

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019 AT THE ASSEMBLY'S**  
**CONFERENCE HALL**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for honoring the invitation. He also lamented that the Committee was not to adjudicate cases but to deliberate and find a possible solution to a complaint brought before it in order for peaceful co-existence between parties.

He continually informed Members that the meeting was convened to sit and deliberate on a complaint brought by Mr. Isaac Commey against Mr. David Addo (Municipal Works Engineer) over the construction of kiosk on the main entrance to the bungalow NO. A7 and A8 at low cost. He therefore asked Members to be objective in their submissions

**1.1 PARTICIPATION**

A letter was sent to the Committee members, complainant, Municipal works engineer, the kiosk owner and the following attended:

1. HON. ANDREW ANKAMAH
2. HON. FIIFI SACKY
3. HON. NAASE APREKUA KESSE II
4. HON. PAPA BORTSIE AMPAH
5. HON. SAMUEL K. GHARTEY
6. MR. ISAAC COMMEY
7. DAVID ADDO
8. MERCY TAGOE
9. SAMUEL BOSOMPEM

## **2.0 OBJECTIVES**

The meeting was held to discuss the following:

- 1. Matters arising**
- 2. Complaint on the construction of kiosk on the main entrance to the bungalow NO A7 and A8 at Low Cost**
- 3. Decision of the Committee**

## **3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

### **3.1 GRADING OF LOW COST ROADS**

The Chairman informed members that, grading works had been done on the low cost roads. He added that, the roads had been awarded for a contract and very soon he will be on the road.

## **4.0 MAIN DISCUSSION**

### **4.1 COMPLAINANT**

In his submission, Mr. Isaac Commey who happens to be the Information Officer in the Municipality informed Members that on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 on his way to office, he spotted a young man with a lady and a carpenter erecting a Kiosk on the main entrance to the bungalow A7 and A8 which incidentally is his official resident and that of a colleague. He said he asked them to stop work and then speed off to the office to see Mr. Addo (Municipal Works Engineer) if he is aware of the development which he answered in the affirmative.

He added that upon further questioning, Mr. Addo informed him that it was just a kind gesture and that he had not taken a penny from the lady. But upon series of confrontations with Mr. Addo, he seems not to comply with the bye-laws of the Assembly and that was why he brought the case to the Committee for the issue to come to its finality.

## **4.2 RESPONDENT**

The Municipal works engineer accepted the fact, he gave out the said space to the lady out of goodwill. He further stated that, he offered the lady that place to get something doing knowing how poor the lady was and also, the Assembly could get revenue from her as well.

## **4.3 MEMBERS SUBMISSION**

Majority of the members present told the works engineer that, though he said he did what he did out of goodwill but there was nothing like sympathy in the laws and that his actions were against the law and also poses threat to the officers staying in that bungalow.

Hon. Papa Bortsie Ampah informed Members that, Mr. Addo acted in a bad faith stressing that, he should be the first person to comply with the by-laws since he was the Works Engineer and knows the problems such structures could pose.

## **4.4 COMMITTEE'S RULING**

The Committee unanimously agreed and instructed the Works Engineer to as matter of urgency to remove the Kiosk from the place within three (3) days. His failure to do so would compel the Committee to petition the Regional Works Engineer on the issue.

## **5.0 CLOSING**

The complainant thanked Members for their objectivity in handling the issue and said that as a good citizen, he would always draw the attention of authorities when he found something going wrong. The respondent on the other hand apologized and said that Members should forgive him if his action did not go down well with them. He promised that, henceforth, he would be circumspect in his dealings.

The Chairman thanked Members for their submissions and objectivity towards the meeting. Mr. Isaac Commey said the closing prayer at exactly 1:43pm to end the meeting.

Submitted by:

Hon. Andrews Ankamah  
(Chairman)

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019 AT THE ASSEMBLY'S**  
**CONFERENCE HALL**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman welcomed all members and thanked them for attending the meeting. He explained to members that, the reason for convening the meeting was to find a solution to the impasse between Mr. Turkson Emmanuel, a farmer and Mr. Fiifi Blankson, a sand winner. He entreated members to bring their ideas in order to find a solution to the problem.

**1.1 PARTICIPATION**

A letter was sent to the Committee members, complainant, respondent and the following attended:

1. HON. ANDREW ANKAMAH
2. HON. FIIFI SACEY
3. HON. NAASE APREKUA KESSE II
4. HON. PAPA BORTSIE AMPAH
5. HON. SAMUEL K. GHARTEY
6. MR. ISAAC COMMEY
7. MR. TURKSON EMMANUEL
8. MR. FIIFI BLANLSON
9. SAMUEL BOSOMPEM

**2.0 OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the meeting was to deliberate on the impasses between Mr. Turkson Emmanuel, a farmer and Mr. Samuel Blankson, a sand winner.

