

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee held on Thursday, 15th February 2018 @ 11:30am in the Council Chamber.

Present:	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairman
	Hon Gavin G Ellick	-	Member
	Hon. Cyril K Leo	-	Member
	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Member
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Director of ENRD
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
Invited:	Mr James Kellett	-	Deputy Airport Contracts Mgr – Item 3
	Miss Isabel Peters	-	Chief Environmental Officer – Item 5

Open Agenda.

6.1 Matters arising from minutes of 18th January 2018.

Safety concerns about the Jamestown Run.

With regards to the safety of the Jamestown Run, members felt other stakeholders should be brought on board and it was suggested that a letter be sent to the St Helena National Trust, the Heritage Society, Enterprise St Helena, St Helena Tourism and to include the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD). The letter would outline the problems with the safety, maintenance, and upkeep of The Run. The benefit being that with contributions from these organisations the Run can be maintained and beautified as a historical tourist attraction.

Action: Member

Rabbit Cull legislation.

The Chairman reported that the necessary legislation has passed ExCo for the trialling of Pindone in two zones. A public meeting will be held with the residents of these areas this evening and he will report the outcome to Committee.

Action: Chairman

Heritage Report.

The Chairman told members that St Helena's built heritage is one of the major assets of the island. Funding should be sourced for maintenance of buildings and to support and develop a strategic plan for the future of these assets.

Action: Chairman

6.2 Community & District Roads update.

Funding has now been approved and the successful applicants will be notified by letter encouraging them to have the monies spent by the end of the financial year. The Roads Section will monitor progress of the works and on completion of works invoices must be submitted to the ENRD Finance team for payment.

Action: Secretary

6.3 Aerodrome Boundary Signage.

A proposal from the Air Access Management Team to erect Aerodrome Boundary Signage and a road closure barrier on the Access Road to the Airport in the vicinity of Mole Spider Hill was discussed. This will allow the Aerodrome to be closed when not operational.

This request was supported by members as it will now define the areas of the Aerodrome and provide better control. This is the norm with Aerodrome Boundaries and properties throughout the world.

6.4 Update on the Road Traffic Regulations.

The Road Traffic Regulations are currently with the Attorney General's Chambers. A meeting is to be held to agree on what needs to be finalised and forward the relevant documents to the Legal Draughtsmen with a view of taking draft Regulations to Executive Council in March. Input is also required from the Director of Health and a Police representative.

Action: Chairman

6.5 Continuation of the Environmental Protection Ordinance.

The Chief Environmental Officer (CEO) gave an in-depth review of the National Conservation Areas which are listed within the EPO, the pros and cons of these areas and the implementation of the management plans to go hand in hand with enforcement which also justifies engaging Conservation Wardens. There is no management or development plan for our Terrestrial Zones at this time and a working group needs to be setup to deal with these issues. The Chairman said he will work with the Director to bring the legislation forward. He thanked the CEO for her presentation.

There being nothing further to discuss the business moved to the **Closed Agenda @ 11:55am.**

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