

**No 745 Minutes 745 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 17 January 2018 at 09.00hrs.**

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Kylie Hercules	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex	Member
	Hon. Brian Isaac	Member
	Hon. Clint Beard	Member
	Mrs. Shirley Wahler	Director
	Mrs. Wendy Benjamin	Assistant Director Schools
	Mrs. Angela Benjamin	Ag. Assistant Director Lifelong Learning
	Mrs. Cherilee Thomas-Johnson	Secretary

**OPEN AGENDA**

**43.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairperson welcomed all present and wished all present a Happy New Year.

**43.2 MATTERS ARISING**

**41.2 INTRODUCTION OF TEACHER TRAINER, GARRY CAMERON**

The Acting Director was advised that the Committee was awaiting a report from Garry Cameron to be circulated via email.

ACTION: Director

**41.3 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Chairperson advised all that she met with the Attorney General in late November 2017, to discuss the Recreational Playground; under the current Legislation it states that this committee is responsible for managing the playground. The Attorney General stated that to his knowledge this implies that the Education Directorate is only responsible for making decisions regarding its management. Since it is property of Crown Estates they are responsible for its maintenance. He advised that a review of the ordinance should be carried out, this should ensure that other designated areas are included too.

As a result of discussions the Committee agreed that they should manage all of the Playgrounds and act as a pressure group; the Committee were concerned that should these Playgrounds be managed by Crown Estates it would not be given priority.

The Committee noted potential difficulties that will arise from managing these designated areas; Members agreed that mitigation efforts would have to be made i.e. demarcating playground areas.

The Chairperson will obtain a list of designated playground areas.

ACTION: Chairperson

Further discussions will need to be held with regards to this Agenda item and therefore it will be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Secretary

#### **42.7 AMENDMENT TO REPEAL SECTION 63 OF EDUCATION ORDINANCE**

The Chairperson was been approached by the Honourable Anthony Green and Christine Cooper to discuss this subject; they were unable to provide any additional information as this decision was discussed and decided by the previous Committee.

It was noted that the legislation will return to the Council after consultation. A suggestion was made that the Education Ordinance, should be reviewed to include a clause stipulation that children must attend school; this will ensure that the Directorate is safeguarded.

ACTION: Chairperson

#### **43.5 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The Committee was advised that their directive was presented to the Scholarship Awards Committee. This has been discussed, the document is currently a work in progress and will be presented to the Committee upon completion.

#### **44.3 RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and was noted by the Committee.

#### **44.4 BUDGET UPDATE**

The committee noted the report which provided the Directorates Financial status and a variance report as at the end of November 2017.

#### **44.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 February 2018.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was closed at 10.05hrs.

Confirmed:  
Honourable Christine Scipio-O'Dean

Date: 31 January 2018