

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH [6<sup>TH</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2007] TERM HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2007 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL #4 DOOKIE STREET, PENAL**

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -**

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| 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 | Rampersad Hardial    | Rochard/Barrackpore East                   |
| Councillor | Willvan Ramlakhan    | Penal                                      |
| Councillor | Sonnylal B. Manwah   | Union Hall/Bronte                          |
| Councillor | Carl Dabideen        | Debe West                                  |
| Alderman   | Roland A. Hall       |  |

**MEMBER OF COUNCIL ABSENT:-**

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| Councillor | Diptee Ramnath | Quinam/Morne Diablo |
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**MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:-**

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| Mr. | L. Espinoza      | Chief Executive Officer                |
| Ms. | T. Deodath       | Administrative Officer II              |
| Ms. | L. Lalgee        | Financial Officer                      |
| Mr. | R. Mahadeo       | Accountant                             |
| Mr. | A. Ramnarace     | Building Inspector                     |
| Mr. | J. Marfan        | Works Supervisor I                     |
| Mr. | K. King          | Inspector – Municipal Police           |
| Ms. | L. Chandoo Singh | Personnel Industrial Relations Officer |
| Mr. | R. Loknath       | Planning Officer                       |
| Mr. | S. Heru          | County Superintendent                  |
| Ms. | R. Ganga Persad  | Clerk IV                               |
| Ms. | K. Ramlogan      | Clerk II                               |
| Mr. | S. Sinanan       | Clerk I                                |
| Mr. | M. Ramdeo        | Constable Municipal Police             |
| Mr. | Ramdial          | Member of the Public                   |

299. At 9:15 a.m. Municipal Police Constable M. Ramdeo, announced the arrival of the Chairman of Council, Alderman Allen Sammy.

300. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan led in prayer.

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

The chairman welcomed all to the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Statutory Meeting.

302. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

The Chairman announced:-

[i] The cricket match between Trinidad & Tobago and the Windward Islands at Wilson Road Recreation Ground on Friday 02, February, 2007 would start at 9:30 a.m. and a special tent would be provided for invitees. The President of the Republic was expected to arrive by 1:00 p.m. All arrangements were still being finalized.

[ii] He complimented the Chief Executive Officer and his crew on their expeditious work with regards to submission of estimates for the Cuchawan Trace landslip.

302. Councillor Sookoo stated his disappointment that not one recreation ground in Penal/Debe had received red sand for this cricket season.

303. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan announced that the function held for the opening of Teemul Trace bridge and the water project was successful.

Also he along with the Sport Club were very pleased with the pavilion built in the Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground. It was one of the best jobs done in the Corporation and the quality of work that should be expected. He reminded Members of his request for \$5,000.00 towards the opening which will take place over the Easter Weekend and would like to include one (1) tank of water to be delivered.

305. Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that a meeting was held with members of the Southern Police Division and other National Security Officials and a follow-up meeting would be held on February 08, 2007 where the Commissioner of Police was expected to attend.

306. Councillor Roy Kissoon announced that the La Fortune Recreation Ground needed to be cut for the cricket season. Also the Water & Sewerage Authority and the residents of Hermitage Village would be meeting regarding the Self Help Water Project, on February 05, 2007 and there would be a cost of \$500.00 for refreshments.

307. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTH [5<sup>TH</sup>] STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Statutory Meeting held on December 14, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: -**

**[i]PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

308. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006 be adopted.

309. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-35 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be accepted.

310. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-35 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be adopted.

**[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

311. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be adopted.

312. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be accepted.

313. **Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be adopted.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

314. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be adopted.

315. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be accepted.

316. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-19 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

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

317. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be adopted.

318. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be accepted with the undermentioned inclusions:-

1. *Recommendations #1-5 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007.*
2. *Recommendations #1-10 made at the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007.*

319. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-14 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be adopted subject to the above mentioned inclusions.

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

320. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be adopted.

321. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 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 Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be accepted.

322. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 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 Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

323. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be adopted.

324. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 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 Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be accepted.

325. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 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 Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007 be adopted.

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

326. **Adoption of the Minutes the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be adopted.

327. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be accepted.

328. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Alderman Roland Hall and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

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

329. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006 be adopted.

330. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be accepted.

331. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on January 09, 2007 be adopted.

[ix] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

332. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be adopted.

333. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be accepted.

334. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-12 of the Six [6<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

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

335. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be adopted.

336. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Community Meeting held on January 11, 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 Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be accepted.

337. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] 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 Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-8 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on January 11, 2007 be adopted.

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

338. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 07 2006 be adopted.

339. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [6<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held January 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be accepted.

340. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-2 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2007 be adopted.

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

341. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be adopted.

342. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be accepted with the unmentioned inclusion.

- (i) *Building Plan applications Nos. 1 to 10 dated 30/01/07 in favour of Sheldon Ramlogan and others.*
- (ii) *Layout Plan applications Nos. 1 to 2 dated 30/01/07 in favour of Boodoo Rajaran and others.*

343. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development 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 Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-4 of the Sixth [6<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2007 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions.

344. **CORRESPONDENCE:-**

- [i] Letter dated January 26, 2007 from Metronames Sports & Cultural Club re: access to the storeroom at Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground on Sunday 04, February 2007 be approved.
- [ii] Letter dated January 12, 2007 from Dayanand Memorial Vedic School re: thanking the Corporation in repairing a pothole – be noted.

[iii] Memorandum dated January 16, 2007 from Chief Executive Officer re: submission of requirements for inclusions in the Draft Estimate 2007/2008 – be noted.

345. **MATTERS REFERRED:-** **NIL**

346. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS:** **NIL**

347. **REPORTS AND REPLIES:-**  
Memorandum dated 29/01/07 from Chief Executive Officer. Re: The position Storekeeper be noted.

348. **PETITIONS:** **NIL**

349. **QUESTIONS:** **NIL**

350. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:** **NIL**

351. **MOTION:**

352. **MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR PREMNATH BOODOOSINGH**

Whereas over [100] One Hundred residents of Hillpiece Village have signed a Petition to rename a trace situated in Hillpiece Village identified as Estate Trace to Coonan Ramdial Drive.

And whereas the said Estate Trace has been in existence for over [100] one hundred years and is used by residents of Hillpiece Village

And whereas there are several traces named Estate Trace throughout the electoral District of Palmiste and the Region of Penal/Debe.

And whereas the said Estate Trace has been maintained by the Ramdial family over the years.

And whereas pursuant to the provisions of Act 21/1990 and the power vested in the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the naming of Streets.

Be it Resolved that the said Estate Trace be named Coonan Ramdial Drive in pursuant of the power vested by Act 21/1990 to the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation.

And Further be it Resolved that the Penal Debe Regional Corporation prepare a Street Sign named Coonan Ramdial Drive and install on the said street identified as Estate Trace.

And Further be it Resolved that the said Estate Trace be surveyed by the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation to clearly identify the boundaries of the said roadway to be named Coonan Ramdial Drive.

And further be it Resolved that the said street be opened by the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation so that residents can have full access to use the said roadway to be identified as Coonan Ramdial Drive.

353. [i] **Comments made by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah:-**

Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah stated that, while he congratulated Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh on moving the motion, we have to be very cautious when the technical officers, such as the Survey Technician, cannot be trusted because he was giving false information to the public causing embarrassment to the Councillors. All plans were approved by Town & Country Planning Division and the Corporation and Notices were already served to the people but to date nothing was done. He wondered if someone was doing things for their own benefit.

[ii] **Comments made by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh:-**

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh stated that the Motion was simple and many people from different backgrounds, and who have identified with the family over the years, have signed the motion. Estate trace was approved by all the agencies but recently one resident blocked off the street and denied access to the other residents.

He said he had a problem with the Corporation's surveyor because he had been ill advising people and even brought a map to Members of Council which is a water map of the development and which has no relation to the motion.

