

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH [7TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2007] TERM HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2007 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	Roy Kissoon	La Fortune/Hermitage
Councillor	Diptee Ramnath	Quinam/Morne Diablo
Councillor	Willvan Ramlakhan	Penal
Councillor	Sonnylal B. Manwah	Union Hall/Bronte
Councillor	Carl Dabideen	Debe West
Alderman	Roland A. Hall	

MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED: -

Councillor	Rampersad Hardial	Rochard/Barrackpore East
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MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-

Ms.	T. Deodath	Administrative Officer II
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant
Mr.	A. Ramnarace	Building Inspector
Mr.	R. Badall	Public Health Inspector III
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Ms.	L. Chandoo Singh	Personnel Industrial Relations Officer
Mr.	R. Loknath	Planning Officer
Mr.	S. Heru	County Superintendent
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Ms.	N. Ragbir	Clerk I
Mr.	S. Naipaul	Checker
Ms.	V. Roopnarine	Checker

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

362. Ms. Neela Ragbir led in prayer.

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

The chairman welcomed all to the Seventh [7th] Statutory Meeting.

He made the undermentioned statement:

Concerned about the availability of resources required to carry out the work of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation. Our experience is that we have workers who are ready, willing and available but are severely constrained by the absence of resources in executing their work.

I visited the Transport Section and a number of small items, which they requested for some time but was not supplied because the financial resources are there to cover everything that we need.

I am also aware that all gangs are operating at minimal levels because people are removed to supervise truck borne water distribution leading to the depletion of manpower and our ability to deliver. This also applies to the rat baiting and spraying sections and also to the Roads Section where shortage of manpower to implement the road patching gang where things are in place to start.

When the burgesses complain about our inability to deliver they are justified because the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation has not been able to source from Central Government the necessary resources – manpower, materials, money – to discharge our responsibility.

As a Council, we are calling on the Minister of Local Government to be more sensitive to the needs of the people of Penal/Debe Region and to respond in the midyear review by making additional revenue available. I'm convinced that Central Government is bent on breaking the back of Local Government particularly those controlled by the UNC.

I have been quietly advised by a Councillor at a PNM controlled Corporation that they get all the resources they request. Why then is there discrimination in the allocation of resources in a county which the Prime Minister himself boasts that we are flowing with petroleum dollars. I leave this to the burgesses to decide if this is the kind of central governance that we want.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: -

364. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan expressed his disgust with the water supply in the electoral district of Penal. He had to call in on a radio program to give an update of what was done at Council's level. One Mr. Bholia from WASA called the radio station and promised to do all in his power to get a supply. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan said last year they protested and received water for two (2) weeks and they are thinking about doing the same this year.

365. Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah announced that he was receiving phone calls from Aaron John and Moti and other residents about the encroachment on roadway at Mendoza Drive. Since 2002 notice was served and nothing was being done and the person continued to threaten the residents in the area
366. Councillor Roy Kissoon announced that Councillor Hardial was unable to attend the meeting and asked to be excused. Also he announced that there is no water in Gandhi Village.
367. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that the Pandavas would be hosting a three nights Vishnu Puran Desh Yagna at Palmiste National Park from 01 – 03 March, 2007 followed by Pagwa celebrations. The President of the Republic would be the guest speaker on the first night and other distinguished leaders along with the public are also invited.

He stressed that the stage forms should be transported to the site and the health gang be assigned to clean up on Monday after.

368. Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that Park Avenue was not receiving truck borne water although it is in the schedule, and other areas include Transfer Village, Dignity, high points in Congo Village, Ramai Trace, Lalbeharry Trace, Mahadeo Trace, Ragbir Trace, Boodoo Trace, Laltoo Trace and several other roads and traces that continue to suffer for a lack of water. He also announced that over the last 2 – 3 weeks, 15- 20 trucks were transporting earthfill via Lalbeharry Trace into Ramai Trace and Ragbir Trace.
369. The AO II announced that the Chief Executive Officer was attending another meeting and asked to be excused.

370. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH [6TH] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Statutory Meeting held on January 30, 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: -

[i]PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

371. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal. B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be adopted.

372. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal. B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-36 of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be accepted.

373. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-36 of the Seventh [7th] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be adopted.

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

374. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be adopted.

375. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be accepted.

376. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Seventh [7th] Public Health Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

377. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

378. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions.

1. *Recommendations #16: - "Following an investigation by Members of Council, by Minutes dated February 26, 2007, it was found that allegations made against Transport Foreman, Grafton Alexander, was unfounded and the investigation carried out by Administration was flawed. It is recommended that action be taken against complainant, Newton Joseph, and those who were responsible for conducting this flawed investigation. It is also recommended that Grafton Alexander be reinstated to his original position as transport Foreman with immediate effect."*
2. *Minutes of the Special Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 26, 2007*

379. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-15 of the Seventh [7th] Personnel Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted subject to the abovementioned inclusions.

[iv] FINANCE, PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

380. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be adopted.

381. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions:-

1. *Recommendations #1-2 - Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007*
2. *Recommendations #1-5 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.*
3. *Recommendations #1-8 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.*
4. *Recommendation #1 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.*

382. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-16 of the Seventh [7th] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be adopted subject to the above mentioned inclusions.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

383. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 .**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

384. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be accepted.

385. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Festivals Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

386. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

387. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendation Nos. 1-5 of the Seventh [7th] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be accepted.

388. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Seventh [7th] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-5 of the Seventh [7th] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2007 be adopted.

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

389. **Adoption of the Minutes the Sixth [6th] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

390. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be accepted.

391. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1- 4 of the Seventh [7th] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted.

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

392. **Adoption of Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be adopted.

393. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be accepted.

394. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Seventh [7th] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on February 06, 2007 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

395. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

396. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Seventh [7th] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be accepted.

397. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-12 of the Seventh [7th] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be adopted.

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

398. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be adopted.

399. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Community Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be accepted.

400. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-9 of the Seventh [7th]

Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on February 08, 2007 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

401. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2006.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

402. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be accepted.

403. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-4 of the Seventh [7th] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

404. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Sixth [6th] Building Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be adopted.

405. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED:- Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be accepted with the unmentioned inclusion.

[i] Building Plan and Layout Plan applications Nos. 1 to 2 dated 30/01/07 in favour of Chanardeo Singh and others.

406. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007.**

RESOLVED: - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Seventh [7th] Building Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2007 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusion.

407. **CORRESPONDENCE: -** **NIL**
408. **MATTERS REFERRED: -** **NIL**
409. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: -** **NIL**
410. **REPORTS AND REPLIES: -** **NIL**
411. **PETITIONS: -** **NIL**
412. **QUESTIONS: -**

Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan enquired about the status of truck borne water.

The Public Health Inspector III informed that Truck Borne Water commenced on Thursday 15, February 2007, however only seven trucks reported for work on that day. Eventually twenty (20) trucks took up the awards and he was able to get two (2) additional working days in order to satisfy all the areas. Only on Monday 26 February 2007 all areas could be serviced.

Councillor Premchand Sookoo stated that up to the Sunday, Park Avenue and Congo Village were not receiving truck borne water and Ramdhanie Trace received twice. The truck for Area 39 was giving water outside the area and residents from everywhere kept calling him for water. He said if there is any shortfall to please have it corrected because everyone deserved a water supply.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh commented that he received phone calls that checkers were not allowed to sign the register at the hydrant. Since there was no policy regarding signing of register all Checkers who reported for work should be paid.

The Public Health Inspector remarked that all the Checkers were paid and subsequently the fortnightly list of workers would be done from the PIRO Section.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy reminded Members that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah, as Chairman of Public Health Committee and Councillor Premchand Sookoo, as Vice Chairman have the authority to visit the hydrant at all times.

- 413 **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: -** **NIL**
414. **MOTION: -** **NIL**

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS: -

415. **Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah made the undermentioned comments/requests: -**

- [i] Before 2002 the former Alderman Patricia Grant, brought up the issue and, since then, the Building Inspector, County Superintendent and Survey Technician served Notices to Mr. Valmiki of Mendoza Drive to remove a fence he constructed in the roadway but nothing was done since then. He asked if the Corporation was waiting for someone to be injured before something gets done. People were continually calling him about the abusive treatment meted out to them by Mr. Valmiki.
- [ii] Six weeks ago as Chairman of Public Health, he requested a meeting with the Public Health Inspector but this had not happened yet. Also as Chairman of Public Health, he felt the Public Health Inspector did not give him the respect, for instance he wasn't even informed about the commencement of truck borne water commencement nor rat baiting.
- [iii] His bills were not paid because the Chief Executive Officer told Council that he was cutting grass and heard a public announcement about a political meeting held by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah. However the Chief Executive Officer gave a cheque to a contractor before completion of the work and he said the contractor required the cheque because his family was going abroad. Only when he was questioned about this then a letter was produced. The Chief Executive Officer went ahead and transferred the Transport Foreman based on allegations but nothing was done about the allegations on the Work Supervisor.
He said all these are double standards.

Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy again reminded everyone that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah is Chairman of Public Health Committee and if he requested a meeting with the PHI, then it must be entertained. Administration to arrange a meeting with Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and the Public Health Inspector within seven (7) days. Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah to indicate an agenda inclusive of "other business." He said the same policy should be adopted for Chairman of all Committees.

The Chairman also stated that he indicated to the Chief Executive Officer that Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah felt he was being bypassed in the conduct of his business.

