

ST. HELENA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The Honourable Eric William Benjamin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The Honourable Chief Secretary	-	Mr Owen O'Sullivan
The Honourable Financial Secretary	-	Mr Colin Owen
The Honourable Acting Attorney General	-	Mr Frank Wastell

ELECTED MEMBERS

The Honourable Leslie Paul Baldwin
The Honourable Nigel Dollery
The Honourable Wilson Charles Duncan
The Honourable Gavin George Ellick
The Honourable Cyril Robert George
The Honourable Anthony Arthur Green
The Honourable Brian William Isaac
The Honourable Bernice Alicia Olsson
The Honourable Ian Sebastian Rummery
The Honourable Christine Lilian Scipio-O'Dean
The Honourable Derek Franklin Thomas

CLERK OF COUNCILS

Miss Gina Benjamin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, 11th November, 2013

The Council met at 10.00 am
in the Court House, Jamestown

(The President in the Chair)

ORDER OF THE DAY**1. FORMAL ENTRY OF THE PRESIDENT****2. PRAYERS****3. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT**

Honourable Members, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, good morning everyone. We are holding our formal Legislative Council meeting today at the Council Chamber in the Castle. That is because the Supreme Court building is in use by the Supreme Court today. This is, I believe, the second occasion in which formal Legislative Council was held in this building. I should explain that the reason for this meeting so soon after the last formal session is because a vacancy exists in the Public Accounts Committee which is necessary to fill. This vacancy occurred after a former member of the Public Accounts Committee was elected to Executive Council during our last formal meeting. According to our Standing Orders, the order of business, unless the President otherwise directs, shall be that the election of a member for the Public Accounts Committee is held before the President's address is given. However, I believe that it is appropriate under the circumstances that I reverse that order for today so that the listening public will have a better perception of these proceedings and I have already, accordingly directed.

As I said earlier, this meeting is called specifically to elect a member to serve on Public Accounts Committee and Honourable Members have agreed that the meeting should proceed as expeditiously as possible and that other business, except that of an urgent nature, might be restricted on this occasion. The election of a member today for the Public Accounts Committee will enable that Committee to be fully functional under our Constitutional provision and, of course, will permit the important work of that Committee to proceed without disruption or delay. The scrutiny role of that Committee is, as Honourable Members are aware, of extreme importance to our system and conducive to good governance.

In keeping with the sentiments expressed for an expeditious meeting, my address will be short today, but it will be amiss of me not to welcome the Honourable Frank Wastell as our Attorney General in the absence of the substantive Attorney General, who is on leave and also to record the absence of one of our members, the Honourable Lawson Henry, who, as Honourable Members are aware, is travelling in order to attend the Overseas Territories Consultative Council in London and also an important meeting in Brussels. We shall look forward to receiving his report in due course.

Finally, Honourable Members, you will be aware that it was on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, ninety-five years ago, on this date, that an Armistice was signed which ended World War One. This day has been remembered annually up to the present time. It is therefore pleasing to record that St Helena has maintained its traditions of holding a Memorial Service on Remembrance Sunday as it did yesterday, which was well organised and attended. Council, will, I know, wish me to thank the organizers and the participants for supporting this important event.

I shall now call on the Clerk to call the next item of business.

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ELECTION

Election of Member to Public Accounts Committee

The Speaker –

Is there a nomination for a member of the PAC? Yes, Honourable Rummery?

The Hon. Ian Rummery –

Mr Speaker, I wish to propose the Honourable Nigel Dollery as a member of the PAC.

The Speaker –

Thank you, Honourable Member. Is there a seconder to the proposal? Honourable Les Baldwin?

The Ho. Leslie Baldwin –

Mr Speaker, I beg to second.

The Speaker –

Thank you very much indeed. Councillor Dollery, do you accept the nomination?

The Hon. Nigel Dollery –

Mr Speaker, I accept the nomination.

The Speaker –

Thank you. Is there any other proposal for a member of the Public Accounts Committee? There is no other proposal. Okay, thank you.

Question that the Honourable Nigel Dollery do stand elected as a member for the Public Accounts Committee, put and agreed to.

The Speaker –

Next item, please, Clerk?

5. THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

The Hon. Owen O'Sullivan –

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that this Council be adjourned sine die.

The Speaker –

Thank you, Honourable Member. Is there a seconder to that Motion?

The Hon. Frank Wastell –

Mr Speaker, I beg to second.

The Speaker –

Thank you, Honourable Member. The Motion is now open for debate. Any Member wish to speak? No member wish to speak at the adjournment debate? I take it that there's no need for the Honourable Mover to wind up on this occasion. No. Thank you very much indeed. Okay, I just want to, in closing then, say thank you very much for coming to this special meeting this morning and also to thank the Honourable Members for their attendance here this morning. Also, I would like to thank SAMS Radio, South Atlantic Media Services, for the input that you have to this meeting here, setting up the microphones and in a different venue here and you always have been very helpful, so thank you very much indeed. The other matter which I must do is to congratulate our Chief Secretary this morning on being promoted to the acting post as Acting Governor for the Colony. Thank you very much indeed for that. Alright, I think I have called for a vote on the Honourable Councillors....

Deputy Speaker –

On the adjournment debate.

The Speaker –

On the adjournment debate, sorry, Cathy, thanks very much indeed. Okay, we're in a different venue this morning; I have to think differently in looking in the opposite direction. So, before I close the meeting, I will call for a vote on the adjournment debate.

Question on adjournment, put and agreed to.

The Speaker –

Council is adjourned sine die.

Council adjourned sine die

