



**2nd MEETING OF 2013
39th MEETING OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
2 MAY, 2013
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT: David Ritch	Chairman
Sara Collins	Member
Wil Pineau	Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

2. Welcome and Thanks

The Chairman welcomed the members to the first meeting of the newly constituted Commission. He thanked Sara Collins for agreeing to continue to serve on the Commission and Wil Pineau for having remained on the Commission since its implementation.

3. New Business

a. Remit of the Commission

A general discussion was held amongst the members regarding the remit and jurisdiction of the Commission and the way in which the members would like to move forward in order to discharge those functions. Members agreed that the Commission's role was to be an active one which advised, published and promoted. It was further agreed that the Commission needed to create and clarify a vision in order to be successful in their work.

b. Promoting Open Communication

It was noted that a previous makeup of the Commission met with the Honourable Deputy Governor and Chief Officers to discuss the role of the Commission (see minutes of 14 January, 2013) however it was felt that now the Commission was under new the new Chairmanship of David Ritch, it should again engage in discussions with the Government. It was agreed that members would accompany the Chairman to a meeting with the Attorney General to discuss the same.

c. Work Plan of the Commission

Member Wil Pineau indicated that the members who made up the initial Constitutional Commission had devised a Work Plan for the Commission. It was agreed that all members would review the same and provide feedback at the next meeting.

d. Education Campaign

The Commission agreed that as a starting point it should focus on promoting awareness of the Constitution and specifically members desired to do so with young persons in our islands. It was agreed that the best way forward to begin this project is to contact the Ministry of Education to enquire as to whether the Constitution Order has been built into the national curriculum and if not whether the Ministry would be receptive to receiving information which would allow them to do so.

4. Any other Business

There was no other business.

5. Action List

Members were tasked with the following –

- a. Give consideration to the vision and direction of the newly constituted Commission; and
- b. Review the previous Work Plan of the Commission.

The Secretariat was tasked with the following –

- a. Forwarding a copy of the previous Work Plan of the Commission to all members; and
- b. Draft a letter for the Chairman to the Chief Officer of the Ministry of Education, Training and Employment regarding 3(d) above.

6. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Remit of the Commission
- b. Meeting with the Attorney General

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 13 June, 2013 in the Attorney General's Chambers at 10:00am.

8. Termination

The meeting was terminated at 11:25am.



David Ritch

CHAIRMAN

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION