# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY PARK SUNDAY - MARCH 3, 2013

March 10, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by the secretary, Ms. Athoy Neil and prayer was offered by Sharon Muir.

## In attendance were 20 residents including the following Executive Members:

Andrea Golding - President
Andrew Grant – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
Athoy Neil - Secretary
Peter Hutchinson - Treasurer
Petrina Henry - Assistant PRO
Joan Ellison - Assistant Secretary
Donald Tomlinson - Chairman, Planning & Development Committee

#### **Absent:**

Jason Kirby – PRO Donald Scott – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Peter Baker – Company's Secretary

➤ READING OF THE MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING HELD JANURY 13, 2013
The minutes were read by our assistant PRO (Petrina Henry).

### > MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Cole said that where the materials are concerned on Basset, plans were already arranged for them. It was mentioned that the assistant secretaries name was incorrectly stated so a change was made modifying "Joan Edgar" to "Joan Ellison".

The following issues were then addressed:

### > HARTLANDS ROAD AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

a) Meeting with WIHCON Executives: - Residents were informed that members of the Executives met with a team from WIHCON at their head office and were apprised on the issue of the road and the sewage. Arising from that meeting it was learnt that the road surface would be rehabilitated from the Old Harbour Road to the proposed entrance to the new Jacaranda community. The road work is slated to start by June 2013.

They also indicated that their drainage system will include a holding pond which will be equipped with a mechanism to timely release the flow of water to the drains. This process will reduce the amount of water flowing in the drains at any one time.



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**b)** Hartlands Road Collection:- A total of \$227,176.80 was collected from residents to assist with the rehabilitation of Hartlands Road. Contributions were collected from 154 householders which amounted to just 38% of the total needed. A resident inquired if we are rethinking the scope of work, seeing that sixty percent (60%) of the road would be fixed by WIHCON. In addressing the issue, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Andrew Grant assured the residents that the Executive Committee would assess the work done by WIHCON after which a suitable course of action will be decided. Residents were also concerned about the drainage system and they were also assured that WIHCON would also be doing some drainage work in tandem with the proposed resurfacing of the road surface.

#### > ISSUES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

- a) A resident brought the issue of individuals breeding dogs which causes various unwanted odors, which prompted a response from the president asking them for the individuals responsible for these acts to cease from these activities.
- b) The president then spoke to the matter of the safety of their children by referencing an earlier incident in which two children were hit by a vehicle, resulting in them having to be rushed to the hospital.
- c) The president also spoke about the recent rapes and robberies and advised residents to be alert and to be careful when walking on the road.

## > INTRODUCTION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

1<sup>ST</sup> Vise President, Andrew Grant informed residents of the intention to set up an audit committee to review the financials of the Association and report to the residents directly. He explained that this committee would be made up of no less than three (3) persons, selected by the residents without any influence from the sitting executives. It was explained that the reason for this committee was to offer a level of transparency and accountability along with the fact that it was a requirement stated in our bylaws. It was decided that voting on this decision would take place at our next General Meeting.

#### > FINANCIALS

The financials were read and explained by our treasurer, Mr. Peter Hutchinson who pointed to the fact that the collection of Maintenance Dues for the first two quarters of the present administration amounts to only \$15,450, while on the other hand a total of \$72,239.60 was spent to maintain the Park, Entrance to the Community and the Football Field. He went on to state that this kind of imbalance cannot be sustained as we are running out of persons to ask for donations. The Purchasing a weed wacker or lawn mower was put forward as a possible solution to reduce the cost of cutting these areas.

He implored residents to make their contributions by paying the Maintenance Dues which he indicated would be reduced from \$350.00 monthly to only \$200.00. Collectors will be positioned at the entrance to the community on the last week-end of every month.

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### > PREPARATION FOR LABOUR DAY.

Residents were asked to donate to the Citizens' Association, any building material in their possession and are not needed. These materials would be used to help in the rehabilitation of the deteriorating road surfaces within the community. Materials needed are steel, gravel, sand, cement, paint, dust masks, brushes, paintbrushes, garbage bags etc. Other projects slated for Labour Day will be made known to the residents soon.

The meeting was adjourned by Athoy Neil at 6:20pm after the motion was moved by Donald Tomlinson and seconded by Ms. Bowers.

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8	Athoy Neil (Secretary)	Date
Approved by:		
An	drea Golding (President)	Date