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh gave a back ground of the Ramdial family and their contribution to society. Recently a member of the Ramdial family was granted all approvals for a golf course but was frustrated in every turn by the Corporation, especially by the Surveyor who was misleading the people about land developments in that area. It was his view that money was passed to prevent the man from developing his land because people were tampering with the legal documents. He found it strange that the Survey Technician was present for the meeting and asked that the Survey Technician not have any input on this matter. There was a gate that was erected preventing the residents from entering into their property which he brought it up many times at council meetings to have the gate removed. The County Superintendent, when asked to deal with the matter drew a map of the roadway on a paper and tried to mislead the Councillor. People in Penal/Debe Regional Corporation who break the law get away with it because they know someone. He made it clear that most of his votes came from Hillpiece and if need be, he was willing to go to every resident to sign the petition.

He said there was a poor man in Penal Rock Road where the Surveyor served a Notice without Council having any input and these are serious matters. He asked that a sign is erected to read Coonan Ramdial Drive. All arrangements were already made for the sod turning of the golf course but because of Penal/Debe this may not happen and Penal/Debe is fully to be blamed for not having this golf course. He should have brought the Motion long before and asked Members of Council to support the Motion.

**RESOLVED:** - Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah that the above Motion be approved.

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS: -**

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

- [i] Neil Ramesar, a grocery owner of Rochard Road told him that the scavenging truck does not pick up his garbage because he refused to give two workers two smalta. The workers took the smalta and when the owner asked for payment they refused.
- [ii] Enquired when the Truck Borne Water distribution would start because pipe borne water supply was critical in his area.
- [iii] Rat infestation in Rochard Road in the vicinity of the cemetery.
- [iv] Enquired about delivery of red sand for cricket pitches. The cricket season has already started and some matches had to be cancelled.

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

- [i] At 2003 Local Government Campaign he was debarred from the Lachoos Road area but because of the pavilion at Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Ground he is welcomed. He thanked the other Members of Council for their contribution toward the completion of the project.
- [ii] Thanked the Chairman and Councillor Premchand Sookoo for attending the function for the opening of Teemul Trace bridge and water project. The design of the bridge, however needed some work.
- [iii] Recommended that Mr. Chandath Popo be given the chance to act in the Post of Workshop Foreman since the post is vacant due to the passing of Mr. E. Dowlath.
- [iv] People were asking when the Truck Borne Water Distribution would start since pipe borne water remained the scarcest commodity in his electoral district.
- [v] This Government is on the verge of collapse when dealing with crime and urged people to be very careful during the carnival season.
- [vi] With regards to the health sector the television advertisement are very misleading since on a daily basis people are not receiving care or medications.

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

- [i] The Hermitage Self Help Water Project was scheduled to start on February 05, 2007 and he asked for the backhoe and a truck to assist.
- [ii] Reminded Secretariat to write to Trinity Asphalt Pavers who are destroying the area. The people already lost their jobs from Caroni and now their houses were being threatened.
- [iii] The Estate Management Business Development Company Ltd. [E.M.B.D.C.] are always making excuses not to meet with the Corporation. Over 3 1/2 years he has been asking for the Lagoon Cemetery to be established. Recreation Grounds have been taken away and nothing were being replaced.
- [iv] The Water & Sewerage Authority was running lines along the road after he fixed the roadway and he needed to know `what they are doing to restore the roadway.
- [v] The picnic sites in Woodland were very popular sites however, Petrotrin has installed gates blocking off the entrances.
- [vi] Gave support to the Motion.

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

- [i] Very little was being done in his electoral district by the County Superintendent and Work Supervisor I and wondered if this is victimization because they do not put any work in the Programme of Works for his District.
- [ii] Estimate for a concrete practice strip in the Sugar Road Bronte Recreation Ground was submitted but nothing was done.
- [iii] The Survey Technician surveyed a wall built in a drain reserve in Golconda Settlement and nothing was done since.
- [iv] The Survey Technician and Building Inspector I were serving Notices to residents in Beckles Street, Mendoza Drive & Sir Lamont Avenue.
- [v] The cadastral sheet provided by the Survey Technician and that provided by residents are different.
- [vi] Was invited to a graduation ceremony at the Esperance Regional Complex and he would be providing 75 snack boxes.

