

17th MEETING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION 30 NOVEMBER, 2010 CONFERENCE ROOM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PRESENT:

Wil Pineau

Julene Banks

Member.

Member

REGRETS:

Pastor Al Ebanks

Chairman

Secretariat members present:

Jason Webster

Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. A prayer was offered by a member of the Commission.

2. Selection of Acting Chairman

In accordance with section 4.1 of the Commission's Policies and Procedures Manual member Wil Pineau was chosen to act as Chairman for this meeting due to the absence of Pastor Al Ebanks.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the 9 November, 2010 meeting were confirmed and approved.

4. Update on Action List from previous minutes

It was noted that all the items listed under the 'Action List' in the minutes from the 9 November 2010 meeting were completed.

5. Outstanding Business

I. Discussion Papers

It was noted that there had been one response out of the seven initial request for discussion papers and that follow-up letters will be sent to the stakeholders giving them a further opportunity to have input on the important issues of Advisory District Councils and People-Initiated Referendums.

II. Research Paper - Governance Structure

The Commission requires research on the governance structure within the Cayman Islands Government, specifically looking at the existing advisory bodies to the Cabinet and their functions.

III. Website Development

It was agreed that the following items would be included in the "Publications" section of the website -

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- a. the minutes from the Commission's meetings;
- b.c. the Commission's reports;
- c. discussion papers;
- d. research papers;
- e. information papers; and
- f. the transcripts from the 2008-2009 Constitutional negotiations.

IV. Educational Material

- i. The Commission has expressed an interest in creating a document which would outline the history of the Cayman Islands Constitution and identified Ms. Sybil McLaughlin and Mr. Roy Bodden as members of the public with extensive knowledge on this matter who may be able to assist.
- ii. It was agreed that liaising with GIS produce a work plan for these various educational documents on the Constitution would be helpful.

6. New Business

I. CEDAW Conference

Commission Member Julene Banks attended this conference at the request of the Human Rights Commission Chairman and provided the Commission with:

- a. the overall objectives of the conference;
- b. a summary of the final report on the conference produced by the Commonwealth Foundation; and
- c. her official comments on the proceedings.

II. 2011 Calendar

The Commission requested that the Secretariat create a prospective calendar for 2011 which is to include the Commission's meeting dates and a list of dates for any international and local events which focus on constitutional matters as well as the dates of any conferences which focus on constitutional matters that they may wish to attend.

7. Action List

The Secretariat will:

- i. send follow-up letters to the stakeholders to produce discussion papers;
- ii. research the governance structure within the Cayman Islands Government;
- iii. compile the identified material for the website;
- iv. send letters to Ms. Sybil McLaughlin and Mr. Roy Bodden to determine their interest in compiling a document which would outline the history of the Cayman Islands Constitution;
- v. liaise with GIS regarding a work plan to produce educational material on the Constitution;
- vi. compile a list international and local dates which focus on constitutional matters, including the dates of any conferences.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 January 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

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