

**1st MEETING OF 2013
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
9 JANUARY, 2013
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT: Richard Coles Chairman
Sara Collins Member
Bishop Nicholas Sykes Member
Alistair Walters Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
Michael Ebanks	Analyst, Commissions Secretariat
Josephine Hislop	Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:36p.m.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of 3 December, 2012 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a. Debrief International Human Rights Day

In recognition of International Human Rights Day the Manager hosted a special segment of Radio Cayman's Talk Today Programme. Guests for the programme were Alistair Walters (HRC member) and Peter Gough (Strategic Advisor to the Deputy Governor). Mr. Walters discussed the meaning of International Human Rights Day, human rights in the Cayman Islands, the role of the Commission and mediation in terms of resolving human rights complaints. Mr. Gough discussed the various efforts being made by the government with regard to human rights.

Additionally, former member Cathy Frazier distributed informational material at the A. L. Thompson's store (George Town) while member Sara Collins distributed informational brochures at the Fosters Food Fair Strand location and conducted three interviews with various media representatives.

The Commission wishes to publicly thank the management of A. L. Thompsons and Fosters Food Fair for their cooperation in allowing it to have a presence at their respective locations.

b. Meetings on Migrant Policies

The HRC will seek to meet with relevant government officials to discuss this issue as a matter of priority.

b. Request from St. Ignatius Catholic School

The school has requested a presentation to the Year 8 students regarding the Constitution with a focus on human rights and rights of children. The HRC will correspond with school administrators to facilitate the presentation.

a. Policy and Procedures Manual Amendments

Minor amendments to the policy and procedures manual were finalised and approved. The updated version will be uploaded to the website.

7. Action Items

The Secretariat will:

- a. arrange the meetings re migrants with the relevant officials;
- b. arrange to have the 2012 Annual Report laid in the Legislative Assembly;
- c. arrange for members of the CBA's Student Chapter to attend the next meeting;
- d. research the Adoption of Children Bill 2012 for human rights implications;
- e. draft correspondence dealing with complaints and enquiries; and
- f. arrange the presentation with St. Ignatius.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

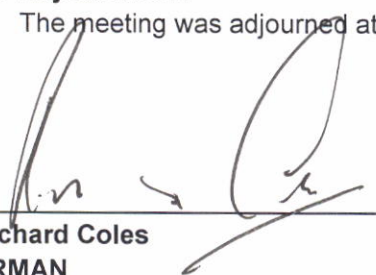
- a. Migrants Policy meetings
- b. Adoption of Children Bill 2012
- c. Outstanding Human Rights Complaints
- d. CBA Student Chapter Project

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 February, 2013 @ 3:30pm.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.



Mr. Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION