

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Open Minutes of the Meeting held
Friday 20th July 2018 commencing at 14.00
at the Public Accounts Committee Office, Reflections Building, Dean Street

An audio copy will be available from the Secretary once the minutes have been approved.

Present: Dr Andrea Clausen (AC) (Chair)
Dr Barry Elsby MLA (BE)
Mr Mark Pollard MLA (MP)
Mr Richard Cockwell (RC) (Deputy Chair)
Mrs Nadia Knight (NK)
Mrs Leeann Harris (LH) (Secretary)
Mrs Nancy Locke (NL) (Secretary Designate)

In attendance: Mr Philip Honeybone (PH) Chief Internal Auditor, FIG
Mr Gavin Short Falklands Radio

1. Apologies

There were no apologies. The Chair welcomed MP, NK and NL to their first PAC meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

RC declared an interest in item 5 (FI Museum & National Trust Accounts 2017).

MP declared an interest in item 6 (Media Trust Accounts 2017) and 8 (FI Meat Company Accounts 2017).

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2017

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2017 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. AC congratulated and thanked LH for completing the minutes.

4. Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2017

5. South American Atlantic Services Ltd. Accounts – Not actioned, draft Terms of Reference and accounts need to be reviewed. Item is deferred with the committee's agreement. (Noted that review is not automatic except those companies who qualify within the terms applicable in the PAC Ordinance 2009).

Action: Secretary/AC

5. FI Museum & National Trust Accounts 2017

AC invited comments, there were none.

6. Media Trust Accounts 2016

AC invited comments; it was noted that the accounts submitted were from 2016 and that neither 2017 accounts nor a completion report had been received despite chasing by LH.

AC reported that contact had been made with the Media Trust Chair but nothing was forthcoming.

It was noted that, whilst the Media Trust has two organisations under its umbrella, only one benefited from the subvention.

Secretary to write to Mazars to enquire where the area of delay lies, defer to next agenda.

Action: Secretary

7. FLH Accounts 2017

AC invited comments; it was noted that the accounts looked healthy and it was commented that the recent management changes were working well.

Debate followed regarding the policy and legal position of the PAC looking at the reserves held by companies who are under the PAC remit by virtue of being on the list of FIG owned corporations. It was agreed that PAC would obtain written approval on policy with regard to how far the remit of investigation goes in the case of reserves.

Action: Secretary/AC

8. FI Meat Company Accounts 2017

AC invited comments; it was noted that there was an improving situation.

The completion report didn't have the management responses included in the draft submitted to the PAC. A final copy of the completion report will be requested. It was noted that FIMCO were without a substantive manager at the time of request.

Action: Secretary

9. Falklands Conservation Accounts 2017

AC invited comments; it was noted that the accounts were thorough although very complicated with restricted and unrestricted funds.

A completion report was to be requested from the auditor, Wilkins Kennedy UK.

Action: Secretary

10. Responses to the PAC from the Legislative Assembly:

a) Medical Treatment Overseas

The committee were content with the response.

b) FICS

BE commented that FIG must deal with debt and how repayment plans are set as there appears to be no guidance for FIG Officers as to setting plans.

PAC were not content with payment terms but content with the response. PAC to write letter.

Action: Secretary

c) Health and Safety

The committee were content with the response.

d) Quarry Prices

The committee discussed the response and were not content, detailed discussions were moved to the Closed Section.

11. Confirmation of date & time for next meeting

To be confirmed.

9. Authority for documents from this meeting to be published

Members of the Public would be advised that copies of the minutes of the previous meeting, Accounts for the FI Museum & National Trust, Media Trust, FLH, FIMCO and Falkland Conservation and FIG responses to PAC recommendations would be available from the office.

The Chair requests that members of the public leave the room for the consideration of the following items in accordance with the Public Accounts Committee Ordinance as amended by the Part 9 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012.

I confirm that these are an accurate record of the meeting

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(Chairperson)

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(Date)