rampersad Hardial announced that Councillor Sonnylal Manwah asked to be excused.
- [ii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan complimented the Public Health Inspector III & Road Officer II for work done at the Penal Presbyterian Church compound.
- [iii] Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that Mr. Bharath Deonath of 72 Hillpiece Road was diagnosed with leptospirosis [657-9674] due to rat infestation in the area. (657-9674)

[iv] Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that the interfaith service was scheduled for Tuesday September 04, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. and Administration was responsible for preparation.

740. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH [12TH] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON JULY 31, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Twelfth [12th] Statutory Meeting held on July 31, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to the undermentioned amendments:-

Page 9 Item [vi] to delete line 4 & 5
 Page 10 Item 729 [i] to delete “unanimously
 Page 10 Item 729 [ii] to delete “unanimously
 Page 10 Item 729 [iii] to delete “unanimously”

741 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 09, 2007 AT DEBE SUB OFFICE.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Special Statutory Meeting held on August 09, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to the under mentioned amendments:-

Page 1: to delete: “Premnath Sookoo” & insert “Premchand Sookoo.”

Page 3: Item 5: to include (i) Estimate in the sum of \$170,000.00 to construct retaining wall for Sunkist Development & Play Park.
 (ii) Estimate in the sum of \$1,094,552.26 to prepare sectional office space and
 (iii)
 (iv)
 (v)
 (vi)
 (vii) car park for proposed main office.

REPORTS AND ECOMMENDATIONS

[i]PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

742. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by zCouncillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be adopted.

Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007.

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-49 the Thirteenth [13th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007 be accepted.

743 **Adoption of the Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-49 the Thirteenth [13th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on August 16th, 2007 be accepted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

688. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] 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 Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted.

744 **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Thirteenth [13^h] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

745 **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007..**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-18 of the Thirteenth [13^h] Public Health Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on July 26, 2007 be adopted.

746 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirteenth [13^h] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007 be accepted.

747 **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13^h] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirteenth [13^h] Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007 be adopted.

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

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 14, 2007.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on June 14, 2007 be adopted.

749. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Thirteenth [13th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusions:-

List of vouchers dated August 27, 2007

750. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Thirteenth [13th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be adopted.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

751. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Thirteenth [13th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007 be accepted.

753. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007.**

RESOLVED:-Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Thirteenth [13th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] 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 Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be adopted

754 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendation Nos.1-3 of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

756 **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirteenth [13th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Thirteenth [13th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

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

703 **Adoption of the Minutes the Eleventh [11th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted.

757 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-2 of the Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

757. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations No.1-2 of the Thirteenth [13th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

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

Adoption of Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on June 05, 2007 be adopted.

758. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-5 of the Thirteenth [13th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

759. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Thirteenth [13th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

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

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] 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 Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007 be adopted.

760 **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Thirteenth [13th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted.

761. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-8 of the Thirteenth [13th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

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

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] 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 Minutes of the Eleventh[11th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2007 be adopted

762. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No. 1 of the Thirteenth [13th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be accepted.

763. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Thirteenth [13th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2007 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2007 be adopted.

764. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held August 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the Thirteenth [13th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 23, 2007 be accepted.

765. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations No.1 of the Thirteenth [13th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on August 23, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007.

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Eleventh [11th] Building Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be adopted.

766. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirteenth [13th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be accepted with the under mentioned inclusion.

[i] Building Plan Applications Nos. 1-7 in favour of Lincoln Jaggai & ors.

767. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Thirteenth [13th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Thirteenth [13th] Building Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be adopted.

768. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**

Letter dated June 15, 2007 from Town & Country Planning re: Status of Building Plans – Zainool & Molly Ramalie.

Noted.

769. **MATTERS REFERRED: -** NIL

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

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

781. **PETITIONS: -** NIL
782. **QUESTIONS: -** NIL
783. **PERSONAL EXPENDITURE: -** NIL

784. **MOTION:-**

IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CARL DABIDEEN

WHEREAS: - As the Government has indicated its intention to develop the Agriculture Industry

AND WHEREAS: - The rice industry is in decline

AND WHEREAS: - Certified Planting material [rice seed] is not available.

