

## **Minutes for Whitewater Meadows General Meeting**

**Held: May 18, 2025**

**4:30pm- 6:50pm**

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### **Quick recap**

The community meeting covered financial updates, feedback on the Cake Sale and concerns about maintenance dues collection, along with plans for an upcoming tag drive fundraiser aimed at road repairs. Various infrastructure issues were discussed, including road work preparation, housing scheme handover complications, and a beautification project for Labor Day. The conversation ended with discussions about community leadership transitions, the need for proper resident screening, and ongoing challenges with road repairs and street lighting, with the MP committing to address these concerns through proper channels.

### **Next steps**

- Executive Team: Identify and train new President, Vice President, and Treasurer before July 31st end of term.
- Residents: Attend Labor Day project and assist with painting/beautification work starting at 7am.
- Leon Royal: Help with purchasing paint and supplies for Labor Day project.
- Devon: Contact MP Dr. Wheatley regarding donation of paints for Labor Day and material contributions
- Citizens Association: Write a formal letter to Cancara Developers regarding scheme handover issues.
- Jennifer Hull: Make representation for additional streetlights from Old Harbour Road to Heartland Road
- MP Dr. Wheatley: Review and allocate two million dollars for additional road repairs in Whitewater community.
- MP Dr. Wheatley: Discuss with Parish Council regarding the demolished community wall issue.
- Devon: Send wall documentation to MP Andrew Wheatley via WhatsApp for review.
- Devon: Send WhatsApp message to Andrew with the name of the road that needs repair (Standhope Road).
- Dillon: Follow up on executive position nominations through WhatsApp group this week.

- Clifton Thomas: Discuss Vice President roles and responsibilities with Devon.
- Executive Team: Extend invitation to Kurt Matthews for next general meeting.
- Community Members: Stop dumping items at the front of scheme and dispose of garbage properly in designated areas.
- Devon: Contact Mr. Gilpin regarding planting palm trees if enough volunteers show up to dig holes.
- Marshanna: Follow up with host administrator regarding paint donation.
- Jennifer: Follow up with Andrew to make the road repair a priority.
- Devon: Send out meeting minutes to residents.

## **Summaries**

### **Community Meeting Financial Update**

The community meeting began with Devon introducing the agenda and emphasizing the importance of participant engagement. Kimberly led a prayer to open the meeting, and it was noted that the financial update would be presented due to the treasurer's absence. Karim presented the financial summary, but technical difficulties with screen sharing delayed the process. The meeting aimed to be concise and within the 2-hour timeframe, with participants encouraged to speak up and share their views.

### **Community Fundraising and Financial Updates**

The meeting discussed the community's financial status, with Karim reporting a profit of \$162,200 from the recent cake sale, which contributed to an ending balance of \$791,000. Devon highlighted concerns about low monthly maintenance dues collection and encouraged residents to use direct deposits or the VIP service to improve efficiency. He also announced an upcoming tag drive fundraiser aimed at community development, particularly road repairs, and called for volunteers to help sell tags. The community was urged to contribute generously to reach a target of collecting millions, as repairing roads would require significant funds.

### **Road Repairs and Traffic Management**

The Parish Council has commenced Road Repairs on Whitewater Boulevard. Devon emphasized the need for residents to use alternative routes, when possible, to avoid traffic congestion. Marshanna inquired about the recent road work she observed, which Devon explained was preparation for asphalt filling. The group also discussed the need for repairs on other deteriorating roads, particularly in the Stanhope area, and expressed hope that government representatives would address these concerns.

### **Unhanded Over Housing Scheme Issue**

The meeting focused on the issue of the housing scheme not being properly handed over by the developer, Cancara, which has since ceased to exist. The group agreed to write letters to both the Parish Council and Ministry of Housing, with Devon instructing Jesanya/secretary to draft a letter before the end of the month. Janeen suggested reaching out to the NHT and other relevant authorities for guidance on how to proceed, as this situation is not unique and mentioned the need for proper laws to ensure developers fulfill their obligations. Regarding the title, Marshanna raised questions about Delroy Chuck's involvement (due to his name being on the title), and Janet suggested he was likely the government's legal representative at the time when the houses were being sold.

### **Labor Day Plans**

For the Labor Day project, Devon proposed repainting, the white rail, and the yellow and black sidewalk, as well as repainting the base of palm trees. He requested volunteers to help organize materials and participate in the project starting at 7:00 AM on Labor Day.

Devon requested volunteers to help with painting, sweeping, and preparing the area, aiming to start at 7:00 AM. While four men committed to working, including Clifton and Peter, Devon sought two more male volunteers. For female participants, Erica and Diedre expressed interest, but Diedre noted she might not be able to assist with painting due to health concerns. The group discussed the potential addition of palm trees, though Leon raised concerns about their growth and maintenance. Additionally, the group considered the condition of a jogging trail, with Clifton suggesting that spreading the dirt might be a cost-effective alternative to resetting the trail.

### **Community Leadership Transition Discussion**

The community administration discussed their upcoming transition, with Devon announcing the executive members' intention to step down after serving one extended terms. The team is seeking new leadership, particularly a President and Vice President, with several members expressing interest but needing more information about the roles. They emphasized the importance of community participation and noted that while many residents are willing to support the team, few are willing to take on leadership positions. The administration plans to extend invitations to the Caretaker at the next general meeting to discuss potential support for community development projects.

### **Whitewater Meadows Community Enhancement Meeting**

The community meeting focused on addressing issues of community pride: such as proper screening of new residents and maintaining the cleanliness and value of Whitewater Meadows. Devon emphasized the need for responsible behavior, including proper garbage disposal and respecting community facilities. Marshanna highlighted concerns about the quality of new residents (particularly home-owners who are renting to tenants should ensure that the tenants are suitable) while Dillon mentioned the importance of voter registration (in attracting support from the MP). Karim stressed the community's strengths, including its active WhatsApp group, and

encouraged residents to take pride in and actively contribute to the community's maintenance and development.

### **Whitewater Citizens Association Update**

The meeting focused on the Whitewater Citizens Association's achievements and ongoing challenges. Captain Chin highlighted the association's strong foundation and past successes, while Devon emphasized the need to maintain this level of organization. Andrew Wheatley, the Member of Parliament, apologized for missing the beginning of the meeting but assured the residents of his commitment to working with the association. He explained that roadwork in Whitewater Meadows had been delayed due to procurement issues but was now underway, with funding re-allocated from other projects. Dillon raised concerns about urgent road repairs in the community, and Andrew promised to address these issues as soon as possible, acknowledging the challenges in managing road repairs across the constituency.

### **Constituency Road Repair Budget Discussion**

Andrew discussed the allocation of funds for road repairs in his constituency, highlighting that 229 million dollars were budgeted for various projects under the SPA program. He mentioned that 150 million dollars were allocated for two major roads, and he expressed his intention to find an additional 2 million dollars to improve more roads before the election. Andrew also addressed concerns about the quality of road repairs, explaining that the work involved extensive excavation and proper infrastructure installation. The discussion touched on the complex financing of road maintenance, with Andrew explaining that property taxes and vehicle licenses contribute to funding, though the Consolidated Fund subsidizes road repairs, garbage collection and street lighting. Dillon asked the minister whether he could give a commitment that we would get future assistance with road work in the community. Dillon further inquired whether the Minister could consider assisting with a second road (Stanhope Road) which he promised for later this year and asked Devon to send him the name of the street.

### **Wall Demolition and Street Lighting**

The community discussed issues with a wall that residents had built to restrict access, which was subsequently demolished by another resident. Andrew, the MP, advised that if the community had proper permission from the Parish Council, the demolition was illegal and the responsible party should compensate the community. The group also addressed concerns about street lighting in the area, with Andrew explaining that additional lights would require funding and go through a process with the Ministry of Local Government. Andrew committed to having his assistant, Jennifer Hull (councillor), investigate getting more streetlights installed, particularly due to safety concerns for children walking in the dark.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm by Devon Thawe.