

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH [4<sup>TH</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING (2006-2007 TERM) HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 28, 2006 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL #4 DOOKIE STREET, PENAL**

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -**

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

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL EXCUSED: -**

Councillor	Sonnlyal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
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**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-**

Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	J. Marfan	Works Supervisor I
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Ms.	L. Chandoo Singh	Personnel Industrial Relations Officer
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Mr.	S. Sinanan	Clerk I

179. At 9:15 a.m. Municipal Police Corporal, J. Singh, announced the arrival of the Chairman of Council, Alderman Allen Sammy.

Councillor Roy Kissoon led in prayer.

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

The Chairman of Council welcomed all to the meeting. He reminded members that meetings for December, 2006 will be held for a period of four (4) consecutive days commencing on December 04 to December 07, 2006 and the Statutory meeting would be held on Thursday December 14, 2006.

Also he extended sympathy to Councillor Premchand Sookoo on the sudden and unexpected death of his wife.

He indicated that there were rumours about himself and Councillor Premchand Sookoo's interference on a project in Congo Village. He made it clear that he and the Councillor were present at the site when the Technical Officer gave instructions to the contractor.

181. At 9:25am on a resolution read by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that Council revert to Committee stage to discuss a proposal for Christmas Lunch.

At 9:45 am Council resumed.

182. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- (a) Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that he would not be able to attend Meetings on Monday.
- (b) Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh indicated that with respect to the box drain at Congo Village, he was passing through the area and spoke to the contractor of that project only to be told that the person was a sub contractor. He also reminded Members of Council that he spoke about this at another meeting and had asked for an investigation and report.
- (c) Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan announced that he had another meeting so he would be late for meetings on Monday.
- (d) Councillor Roy Kissoon announced that Councillor Sonnylal Manwah asked to be excused.
- (e) The AO II announced that the Chief Executive Officer and the Public Health Inspector were attending a seminar on Scavenging services and would not be attending the meeting.

183. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD [3<sup>RD</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Statutory Meeting held on October 31, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: -**

**[i] PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

184. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 03 and 18, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on October 03 and 18, 2006 be adopted.

185. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-34 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 07, 2006 be accepted.

186. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Forth [4<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-34 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 07, 2006 be adopted.

**[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

187. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be adopted.

188. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-23 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006 to be accepted.

189. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-23 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

190. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be adopted.

191. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-21 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be accepted.

192. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-21 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be adopted.

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

193. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 25 and 26, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on October 25 and 26, 2006 be adopted.

194. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-24 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions:-

Recommendations Nos. 1-14 made at the Special Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006.

Recommendations Nos. 1-21 made at the Special Finance, Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006.

195. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-24 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006 be adopted and subject to the above mentioned inclusions.

[vi] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

196. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be adopted.

197. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be accepted.

198. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be adopted.

[vii] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

199. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be adopted.

200. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendation Nos. 1-5 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be accepted.

201. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be adopted.

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

202. **Adoption of the Minutes the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2006 be adopted.

203. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2006 be accepted.

204. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be adopted.

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

205. **Adoption of Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006 be adopted.

206. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held November 09, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006 be accepted.

207. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-7 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006 be adopted.

[x] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

208. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006 be adopted.

209. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006 be accepted.

210. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006 be adopted.

[xi] **PLANNING, THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

211. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2006 be adopted.

212. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Community Meeting held on November 17, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 17, 2006 be accepted.

213. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 17, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 17, 2006 be adopted.

[xii] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

214. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2006 be adopted.

215. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006.**

**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 Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006 be accepted.

216. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006 be adopted.

[xiii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

217. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be adopted.

218. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be accepted with the unmentioned inclusion.

- (i) Building Plan applications Nos. 1 to 7 dated November 28, 2006 in favor of Fawaaz Hosein and others.
- (ii) Layout Plan applications Nos. 1 to 6 dated October 31, 2006 in favor of Roger Rajack and others.

219. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-11 of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions.

220. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**

- (i) Letter dated 22/11/06 from Ancil Forde.Re:Participation in the Commonwealth Yearbook 2007 and Commonwealth of Nations website.

Resolved- the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation participate in a double page full colour position, which includes both print and electronic exposure, as well as complete access to free international promotional consultancy service at the cost of U.K. £16,000.00

The Ministry of Local Government would be requested to match the fund grant-aid of half of the total cost that £8,000 sterling. A letter be sent to Ministry of Local Government requesting their assistance in the sum of £8,000.

221. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** NIL

222. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:** NIL

**REPORTS AND REPLIES:** NIL

223. **PETITIONS:** NIL

224. **QUESTIONS:**

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh read a recommendation from the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Sport and Recreation Committee Meeting “..... request the terms and conditions of the contract awarded to Jankie Persad Roopchand at the Penal Market.”

Also from the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Finance Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006. “The contract documents for the work being done behind the Penal Market be submitted.”

He stated that it seemed as though the perception of corruption in Penal/Debe had in fact turned to reality. He had to write through the Chairman’s office for information regarding the above recommendations and up to the time of the meeting he had not received a copy.

As chairman of Finance, he was very frustrated when dealing with financial issues.

Councilor Carl Dabideen remarked that they wanted the answers verbally so that it could be recorded word for word.

The chairman stated that three (3) Members of Council did not receive the document entitled “Question at Statutory Meeting held on November 20, 2006.” Therefore it was clear that there would not be enough time to study the document so he gave notice of a Special Statutory Meeting on Tuesday 05 December, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

225. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:** NIL

226. **MOTION:** NIL

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS**227. **Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan made the undermentioned comments /requests:-**

1. Expressing his continuing disgust towards the water situation. One resident told him he had no pipe borne water for two month and had to rely on the rain.

2. He continued to talk about the rampant crime in the area. Changoor's Hardware was recently robbed and it seemed it was well planned and timed. The police officers arrived within ten minutes of the incident.

3. Held a meeting with W.A.S.A. but nothing came of it.

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

1. Extended sympathy to Councilor Premchand Sookoo on the passing of his wife.
2. After repeatedly requesting information and not getting any he was forced to question and wonder as to how contracts were awarded in the Corporation. He had been asking for certain information and the answers always seem to be disguised. It was like the hunters on a hunting trip who were reaping the benefits of the Corporation and the people who were entering the camp and making decisions also.
3. With respect to Questions filed to be answered at the meeting he will be raising the matter at the Special Statutory Meeting. That contract had a lot in it and if he was to go back to the awarding of other contracts he would see a circle of friendship.  
The same persons tendered under different names and every contract had a difference of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). As Chairman of Finance he would not be in support of such things.
4. At the retreat in Tobago, it was decided that there should be greater responsibility regarding awarding of contracts. Also proper maintenance of equipment because it is dangerous when Corporation's equipment was given to work on contract jobs. They asked for a Cade system to be implemented on the vehicles and equipments but this simple system could not be put in place.
5. There is a lot of conspiracy when Officers talk out they are persecuted. Also they were pressured into signing documents for the Chief Executive Officer.  
He had no connections to the Corporation contractually but all the Chief Executive Officer could find on him was that he asked to buy six (6) bottles of whisky for the function last year Christmas which was totally false and misleading.
6. When Officers were offered promotions and refused he wondered why. It seemed they were too comfortable in this Corporation and didn't want promotion. However, when the simple labourer asked for promotion in Acting positions that were given excuses and denied. When he looked at the Cardare and was shocked to see that the person signing on behalf of the Corporation has a close relative who is a contractor.
7. At the Tobago retreat a decision was taken to rent vehicles for senior Members of Administration but the Chief Executive Officer had so far refused to honour the reimbursement.
8. Thank the Board of The Church of God of Prophecy of Rambert Village for granting him their highest place of honour on the occasion of their annual award.
9. Had a successful event "Men who can Cook" to raise funds towards beautification of open spaces.
10. Thank Traffic Management Branch for painting speed humps but was still awaiting installation of street signs.

11. Need urgent action in the moving a galvanized wall blocking the Palmiste Boulevard entrance. It is now dangerous to the traveling public, and for over one year he was asking that action be taken to remove the said galvanize wall.

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

1. Extended sympathy to Councilor Premchand Sookoo on the passing away of his wife. Also to Road Officer I Zulficar Ali in the passing away of his father.
2. With respect to the Penal Market which he visits on many occasions, last Saturday at 3:00 a.m. he was passing and saw huge piles of garbage at the entrances to the market. Meat was sold outside the designated area and expressed concern as to where fish was being sold. The lighting was terrible and the heat was unbearable and the abattoir needed to be put into operation immediately. The Penal Market is the largest employer in the region and used every single day and as such policies have to be made and put in place to insure its efficient functioning.
3. Hoped all things are in place with respect to delivery of sand to recreation grounds. Also for the start of truck borne distribution.
4. Excavation and transport of earth flow needed to be mentioned. There were one hundred (100) trucks loading in Penal Rock Road alone and hoped things were in place to repair the damaged roads.

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

1. The drains leading into the Caroni lands were overflowing into the roadway because Caroni stopped clearing their drains. He would like the drains cleared up to where it was backing up.
2. Requesting the weepholes along Phillip Street cleared because the water was running into the residents premises.
3. Requesting the lagoon cemetery to be cleaned. Also he wanted to know when people could start burials.
4. With respect to crime, the advertisement was saying if you were not reporting it then you are part of the crime but the Prime Minister knows the said crime lords and not reporting them so he is part of the crime.
5. Requesting a gate put up in the Woodland Recreation Ground in order to monitor the illicit activities.

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

1. Materials from a broken down shed at Hummingbird Avenue needed to be removed.
2. The general outlook of the Penal area needed to be enhanced and uplifted to get rid if the drab appearance.

3. Complimented Councillor Diptee Ramnath for having the Prime Minister in the area and hoped the Prime Minister saw the areas deplorable conditions of some of the places.
4. Wanted the Minutes of the Tobago submitted at a Committee Meeting for the records.
5. Contrary to what the Chief Executive Officer said about the Tobago retreat being patterned from another he said that was not true. The purpose of the retreat included the Chief Executive Officer presence but although the Chief Executive Officer was in Tobago he did not show up at the retreat. It was a high level of misconduct by the Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman of the Committee were to incorporate the policies into their respective Committees as the Chairman of Personnel Committee had done.

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

1. Had a look at the questions and answers. The Members of Council make policies and allocate resources and decide what should and shouldn't be done in accordance with the Act governing them.
2. Wondered where the post of Planning Officer arose from and who decided to send the Person, or what were the background or education required for the post.
3. When contracts are awarded without Council's knowledge and when funding was allocated outside of Council, nothing could be done. How and what mechanisms were available to Council to ensure their authority was not usurped except through approval of payments.
4. Council has no confidence in the Chief Executive Officer who has not been properly administering awards of contracts, and the Corporation name was deteriorating. The rules and regulations were being broken and the Members of Council had only one method of defense which if not used, Council will deteriorate also.
5. Implored the Members of Council to take control of the resources of the Corporation and not allow a few persons to filter it away

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

1. Reminded Members of the Special Statutory meeting to be on Tuesday 05 December, 2006. Issues to be discussed are as follows:
  - a. Question for Statutory Meeting on November 28, 2006- Filed by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh*
  - b. List of contracts awarded for Penal/Debe and exact location of projects.*
  - c. Designs/Plans for the new building-Penal Properties Ltd.*
  - d. Appointment of Planning Officer- Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.*
2. Requesting Secretariat to invite W.A.S.A along with the R.I.C. to a meeting regarding the restoration of water wells.
3. Requested a letter be sent to the Ministry asking for the job specification and the duration of the contract of the Planning Officer.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 12:00 noon.

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**Chairman**  
**Statutory Meeting**