



**1st MEETING OF 2012
33rd MEETING OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
20th JANUARY, 2012
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICES**

PRESENT: Wil Pineau Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am. It was noted at this time that the Commission only has one active member as His Excellency the Governor has not yet appointed a Chairman to replace Pastor Al after his passing and Member Julene Ebanks' term expired on 9 December, 2011. The Commission understands that His Excellency is considering which persons to appoint in these posts.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

Minutes of the previous minutes were confirmed via e-mail.

3. Outstanding Business

I. Draft Annual Report

The Commission's 2010-2011 Report will be signed as of the 31st of December, 2011 to end the 2011 Annual Year. The next report of the Commission will cover 2012 in its entirety. The cover will be changed back to the last option presented to the Commission and then the Secretariat will release the report by providing courtesy copies to His Excellency the Governor as well as the Speaker and all Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly. In addition the Honourable Chief Justice and the Director of Public Prosecutions as well as the members of the other Commissions supported by the Secretariat will receive courtesy copies. The report will simultaneously be released to the public via the press and placed on the Commission's website.

II. Crown Land Paper

The content of this paper seems to be somewhat confusing as the words "policy" and "plan" seems to be used interchangeably throughout the document. The document needs to communicate that while there are policies in place for dealing with Crown Land they are scattered throughout different Ministries and that the Cayman Islands would benefit from bringing these policies under one 'umbrella' to create a holistic plan. The paper also needs to be formatted to ensure consistency with the other reports issued by the Commission. It was further agreed to send a draft version of this paper to His Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Deputy Governor, the Honourable Attorney General and the Chief Officer for the

Ministry which deals with Crown Land issues (DAWLA) for comment before releasing the paper to the public.

- III. University College of the Cayman Islands 50/50 Conference – Self Determination Paper**

While the UK has made it clear that the only option is independence for the Cayman Islands, the Secretariat was asked to add a further section to the draft of the paper which is the recommendation of the Commission based on 1) the various presentations already made to the UN by the citizens of the Cayman Islands and 2) an evaluation of each of the self-determination options. This section would follow where the paper currently ends now. The Secretariat was also asked to check when papers were due for the conference and also whether papers would be accepted from the Commission even though they were unable to present at the conference.
- IV. Response to Policy on Civil Servants Signing Petitions**

It was noted that the Commission had the opportunity, via e-mail, to comment on the Draft Policy on Civil Servants Signing Petitions which is scheduled to be released by the Deputy Governor in the near future. Once the final version is released a copy will be placed on the Commission's website and a courtesy copy forwarded to Wendy Ledger at Cayman News Service who had made enquiries of the Commission regarding this topic during 2011.
- V. Governance Paper**

The separate sections of the appendix of this paper have been forwarded to the relevant Ministries to give them an opportunity to correct any errors the Commission may have inadvertently made. One Chief Officer asked to be provided with definitions for each of the terms used to describe the Committees and Boards. The Secretariat was asked to draft such definitions for approval by the Commission.
- VI. Suspension of Standing Orders (Notice on Bills)**

It was agreed that the Secretariat will continue to work on the content of this draft document.
- VII. E-mail from GIS**

The Commission received a follow up e-mail from Suzette Ebanks, Head of Government Information Services, after the meeting in December, 2011. Suzette has made several suggestions regarding the educational booklets and the *You and Your Government* publication. Member Wil Pineau will reply to Ms Ebanks thanking her for her assistance and asking which of the tasks GIS is able to assist the Commission with.

4. Action List

The Secretariat will:

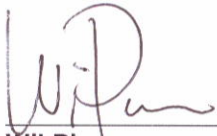
- I. release the Annual Report as detailed above;
- II. make the changes to the Crown Land paper and distribute as detailed above;
- III. make the changes to the Self-Determination paper as detailed above;
- IV. draft the definitions relevant to the Governance Paper as detailed above; and
- V. continue working on the Suspension of Standing Orders (Notice on Bills) paper.

5. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Wil Pineau
ACTING CHAIRMAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION