

**Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 @ 10:00am in the Council Chamber.**

<b>Present:</b>	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Gavin G Ellick	-	Member
	Hon. Cyril K Leo	-	Member
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Director of ENRD
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
<b>Invited:</b>	Mr Mike Durnford	-	Environmental Risk Manager
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager
	Mr Darren Francis	-	Roads Inspector
<b>Absent:</b>	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Member

**Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and proceeded with the Open Agenda of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

**Open Agenda.**

**12.1 Matters arising from minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.**

**Safety concerns about the Jamestown 'Run'.**

The Chairman told members he still has to set up a meeting with the relevant stakeholders e.g. Tourism, ESH, SHNT and maybe Connect St Helena Ltd to address issues concerning the Jamestown 'Run'. Funding needs to be found to repair some of the bridges which are in an unsafe condition. The Chairman asked if the contractor was responsible for cleaning the sides of the 'Run' also. This was confirmed by the Director. A member commented that since the budget has been approved the contractor can resume his work on the 'Run' in Jamestown and in Rupert's.

The Chairman commented on the excellent work being done by Basil Read employees on clearing the vegetation from the 'Run' in Rupert's.

**Action: Chairman**

**Heritage Report.**

The Director reported that the Chartered Engineer still has to make some additions to the document before bringing back to Committee.

**Action: Chartered Engineer.**

### **Update on Road Traffic Regulations.**

The Chairman and Deputy Chair have discussed the Road Traffic Ordinance and Regulations with the Attorney General (AG) who has identified some inconsistencies within the document which will not be workable in a court of law. Also there are some items in the Regulations which should be in the Ordinance. The AG is in the process of redrafting the document. The Chairman will follow up on progress.

The Director asked if will this affect the Jamestown Parking Review and was told that it is planned to move this ahead but separate legislation might be needed.

**Action: Chairman.**

### **Community & District Roads.**

The Chairman said that the application form has been amended to clarify some issues and he will forward this to the Secretary.

A grant for raw materials up to a maximum of £2,500.00 is available from an allocated fund for Community & District Roads. Residents will be responsible for spreading the materials. The use of a contractor is not prohibited, but any extra cost must be paid for by the residents themselves or deducted from the allotted sum approved.

A Press Release will be issued and the public may apply for a grant to repair their roads.

**Action: Secretary**

### **Road to Breakneck Valley.**

The Chairman said he has met with Mr McDaniel who is flagging an area for an access road to transport raw materials via Breakneck Valley to the Donkey Plain Complex. This will reduce costs and avoid heavy traffic using the roads into Jamestown. Mr McDaniel is in the process of submitting his planning application. The Chairman said he is setting up a stakeholder meeting to discuss any issues that may arise from this application.

It is realised that applications for land over 2acres will have to go to ExCo for approval.

**Action: Chairman**

**Bus Shelters.**

The Chairman asked about progress on Bus Shelters proposed for Seaview, Bagley’s Point in Sandy Bay, Red Hill in Levelwood and Ladder Hill. The Director said the Head of Property will return on the weekend and he will follow this matter up with him. The Chairman asked if planning permission can be applied for all three shelters plus design the lean-to shelter proposed for Ladder Hill.

**Action: Director**

**Invasive Species Project Report.**

The Invasives Species Specialist has made a presentation to Elected Members but the report did not include progress on removal of invasives. The Invasives Species Specialist will be preparing another document to indicate what actions will be required to follow up which will give support for additional funding to sustain the project to roll out in the future.

**Action: Chairman**

**Environmental Protection Ordinance.  
Waste Management Regulations.**

The Chairman said he will take this work to the Attorney General to progress.

**Action: Chairman**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:20am.

The next meeting of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee will be held **in the Council Chamber on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @ 10:00am.**

Confirmed..........Date. 12 SEP 2018.....

