

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH [13TH] STATUTORY MEETING [2006-2008] TERM HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2007 AT THE CORPORATION'S HALL #4 DOOKIE STREET, PENAL

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: -

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

MEMBER OF COUNCIL EXCUSED:-

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

Mr.	L. Espinoza	Chief Executive Officer
Mr.	R. Looknath	Planning Officer
Ms.	A. Ramjohn	Corporate Secretary
Ms.	L. Lalgee	Financial Officer
Mr.	C. Maharaj	Building Inspector
Mr.	G. Alexander	Transport Foreman
Mr.	K. King	Inspector – Municipal Police
Mr.	R. Badall	Public Health Inspector III
Mr.	R. Mahadeo	Accountant I
Ms.	T. Bridgelal	Accounting Assistant
Mr.	C. Popo	Workshop Foreman
Ms.	R. Ganga Persad	Clerk IV
Ms.	K. Ramlogan	Clerk II
Mr.	S. Sinanan	Clerk I

737. The meeting commenced at 9.10 a.m with a prayer was led by Councillor Roy Kissoon.

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

- [i] The Chairman welcomed all to the Thirteenth [13th] Statutory Meeting. Special welcome went out to Mr. Ramdeo Rambalack, a leading person in rice research; and the Corporate Secretary – Mrs. Amanda Ramjohn.
- [ii] He said it was important to advertise the relocation of the Administration building for the public's information and also a sign should be placed on the building.
- [iii] He asked that the Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer put things in place to receive the O.J.T.'s from upcoming Monday.
- [iv] It was incumbent that the implementation meeting be continued as scheduled every second and fourth Monday of the month and reminded Councillors that the meetings would be only for updates on recommendations and not for discussions, which would be done at Committee Meetings. The Chairman also reminded Councillors that they should become more aggressive given the responsibility that comes with their portfolio.

739. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:-**

- [i] Councillor Rampersad Hardial announced that Councillor Sonnylal Manwah asked to be excused.
- [ii] Councillor Willvan Ramlakhan complimented the Public Health Inspector III & Road Officer II for work done at the Penal Presbyterian Church compound.
- [iii] Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh announced that Mr. Bharath Deonath of 72 Hillpiece Road was diagnosed with leptospirosis [657-9674] due to rat infestation in the area. (657-9674)
- [iv] Councillor Premchand Sookoo announced that the interfaith service was scheduled for Tuesday September 04, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. and Administration was responsible for preparation.

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

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

Page 9 Item [vi] to delete line 4 & 5

Page 10 Item 729 [i] to delete "unanimously

Page 10 Item 729 [ii] to delete "unanimously

Page 10 Item 729 [iii] to delete "unanimously"

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

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

Page 1: to delete: "Premnath Sookoo" & insert "Premchand Sookoo."

Page 3: Item 5: to include (i) Estimate in the sum of \$170,000.00 to construct retaining wall for Sunkist Development & Play Park.

(ii) Estimate in the sum of \$1,094,552.26 to prepare sectional office space and car park for proposed main office.

REPORTS AND ECOMMENDATIONS

[i]PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

[ii] PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

[iii] **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

748. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Finance, Planning & Allocation of Resources Committee Meeting held on August 21, 2007.**

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

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

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

List of vouchers dated August 27, 2007

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

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

[v] **FESTIVALS COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

[vi] **HERITAGE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh requested minutes of this Committee Meeting held in the month July and not receive any.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[xi] **GENDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

[xii] **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

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

768. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**

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

Noted.

769. **MATTERS REFERRED: -** NIL

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

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

781. **PETITIONS: -** NIL

782. **QUESTIONS: -** NIL

783. **PERSONAL EXPENDITURE: -** NIL

784. **MOTION:-****IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CARL DABIDEEN**

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

AND WHEREAS: - The rice industry is in decline

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

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

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

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

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

Unanimously carried

OTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS785. **Councillor Premnath Boodoosingh made the undermentioned comments/requests:-**

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

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

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

- [ii] He went to San Fernando City Corporation with respect to a building plan, and had the opportunity to look at that system of operation. This Corporation could implement some of their procedures especially that of having the signature of the Chairman of the various Committees on documents that are sent to meetings for approval.