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

- [i] Thanked the Ministry of Works for a good job in cleaning the drains along Clarke Road.
- [ii] Thanked those who were responsible for repairing the landslip in Clarke Road.
- [iii] He had to speak on the radio about the water problems faced by the residents. He requested another meeting with WASA - (Wayne Joseph) as early as possible or else the residents may have to take protest action against WASA.
- [iv] A drain was being constructed in Dookie Street and the materials were dropped dangerously on the roadway. Without any caution signs serious accidents could occur.
- [v] Complaints from outside the Councillors' district were referred to them and some guidance regarding the boundaries should be given to the complaints personnel.
- [vi] The Transport Foreman was transferred from his post because of allegations. However many other complaints came about other workers but not one was investigated. Mr. Alexander is one

of the most approachable and co-operative workers and he was targeted because of allegations made against him. Not even the County Superintendent nor the Inspector of Police were aware of the matter, leading one to assume that there is some sort of sabotage. He hoped what happened to the Officer can be reversed.

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

- [i] An IRIAD job in Woodland was completed but the materials remained stored on the people's premises.
- [ii] The outfall drains leading into the Caroni lands needed to be cleared.
- [iii] Trinity Asphalt Pavers continued to destroy the roadway along with resident's premises, leaving the area in a very deplorable condition. He wanted some photos taken out of the place.
- [iv] Reminded everyone that he would need the backhoe and backfill for the Self Help water project at Hermitage.
- [v] API had promised to restore the roadway from the Ring Road to La Fortune on completion of their project of running lines, but this has not yet been done.

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

- [i] Congratulated Councillor Diptee Ramnath on his marriage.
- [ii] This Administration building was deemed unsafe by the OSHA Committee, however, for the length of time recommendations were made to move out, it seemed that Administration was not putting things in place as swiftly as needed.
- [iii] He never complained about the Transport Foreman, Mr. Alexander but about the lack of resources in the section. One casual employee was trying to destroy the entire organization. Everyone except Mr. Alexander was interviewed but only Mr. Alexander was transferred without any investigations and this put the Council in a position where it is open for lawsuit. He strongly felt it was a case of victimization.
- [iv] At the last statutory meeting he commented on a serious situation in Palmiste Boulevard but nothing was done and no reason given. The Act 21/1990 is very clear about blockage of roadway.
- [v] A pharmacy located at Palmiste junction was installing signs throughout Palmiste advertising its business. This practice has to be stopped immediately because residents were complaining.
- [vi] He also spoke about rat infestation in Palmiste area but got no response to date.

- [vii] Since the inception of Council the issue of stray dog was brought up but nothing was done to date.
- [viii] The Minister needed to be aware that he indicated that the Palmiste sewer system would be fixed. In the meantime the residents and school children of the Cedar Grove Primary School continue to live under those hazardous conditions.
- [ix] The Minister should also be reminded of his promise for the Barrackpore market when he said to submit a proposal and he would release funds.
- [x] A meeting was held with the Palmiste Park Committee, T.& T.E.C. & Self Help Commission and certain commitments were made such as lights in the jogging track and the Boulevard, lights to Pinard Court, Hillpiece Recreation Ground and others, however nothing has been done to date.
- [xi] Request one tractor to grade the roadway from the jogging track to clear vegetation that is posing a security threat. He was told that the jogging track would be extended.
- [xii] Wished Councillor Rampersad Hardial speedy recovery and requested a card be sent.

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

- [i] Extended speedy recovery to Councillor Rampersad Hardial.
- [ii] Requested one trip of water to #1 Goodman Trace and water to Quarry Road, Morne Diablo.
- [iii] Requested transport to Port of Spain for a visit to the Minister of Local Government.
- [iv] While they were told that everything was working well with truck borne water distribution, some traces such as Jagroop Trace were still not receiving water.
- [v] Mendoza Drive needed to have a turning point.

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

Sometime last year he moved a motion of 'no confidence' in the Chief Executive Officer, but he was adding to that the incompetence and inability of the Chief Executive Officer to deal with matters. All things were put in place for the implementation of a dog catching unit but, like others, any item that impacts on the life of the burgesses was handled foolishly by the Chief Executive Officer.

Recent acting arrangements in the Health section was working very well, but the Chief Executive Officer transferred people from the position they deserve to be in leaving them demotivated. Again the Chief Executive Officer was showing his incompetence and inability to administer.

There are so many references in terms of non delivery of services by administration and that was the reason why he always says he gets more done out of Committee stage because the Chief Executive

Officer, who knows what has to be done, tries to stifle and frustrate Council. All works that were done in his electoral district was put in the Programme of Works and approved at meetings.

He reinforced the point that he has no confidence in the Chief Executive Officer who is deliberately trying to make the Council look bad, as clearly evidenced by the handling of the Transport Foreman issue.

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

- [i] Many of the truck borne water contractors who were delinquent last year were again given contracts this year. He asked why was Cuchawan Trace receiving water from a truck assigned to Bunsee Trace.
- [ii] Estimates kept coming for Council's approval but no place of shelter were provided for the workers at the water hydrant nor were any toilet facilities provided. At least a park disposal unit should be provided.
- [iii] The gang structure needed to be revisited in order to avoid duplication.

422. **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chairman reminded all about the prayer session at Palmiste, which would be followed by Phagwa celebrations at various venues around the country.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attendance and terminated the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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