

**Open Minutes of the Social and Community Development Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 13 June 2018 at 9 am in the Council Chamber**

<u>Present:</u>	Chairman:	Hon Anthony Green (Hon TG)
	Deputy Chairman:	Hon Cyril Leo (Hon CL)
	Members:	Hon Kylie Hercules (Hon KH) Hon Gavin Ellick (Hon GE)
	Non-Voting Members:	Mr Matt Ansell, Director of Safeguarding (MA) Mrs Stephanie Jones, Director of Safeguarding Designate (SJ) Mrs Nicole Shamier, Government Economist (NS)
	Secretary:	Miss Nicole Plato, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services (NP)
	Off Island:	Hon Derek Thomas (Hon DT)
	Invited:	Mrs Ethel Yon, President, SHNT Council – <i>for item 1 only</i>

Hon TG welcomed all to the meeting with a special welcome to EY.

1. St Helena National Trust Ordinance - Next Steps

Members gave approval for the proposed changes, subject to a final legal check on the draft, to be submitted to the Executive Council who will be asked to consider and approve the Bill to be published and listed for consideration at a future Legislative Council meeting.

Hon TG thanked EY and the Trust for their patience in processing this legislation, recognising that this had been a long journey to get to the point where we are now. EY thanked the committee for their support.

NP to update the Proposal form to reflect the above and send to the Promotor and AG's office to take this forward.

(Action: NP)

2. Children's Champion

Hon TG explained that the law now provides for a Children's Champion to be appointed. Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean is the current Children's Champion but do not wish to continue this role. This has been discussed with the wider Council and Hon DT expressed an interest in taking on this role. MA said that there was an opportunity for people on the Safeguarding Children's Board to volunteer for this role but the board is made up of Directors and therefore would not be appropriate. MA's view was that this role should be opened to anyone in the community to be the Children's Champion as this could have a conflict of interest with a Councillor being the Children's Champion and MA recognised that it might be possible in the future to amend the law to allow this.

Members agreed on the nomination of Hon DT to be appointed as Children's Champion. Hon DT to confirm his acceptance of the role.

(Action: Hon DT)

3. Confirmation of Open Minutes from the meeting held on 9 May 2018

The minutes of the open meeting held on 9 May was confirmed.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Human Rights Update

The issue regarding on Island UK pensioners having to complete a life certificate and posting it back via surface mail within 16 weeks was still to be taken forward by Hon TG. Hon TG to discuss this with colleagues and see what advice can be given as we do not have an airmail service up and running as of yet which means that it has to go via the MV Helena which will result in a delay.

(Action: Hon TG)

4.2 Outline Proposal for an Information Bill

The draft bill is still to be discussed with Elected Members (EM's). NP to check if this item is placed on this week's EM's meeting agenda. NP to ensure that the AG issues a timetable for this legislation to Councillors before the Elected Members meeting is held.

(Action: NP/AG)



Minutes Approved

Chairman

Date: 11 July 2018