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

- [i] Extended sympathy to the family of the late Dowlat and thanked workers who assisted the Workshop Foreman especially the Transport Foreman.
- [ii] Congratulated Councillor Diptee Ramnath on his upcoming wedding on February 04, 2007.
- [iii] A meeting on crime was held and a follow up meeting would be held on February 08, 2007. From that meeting many issues were raised especially loitering in the Palmiste Park and he was asked to talk to the Park Committee.
- [iv] Complimented the Accounts Section in working with the financial policy guidelines, which were proving to be very successful.
- [v] Attending meetings were becoming a waste of time because decisions were made but nothing gets done. Repeatedly he asked for the removal of a galvanize structure in Palmiste Boulevard that is posing a threat to the public but nothing is done about it to date.
- [vi] A corporate sponsor was willing to donate money towards construction of a pavilion at Hillpiece Recreation Ground but the Surveyor and the Works Supervisor are keeping them back.
- [vii] Clubs have been calling him for sand for cricket pitches.
- [viii] Palmiste Sewer system is overflowing and affecting the school and residents. County Medical Officer of Health Department was notified and when that report comes he hoped everything would be done to alleviate this health hazard.
- [ix] Has a request for renaming of two more streets.
- [x] Ken Lennard called to have the drain next to his place cleared but nothing was done.
- [xi] Repeatedly he raised the issue of rat infestation. People are affected and even an unconfirmed death and he cannot get an update on the baiting of the area.
- [xii] Copy of the contract document for Pinard Court recreation ground be made available to him.

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

- [i] Repeated again that Committees are not functioning, as evidenced by him getting more work done outside of the Committee stage by liaising directly with the Technical Offices.

- [ii] The Ministry of National Security is extremely aware of the crime situation in the country and is contributing to it. Their method of operation is to shut up or be dealt with.
- [iii] The wetlands such as Othahiete and Maracas were being destroyed by the Government to build smelter plants, despite objections from the people and communities.

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

- [i] No garbage was collected along Gopie Trace on January 29, 2007
- [ii] It was alleged that the Corporation collected two new trucks from Diamond Motors and the hoists were not working and had to be returned.
- [iii] It was reported in the newspaper that several streets in Port-Of-Spain would be upgraded by PURE and wondered if the same could apply to the Corporation.
- [iv] The Corporation was fortunate to have a Planning Officer and he would like to know of his plans for the Corporation
- [v] He was surprised that he Minister of Agriculture was telling cane farmers that they should talk to the Sugar Manufacturing Company for an increase in prices. The Prime Minister was saying that this would be the last year for reaping sugar cane.

360. **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

- [i] Extend his sympathy to the families of the two deceased employees, Ezekiel Dowlat and Ragbir Ramcharan and requested that sympathy cards be sent to both families.
- [ii] Requested a report for Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting on the two new trucks.
- [iii] Reminded everyone of the cricket match on Friday February 02, 2007.
- [iv] Extended congratulations to Councillor Diptee Ramnath on his forthcoming marriage

Thanked everyone for their co-operation and terminated the meeting at 12:00 noon.

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*Chairman*  
*Statutory Meeting*











241. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 05, 2006.**

**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 December 05, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: -**

242. **[i]PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE Adoption of the Minutes 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 Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on November 07, 2006 be adopted.

243. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-25 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006 be accepted with the undermentioned amendment:

*Recommendation #18 should read "Letters be sent to Food Basket Supermarket, Penal and Sting night club La Romaine informing them that they are operating in contravention to the law and that they should correct the situation by immediately obtaining the necessary approvals. Failure to do so*

will result in further legal action by the Corporation and the Corporation will not be responsible for any public liability issues in the meanwhile.”

244.. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-25 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Physical Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006 be adopted subject to the abovementioned amendment .

[ii] **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

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

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be adopted.

246. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 to be accepted pending the undermentioned amendment:-

*Recommendation #7: To delete ‘at’ and insert ‘adjacent to’*

*Recommendation #9: Line 2: to delete ‘has refused’ and insert ‘cannot’ and to include” because it does not fall under his jurisdiction and even if so directed, he does not have the manpower.”*

**Adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Public Health Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be adopted subject to the abovementioned amendment.

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

248. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Sonnylal Manwah that the Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be adopted.

249. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be accepted.

250. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Sonnylal Manwah that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be adopted.

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

251. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Roy Kissoon that the Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006 be adopted.

252. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be accepted with the exception of #2 and #3.

253. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-20 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be adopted subject to the above mentioned exceptions.

254. **RESOLVED:-** On a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that Recommendations Nos. 2 and 3 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be accepted.

**For-** Alderman Dr. Allen Sammy, Councillor Premchand Sookoo, Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan, Councillor Roy Kissoon, Councillor Sonnylal B. Manwah, Alderman Roland A. Hall.

**Against** –Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and Councillor Carl Dabideen.

**Abstain** -Councillor Diptee Ramnath, not present at Finance Meeting.

**Majority carried.**

255. **RESOLVED:-** On a motion moved by Councillor Premchand Sookoo and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 2 and 3 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be adopted.

### **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

256. **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 Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be adopted.

257. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos.1-6 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be accepted.

258. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-6 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be adopted.

### [vii] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

259. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be adopted.

260. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Heritage and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**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 Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be accepted.

261. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Heritage & Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Rampersad Hardial and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-3 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Heritage, and Tourism Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be adopted.

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

262. **Adoption of the Minutes the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison and 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 Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Citizen Liaison and Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be adopted.

263. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**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 Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be accepted.

264. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**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 Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Youth, Citizen Liaison & Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be adopted.

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

265. **Adoption of Minutes of the Fifth [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 Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on November 09, 2006 be adopted.

266. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held December 04, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006 be accepted.

267. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-12 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Communication, Security & Safety Committee Meeting held on December 04, 2006 be adopted.

[x] **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

268. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Alderman Roland A. Hall that the Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006 be adopted.

269. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland A. Hall that the Reports & Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be accepted.

270. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Alderman Roland A. Hall that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be adopted.

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

271. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on November 17, 2006 be adopted.

272. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Community Meeting held on December 06, 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 Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be accepted.

273. **Adoption of Reports Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 06, 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 Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Planning, the Environment and Regional Development Committee Meeting held on December 06, 2006 be adopted.

[xii] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

274. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Minutes of the Fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2006 be adopted.

275. **Presentation of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be accepted.

276. **Adoption of Reports & Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Roy Kissoon and seconded by Councillor Rampersad Hardial that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Gender Development Committee Meeting held on December 07, 2006 be adopted.

[xiii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

277. **Adoption of the Minutes 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 Minutes of the Third [3<sup>rd</sup>] Festivals Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be adopted.

278. **Presentation of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006.**

**RESOLVED:-** Unanimously on a motion moved by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan and seconded by Councillor Roy Kissoon that the Reports and Recommendations Nos. 1-10 of the Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be accepted with the unmentioned inclusion.

- (i) Building Plan applications Nos. 1 to 4 dated December 12, 2006 in favor of Ramana Reingoo and others.
- (ii) Layout Plan applications Nos. 1 to 5 dated December 12, 2006 in favor of Robin Raju and others.
- (iii) Building plan and layout application Nos. 1 to 3 dated December 05, 2006 in favour of Selwyn Persad and others.
- (iv) Building Plan #143/06 i.f.o. Dunstar Lodge at Lot A6 Moolai Trace, Penal Quinam Road
- (v) Building Plan i.f.o. Penal Properties Ltd for provisional approval.

279. **Adoption of Reports and Recommendations of the Fifth [5<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 Fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] Building Committee Meeting held on December 05, 2006 be adopted with the above mentioned inclusions.

280. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**

- (i) From Chairman's Office dated 12/12/06 to Minister of Local Government. re: request for resources for flood relief.- be noted
- (ii) From Risk Management Ltd dated 30/11/06. Re: 2007 Premium indicators - be approved for payment.

281. **MATTERS REFERRED:- NIL**

282. **PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS: NIL**

**REPORTS AND REPLIES**

283. Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan reported that the jogging tract at the Apollo Recreation Ground was completed and would be officially opened on December 30, 2006 at 9:00 am and would incur a cost of \$500.00. He thanked all those who assisted, especially the Work Supervisor and the Transport Foreman and invited everyone to view the project.’

At 11:10 am on a resolution moved by Councillor Diptee Ramnath and seconded by Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan the meeting be adjourned to discuss the flooding situation in Penal/Debe.

At 11:40 am meeting resumed.

**RESOLVED:-** Administration prepare a document to be sent to the Minister of Local Government quantifying the needs of all the Districts. Meanwhile, the Chairman will inform the Minister that the document would be forthcoming and that two million dollars was needed immediately. Also request should be made for additional manpower resources. Further P.A. systems be sent out to the affected areas informing residents to indicate their need for spraying, cesspit cleaning and baiting. Also advising residents how to proceed in respect of crops and livestock loss.

284. **PETITIONS: NIL**

285. **QUESTIONS: NIL**

286. **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: NIL**

287. **MOTION: NIL**

**OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS**

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

1. After seeing the amount of damages done by the flooding he was sure that a Decentralized Disaster Preparedness Plan would have been able to deal with the situation. He was totally shocked that there was no report for the meeting. He enquired who from Administration was addressing the problem and what was done on the matter. He hadn't received any Decentralized Disaster Preparedness Plan and he doesn't know if any was existing nor if Penal/Debe was ready to deal with a flood or any other disaster.
2. He enquired if a needs evaluation was done prior to the purchase of fans for the Penal market or the cost to install those fifty industrial fans or if the electricity could supply the necessary voltage.
3. Approval for a \$5000.00 variation for the Penal market was brought to Council after the job was completed. Administration brought this to the Chairman of Council and not to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.
4. The former PIRO, who breached the entire system, went ahead and hired workers and not one Member of Council was given the opportunity to recommend anyone. An employee working for 25-30 years cannot get their child employed.
5. Administration was purchasing items outside of the bonded contracts without the notification of Council. The entire system was in total collapse. The Chief Executive Officer held a meeting without the Chairman of Finance and brought documents to the meeting for approval. What came out that meeting was a commitment for Administration to pay for fans and tiles.

6. As Chairman of Finance Committee he will not tolerate any corruption and drew reference to Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation where an attorney took up a case of corruption against senior officers. This is dangerous, and as Chairman of Finance he was willing to resign the post rather than tarnish his name.
7. 2006 was the worst year in respect of achievement and wondered if it was a plan because Members of Council would have been gone. Thousands of dollars were spent to clear drains and no one could say where the money was spent.
8. For the new year he hoped there to be more planning and welcomed the Planning Officer, although he warned him again to be cautious. They have to reflect on what was being done. He complimented Councillor Diptee Ramnath for his work towards relief of the people during the heavy flooding.
9. He had no confidence in the Chief Executive Officer and those who are in the Committee for the Decentralized Disaster Preparedness Plan since they could not put things in place to handle the flooding.
10. Hoped all things were in place for the cricket season. One group of contractors have reaped all the benefits of the Corporation and he strongly believed that there is perception of corruption.
11. Wished all a Merry Christmas especially the workers assigned to the Palmiste District as that may be his last season in Penal/Debe.

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

1. Last year's Flood Relief Programme was a failure as the money was wasted. There should not be a repeat of this for this year where equipment was caught doing other work instead of clearing the drains.
2. The recent rain brought a sea of flood waters because some simple things were not done. A funeral ceremony was affected by the flood simply because some cylinders had to be replaced but was not done. Residents lost items and do not know if anything would come of it because they received \$47.00 compensation from their last claims.
3. If that was the way the Prime Minister was treating people then he should not visit because he came the previous year so he knew the situation. He wondered if it was because the Region is UNC that the people were allowed to suffer by this PNM Government.
4. Two (2) landslides occurred along Clarke Road and no personnel from the Corporation went to assure the residents nor was any relief in terms of equipment or supplies provided to the residents who were marooned.
5. Frustrated with the actions of the Chief Executive Officer who was not willing to pay overtime in a crucial time such as this especially since there is no Decentralized Disaster Preparedness Plan.
6. Wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

290. 12:10 pm – Lunch  
1:23 pm – Resumed.

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

1. Disappointed with the County Superintendent, Work Supervisor, Road Officer and Public Health Inspector who did nothing in the Union Hall/Bronte District for the past year.
2. Letters came from residents of Bronte to cutlass and clean the cemetery but nothing was done.
3. Estimates for the concrete practice strip was submitted but nothing was done.
4. Estimates for the band stand and electrification of Retrench Recreation Ground were submitted but nothing was done.
5. Ninety (90) tonnes of hot mix were ordered for the District but only 24 tonnes were used.
6. Sealing of the box drain was not done.
7. Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

1. Water was flooding the place but residents were suffering for pipe borne water. Hope in the new year something good happens.
2. Residents from Palmiste District were calling the radio stations saying the Councillor was not working. He knew that was not so because the Councillor was trying his best and although they may lapse some time the Corporation was still the best overall.
3. Requested the County Superintendent clear the compound of the old post office building to facilitate the Penal Taxi Drivers Association's Christmas Treat.
4. Crime was becoming unbearable and instead of adding to the Municipal Police and normal Police they are taking away thus leaving the place open to the criminal and element.
5. With respect to the flooding situation, some simple things that could have been done to assist residents in their plight. If the water outlets could be cleared so the water could flow freely then these would help a great deal.
6. Had requested repairs to the wooden bridge in Katwaroo Trace but nothing was done.
7. Wished every one Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

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

1. Disappointed with the Corporation in dealing with the flooding situation. He had to make his own arrangements and expected the Corporation to have put things in place in terms of hiring additional manpower.
2. This was not the first time the farmers were affected by the floods and they are very disappointed with the compensation. The Corporation should make the extra effort to assist the farmers to get their adequate compensation.
3. Wished every one Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

1. Had a meeting with the residents of Woodland concerning the relocation of the people in the development and everyone was told a different story by the EMBDC who was constantly lying to them.
2. Trinity pavers promised to restore the roadway but as yet they continue to make excuses, meanwhile the Temple, school and the pre-school were being threatened and the residents premises were flooded out.
3. There was a newspaper advertisement informing residents to report their concerns about the construction of a cell site. When the people wrote, they were informed that their concerns were being addressed, however the cell site continued to be built.
4. Concerned about the Work Supervisor section when you consider the amount of material bought and the amount of work actually done.
5. Concerned about the delay in construction of a box drain in La Fortune Recreation Ground.
6. Requested one truck and one backhoe for a self help water project at Hermitage.
7. The major causes for the flooding in his electoral district was the clogged drains and if this was cleared the water would have place to flow especially those Caroni drains.
8. Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

1. In the spirit of the Christmas season he was pleading with his colleagues to use the money allocated for the party towards assisting the people in the Corporation.
2. He came to the conclusion that after all is said it comes down to the incompetence and unwillingness of administration to bring relief to the residents. The Chief Executive Officer was playing Councillor and decides what jobs to do and Members of Council disregard everything and approve the payments. It is the Members of Council who have the authority to put an end to this by carefully scrutinizing and examining everything that goes on before giving approval. The Members of Council were to be blamed for allowing Administration, who has no interest in the people, to have control over the Council. Members make policies and request and nothing gets done. He asked what has the Council done to help the people who were affected by the flood.

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

1. WASA invited him to the launch of the water project in Barrackpore that same day however he only received the invitation at 11:00 am for an 11:00 am programme.
2. Expressed appreciation to a Members of Council and staff for assistance and concern towards for his wife's funeral.
3. Wondered if he should wish everyone a merry crisis since many did not know where their next meal would come from.
4. Recalled when Jarrette Narine spent a month in Penal Rock Road telling residents to vote for PNM so they would get their roads and drains done. He spent 40 Million Dollars in agricultural access roads and the people of Poodai Lagoon have lost thousands in damages. The Prime Minister visited Penal/Debe and he may visit again in Rock Road bringing the same promises.

5. Members of Council should work as a team and put whatever little resources to work to ensure that Penal/Debe becomes the best organization.

6. Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

1. The Minister requested a tour of the flooded areas at 1:00pm and asked Members of Council to be present.

2. Urgent request of approximately 2.2 Million Dollars would be sent for the Minister's approval.

3. Thank Members of Council and staff for co-operation over the year and wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

298. There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2: 20 pm.

*Allen Sammy*

*Chairman*