- [iii] There is gossip that the Chairman of the Finance Committee selects persons for contract. He made it abundantly clear that he has never been involved in the tendering process or the tenders section.

- [iv] As Chairman of Communication Committee he was not told that Tamara Silochan was leaving and did not see any document at any meeting for her replacement and he understood someone was already working in the section. Tamara was a very good worker and complimented her on her new job. He commented that all employees should become computer literate.
- [v] He noticed that workers under short term employment were paid different rates for the same position they were hired into.
- [vi] Mr. Hakim Ramjohn built a garage over a public drain blocking the public access. Although he talks about this at every statutory meeting but nothing is done about it and nothing may be done until there is a death or serious accident.
- [vii] There was a system in place where Insect Vector Control Division and the Corporation worked collaboratively but this had since been stopped and no one could answer for spraying for mosquitoes or rat baiting.
- [viii] A document was awarded for Union Hall recreation ground and no information was forthcoming as yet, nor did he get documentation with regards to work being carried out at the new building.
- [x] Complimented Jaime Harrinarine on work done at the Corporation and congratulated her on her new job.
- [ix] Complimented the workers who spent weeks under a tent and strived to get a new building.
- [ix] Hoped to get a status report from the Accounts Section and also from the Personnel & Industrial Relations Officer Section.

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

- [i] The recent showers in Penal resulted in serious flooding in the vicinity between Changoo;s Hardware & Oliverie Drive where children from a number of schools have to traverse. He addressed this issue at most meetings but no result to date.
He suggested the Corporation cut across the road from Oliverie Drive redirecting the water into the main drain. Urgent action needed to be done especially since many schools are located in the area
- [ii] Mosquito and rat infestation is terrible throughout the region and there is need to seriously look at this situation before it gets even worse.
- [iii] As Chairman of Personnel he would like more communication with the P.I.R.O. Section. However he visits the office regularly and goes into that section for updates but hardly are his enquires answered.
- [iv] Complimented the Public Health Inspector III & Road Officer II especially for work done the Penal Presbyterian Church compound and, with the little resources available to them, they were trying their utmost to bring relief to the people.
- [v] There is no replacement yet for the Workshop Foreman and again recommended Mr. Chandath Popo.

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

- [i] Requested his balance on recreation grounds be utilized to electrify Woodland recreation ground.
- [ii] The situation at Jacksingh Street remained the same. Trinity Pavers Ltd. damaged people's property and left the place unrestored. Another contractor is doing work now and he could not say who they are.

[iii]The Estate Management and Business Development Company Ltd. [E.M.B.D.C.] relocated residents but has not put any of the basic necessities for the people.

[iv] Requested a gang to clear the drains in his area because it is very difficult for the backhoe to work.

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

[i] Congratulated Jaimee & Tamara on a job well done and wished them well.

[ii] Flooding is very prevalent in Penal/Deb and so far this year there has been no serious occurrence, however, if there is persistent showers then serious flooding will occur, and, it is a total waste of funds hiring backhoe to clear water courses in the rainy season.

[iii]Under this P.N.M. Government there is no development - the roads and traces are terrible with only a very few repaired, the government boasts of billion dollar budget but Penal/Debe receives barely any.

[iv]The Corporation was boasting that the murder rate had dropped, however, he refused to talk about the rise in the other criminal activities.

[v] In his area the people are dependent on the rainy season to get a regular supply of water. There area always problems with pipe borne water supply and also with T. & T.E.C. and TSTT where the service is poor and irregular.

[vi]A contract was awarded for work in the Petrotrin Barrackpore recreation ground but hardly any work was done.

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

[i] With respect to the rat invasion in the Palmiste area, he always said the only way to alleviate the problem was to close the vending area for a period to time in order to bait the area.

[ii] Flooding continues to be a serious problem in this region and he supported all efforts to alleviate this.

[iii]Wooden bridges in his district especially, are in a terrible state with the Hope Trace & Kangaloo Trace bridge already collapsed. Everything possible needed to be done in order to assist those residents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

783 **CHAIRMAN’S CLOSING REMARKS:-**

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

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

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Chairman
Statutory Meeting