AND WHEREAS: - Without a seed propagation industry the rice industry will never be viable and sustainable

AND WHEREAS: - The vegetable and legume industry obtain its seed from imparted sources at high prices.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:- 100 acres of land at Papourie Road Lower Barrackpore, which was identified and approved by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1997, be made available to the National Rice Growers Cooperative Society Limited, for the establishment of a rice, vegetable and legume seed propagation programme.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:- The necessary funding for the establishment and implementation of the programme is made available.

Unanimously carried

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS

785. **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] Mr. Bharat Deonath of 72 Hillpiece Road was diagnosed and hospitalized with leptospirosis. On several occasions he raised the issue of rats and mosquitoes infestation in the Palmiste district and especially in the Palmiste Park. The person's situation had deteriorated to the extent that he now suffers from a heart condition. He requested a meeting with the County Medical Officer of Health department, the Public Health Inspector department and the Palmiste Park Committee to resolve this matter.

Also a letter be written to the Minister of Health regarding Mr Deonath's medical situation and also a letter be written to the County Medical Officer of Health and copies of both letters be given to the gentleman.

He stated that he saw no progress in terms of baiting or spraying and although there are always excuses for not getting the job done, he knows that funds are available to hire the manpower.

- [ii] He went to San Fernando City Corporation with respect to a building plan, and had the opportunity to look at that system of operation. This Corporation could implement some of their procedures especially that of having the signature of the Chairman of the various Committees on documents that are sent to meetings for approval.
- [iii] There is gossip that the Chairman of the Finance Committee selects persons for contract. He made it abundantly clear that he has never been involved in the tendering process or the tenders section.
- [iv] As Chairman of Communication Committee he was not told that Tamara Silochan was leaving and did not see any document at any meeting for her replacement and he understood someone was already working in the section. Tamara was a very good worker and complimented her on her new job. He commented that all employees should become computer literate.
- [v] He noticed that workers under short term employment were paid different rates for the same position they were hired into.
- [vi] Mr. Hakim Ramjohn built a garage over a public drain blocking the public access. Although he talks about this at every statutory meeting but nothing is done about it and nothing may be done until there is a death or serious accident.
- [vii] There was a system in place where Insect Vector Control Division and the Corporation worked collaboratively but this had since been stopped and no one could answer for spraying for mosquitoes or rat baiting.
- [viii] A document was awarded for Union Hall recreation ground and no information was forthcoming as yet, nor did he get documentation with regards to work being carried out at the new building.
- [x] Complimented Jaime Harrinarine on work done at the Corporation and congratulated her on her new job.
- [ix] Complimented the workers who spent weeks under a tent and strived to get a new building.
- [iix] Hoped to get a status report from the Accounts Section and also from the Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer Section.

786 **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

- [i] The recent showers in Penal resulted in serious flooding in the vicinity between Changoo;s Hardware & Oliverie Drive where children from a number of schools have to traverse. He addressed this issue at most meetings but no result to date.
He suggested the Corporation cut across the road from Oliverie Drive redirecting the water into the main drain. Urgent action needed to be done especially since many schools are located in the area
- [ii] Mosquito and rat infestation is terrible throughout the region and there is need to seriously look at this situation before it gets even worse.

- [iii]As Chairman of Personnel he would like more communication with the P.I.R.O. Section. However he visits the office regularly and goes into that section for updates but hardly are his enquires answered.
- [iv]Complimented the Public Health Inspector III & Road Officer II especially for work done the Penal Presbyterian Church compound and, with the little resources available to them, they were trying their utmost to bring relief to the people.
- [v] There is no replacement yet for the Workshop Foreman and again recommended Mr. Chandath Popo.

787 Councillor Roy Kssoon made the undermentioned comments/requests:-

- [i] Requested his balance on recreation grounds be utilized to electrify Woodland recreation ground.
- [ii] The situation at Jacksingh Street remained the same. Trinity Pavers Ltd. damaged people's property and left the place unrestored. Another contractor is doing work now and he could not say who they are.
- [iii]The Estate Management and Business Development Company Ltd. [E.M.B.D.C.] relocated residents but has not put any of the basic necessities for the people.
- [iv] Requested a gang to clear the drains in his area because it is very difficult for the backhoe to work.

788 .Councillor Rampersad Hardial made the undermentioned comments/requests:-

- [i] Congratulated Jaimee & Tamara on a job well done and wished them well.
- [ii] Flooding is very prevalent in Penal/Deb and so far this year there has been no serious occurrence, however, if there is persistent showers then serious flooding will occur, and, it is a total waste of funds hiring backhoe to clear water courses in the rainy season.
- [iii]Under this P.N.M. Government there is no development - the roads and traces are terrible with only a very few repaired, the government boasts of billion dollar budget but Penal/Debe receives barely any.
- [iv]The Corporation was boasting that the murder rate had dropped, however, he refused to talk about the rise in the other criminal activities.
- [v] In his area the people are dependent on the rainy season to get a regular supply of water. There area always problems with pipe borne water supply and also with T. & T.E.C. and TSTT where the service is poor and irregular.
- [vi]A contract was awarded for work in the Petrotrin Barrackpore recreation ground but hardly any work was done.

789. Councillor Diptee Ramnath made the undermentioned comments/requests:-

- [i] With respect to the rat invasion in the Palmiste area, he always said the only way to alleviate the problem was to close the vending area for a period to time in order to bait the area.
- [ii] Flooding continues to be a serious problem in this region and he supported all efforts to alleviate this.
- [iii]Wooden bridges in his district especially, are in a terrible state with the Hope Trace & Kangaloo Trace bridge already collapsed. Everything possible needed to be done in order to assist those residents

[iv]The Council needed to ensure its contribution in the roll-out programme on Local Government Reform. The Minister of Local Government has to be made aware of the needs of the Corporation and those community meetings are a means of letting the people know what is happening with the Corporation.

[v] Required 11 cylinders for a water project in Teeluck Trace.

[vi]Wished Jaime & Tamara well on their new jobs.

780. Councillor Carl Dabideen made the undermentioned comments/requests:-

[i] Reiterated the uselessness of Committee Meetings when Councillors resort to bring their issue to Statutory Meeting. Week after week and month after month they complain about lack of control, yet they continue to approve documents.

[ii] Administration continues to usurp Council's authority and we continue to allow this. Committees are non-functional and everyone was complaining, yet they do nothing to rectify the situation.

[iii]Councillors were not dealing with the bigger issues at Statutory Meetings but raising matters that should be dealt at Committee stage.

[iv]As we observe independence it is sad there is nothing to celebrate. We were thrown out by our colonizers and we did not fight for independence as India did. We are now working towards Vision 20/20. Local Government is now dysfunctional with respect to this vision for example, we are spending millions of dollars to combat the surge of crime yet we are not paying attention to the root cause. We should be focusing on reducing pre-term babies and putting an education system in place that pays attention to life skills from pre-school straight up to secondary schools.

Rather than having objectives like these to combat crime we are just providing a plaster by building houses instead of building communities.

781. Councillor Premchand Sookoo made the undermentioned comments/requests:-

[i] Everyone made a contribution about the rat infestation at the Palmiste vendors booths. Those booths were built under the U.N.C. administration however, when the P.N.M. took over they distributed the booths to friends of the party.

[ii] With the floods of last year the Prime Minister made visits and identified areas to assist and Penal/Debe was told to submit their estimates. However, up to present day Penal/Debe did not get the amount requested nor the attention of the various agencies.

[iii]The Minister of Local Government also visited during that flood and also made promises, but after so long nothing was done.

[iv] So too, the former Minister of Agriculture made visits and made promises, and up to date not one road nor bridge was repaired in Penal/Debe and he said he spent 40 million dollars.

[v] The Corporation received the same treatment with respect to water trucking where promises were made for additional funding, however, up to date contract workers have not been paid.

[vi]The Local Government Reform roll-out programme is an exercise in futility since the Minister is fully aware of the problems that exist in Penal/Debe.

782 **Mr. Ramdeo Rambalack – St. Patrick East CACC**

Mr. Rambalack who has 17 years experience in rice production addressed Council and submitted two documents on the increase in rice production in order to resolve the rice industry.

783 **CHAIRMAN’S CLOSING REMARKS:-**

The Chairman stated that this may be the last Statutory Meeting in this building. He also reminded members of the implementation meeting beginning in September.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 12:15 p.m.

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting