



WHITE WATER MEADOWS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes Of General Meeting

Held At the Community Entrance
June 1, 2014

Executive Members Present:

Andrea Golding -	President
Andrew Grant -	First Vice President
Peter Hutchinson -	Treasurer
Petrina Heny -	PRO
Maureen Collins -	Secretary
Nicolas Williams -	Asst. Treasurer

Executive Members Absent:

Donald Scott -	2 nd Vice President
Joan Allison -	Assistant Secretary

Non Executive Members Present:

Donald Tomlinson -	Head – Planning & Development Department
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Non Executive Members Absent:

Peter Baker -	Company Secretary
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Meeting was called to order at 5:12pm Moderator was Nicolas Williams, Assistant Treasurer. Prayer was offered by Maureen Collins.

Minutes of the last General Meeting, held on Sunday, April 27, 2014, was read by the Secretary. One correction was pointed out by Andrea Golding, that mention of contact with the Parish Council and help from the Member of Parliament, were regarding the drainage in the community, instead of road repairs.

MATTERS ARISING:

CHARITIES ACT – CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Andrew Grant advised residents that the White Water Citizens' Association had now received its official certification, based on the Charities Act. There are many benefits of having the certification which include the following:

- It makes the citizens' association more credible in all transactions.
- No income tax is paid on goods purchased as long as the certificate is presented on purchases.
- It gives the association the edge when seeking financial assistance, since the association would state that it is a registered charitable organization in advertising and requests.
- Certification last for two (2) years – up to 2016.

However, there are certain requirements to remain as a registered entity. These include the following:

- Audited financial statements must be kept.
- Minutes of Executive Committee meetings must be kept.
- Members of the Executive Committee must be fit and proper persons – free from convictions of dishonesty.
- When seeking financial assistance, it must be mentioned in documents that the association is a registered charitable entity.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Nicholas, moderator, mentioned that the time for the end of the period of reign for the current Executive Committee, is fast approaching. By August 2014, a new executive would be needed. Residents should begin to look around for suitable persons that can be nominated in all positions. Andrea Golding added that persons must not just be selected because they know them. Persons selected should be credible and willing to commit to the tasks at hand.



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UPDATE ON FUNDS:

Peter Hutchinson explained and gave out to residents written Quarterly Updates of the state of funds in the association up to May 15, 2014. Tag Drive ** Hartland Funds ** Night Out, etc. He also stated that Dues Collection continued to be low and encouraged residents to make monthly payments as the money now collected monthly cannot take care of monthly expenses. Dues collection would continue at the end of the meeting at still \$200.00 per month/ \$500.00 per quarter.

RETRO PARTY UPDATE:

Peter Hutchinson then spoke of the losses made at the Retro Party held on May 23, 2014 as a part of raising funds for the gazebo at the community center. The Executive committee had put all in place for what was anticipated as a major fund-raising activity, but did not receive much support from the residents. He further inquired from the persons present what could have been the reasons for lack of support. The following responses were given by some residents:

- Some people may not have gotten paid by then – 23/5
- White Water Meadows Citizens do not support community activities, as is shown in the small number of persons at the monthly meetings
- Location was not ideal. More persons would have responded if it was held at the entrance to the community. However other persons indicated that a dance would not be ideal at the entrance.
- The location had a tendency towards having a lot of mosquitos.
- Door to door advertising would have helped. Some people did not know about it.

Andrea Golding continued to impress upon the citizens and residents to support efforts of the Executive committee. Sometimes the committee gets discouraged. Maureen added a word of thanks to those persons who remain faithful in their support and are always at monthly meetings and activities.

DIVERSION OF FUNDS FOR ROAD REPAIRS:

Petrina Henry made the suggestion that the money that the Association currently has, should be used to fix the bad roads in the community instead of using it to build the gazebo. It is what people will remember as the efforts of the current Executive committee and what they were able to accomplish. Other residents agreed. Peter Hutchinson further read a letter from a resident which pointed out some of their concerns with the use of funds and endorsed the suggestion, as indicated also in the letter of activities being more practical than theory based. Gary, a resident further stated that the funds for the gazebo should not just be diverted to repairing the road. Other residents should be given the opportunity in making the decision to divert the funds or not. This would be done at the June meeting.

SEWAGE RATES:

Andrew Grant gave an update on the Executive committee's efforts to have the sewage rate increases proposed by Cancara Environment, changed. After having a meeting with Mr. Hardware from the company, making contact with Office of Utilities Regulations (OUR) and promises from Mr. Hardware to speak to his company board on the matter as the residents could not afford the increases of over 200% increases, there were still no changes to the sewage rate increases. The following were raised by residents present, as further actions to be taken:

1. Go through Mr. Wheatley, Member of Parliament for the area to try to address the issues.
2. Rather than individual calls, all contacts should be made through the Executive committee to make contact with relevant agencies. Donald Tomlinson had made some contact with the OUR, previously.
3. Write letter – petition – with signatures of residents on it to send to the relevant authorities.

OTHER BUSINESSES

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Some residents expressed concern about the following:

- ** Green area at Stanhope is still being used as a dumpland area. A pipeline should be placed in the front of the area to prevent vehicles from driving in and dumping garbage and debris.



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The Executive committee would look into it.

- ** There is a tree growing in the sidewalk of the park that needed to be removed.
- ** The burning of garbage in the community should be discouraged as many times debris is emitted which goes into the houses and create further cleaning problems in people's yards.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm, first by Analesia Small and seconded by Paulette Hart.

Recording Secretary: Maureen Collins

Signature

Date

Approved by: President Andrea Golding

Signature

Date