### **3.0 MAIN DISCUSSION**

#### **3.1 PETITION FROM MR. TURKSON EMMANUEL**

He thanked members for giving him the opportunity to explain his part of the issue. He said Mr. Fiifi with some elders came to his residence to ask for his farmland to do his sand winning business. He said upon further discussions by both of them, he agreed to give his land for a period of Twenty-four (24) months for an amount of Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 7,200.00) which Mr. Fiifi also agreed to it. He said Mr. Fiifi paid an initial amount of GH¢3,700.00 and promised to pay the rest in the course of the period and both agreed. He said after the period elapse, Mr. Fiifi had refuse to pay him the balance (GH¢3,500.00) due him. He said several attempts to recover the remaining balance had proved futile since the former complained of not having money. He therefore brought the issue to the Assembly so that the remaining balance can be retrieved for him.

#### **3.2 PLAINTIFF**

On his part, he informed the committee that whatever the petitioner said was true. He informed members the business had slow down and that was why he has not been able to pay the rest of the money. He asked the Committee to give him a three months' period to pay the rest of the money.

#### **3.3 CHAIRMAN'S TAKE ON THE ISSUE**

The Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Andrews Ankamah said that, he was not happy with Mr. Fiifi on how he had handled the issue with Mr. Turkson. He informed the Committee that, he would personally pursue Mr. Fiifi if he fails to pay the balance to Mr. Turkson. He further, informed the Committee that, Mr. Fiifi has taken advantage of him as illiterate and had decided not to pay the rest of the money. He therefore asked Mr. Fiifi to warrant an unqualified apology to the petitioner.

### **3.4 COMMITTEE'S RULING**

After some deliberations, members agreed and asked Mr. Fiifi to pay the rest of the debt in two (2) months period. His failure to do so would make the Committee to take further serious action against him.

### **4.0 CLOSING**

Mr. Turkson, the petitioner and Mr. Fiifi, the respondent thanked the Committee members for how they have handled the issue for peace to prevail. The respondent again apologized to the complainant for any inconveniences his actions has caused him and promised the members that, he is satisfied with the judgement and for that matter, he would pay the money within the stipulated time.

The Chairman thanked his members for partaking in the discussion. He also thanked both parties, Mr. Turkson and Mr. Fiifi for not taking the law into their own hands but came to the Committee for fair hearing and therefore asked them to have confidence in them.

Mr. Isaac Commey said the closing prayer at 1:30pm.to end the meeting.

Submitted by:

Hon. Andrews Ankamah  
(Chairman)

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019 AT THE ASSEMBLY'S**  
**CONFERENCE HALL**

## **5.0 INTRODUCTION**

The chairman welcomed all present for honoring the invitation and further explained that, the purpose for the meeting was to settle the differences between Hon. Adams Mahamadu and the Dehyena Aburadze Family. He also entreated all to contribute towards the success of the meeting.

## **1.1 PARTICIPATION**

A letter was sent to the Committee members, petitioner, respondent and the following attended:

1. HON. ANDREWS ANKAMAH
2. HON. FIIFI SACKY
3. HON. NAASE APREKUA KESSE II
4. HON. PAPA BORTSIE AMPAH
5. HON. SAMUEL K. GHARTEY
6. MR. ISAAC COMMEY
7. HON. ADAMS MAHAMADU
8. SAMUEL BOSOMPEM
9. DEHYENA ABURADZE ABUSUA PRESENT

## **6.0 OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the impasses between Mr. Kwamena Benson, family rep and Hon. Adams Mahamadu as Toilet operator.



### **3.0 MAIN DISCUSSION**

#### **3.1 COMPLAINTS BY DEHYENA ABURADZE FAMILY REP**

Mr. Kwamena Benson, who happens to be the Head of the family informed members that, during the colonial era in the early 90's, his great grandmother upon request from the government at the time leased the land in contention to the government for developmental projects. The family later requested for the land back since the purpose for which it was leased was not met.

He explained that, the Hon. Member at the time pleaded with the family for the land to be used for a public place of convenience on a special agreement with the Assembly where the family will be compensated.

Moreover, Mr. Benson told the committee that, since 2010, the toilet operator, Hon. Adams had not honored the payment to the family and therefore the need to petition the committee on the issue.

Hon. Samuel K. Ghartey a member of the committee inquired from the complainant which Assembly member was involved in the negotiations during the time in which the toilet was been structured. Mr. Benson explained that, Hon. Afedzie was the Assembly member at that time.

The chairman ordered for the family to come along with documents and the side plan of the land in question.

Mr. Armah, a witness to the petitioner in a sharp response to comments made by Hon. Ampah in relation to “acquired” as stipulated in the documents said that acquired could mean leased but Hon. Ampah further explained to the committee that, the document is legal document and acquired as stated should not be seen as a common literal word.

#### **3.2 HON. ADAMS MAHAMADU’S COMMENT**

He started by levelling allegations against the Chairman saying that, he had an interest in the case because of earlier comments he made in favor of the petitioners which later sparked into heated arguments.

The Chairman asked Mr. Benson to withdraw some foul comments he made against Hon. Adams which he did.

In relations to the above comments made by Hon. Adams, Hon. Ampah inquired if he had any evidence on the allegations levelled against the Chairman but could not provide any evidence.

### **3.3 COMMITTEE'S RULING**

Upon perusing the documents and observing the arguments, the Committee advised Hon. Adams to pay all the accumulated monies to the family. For the purpose of evidence, an agreement was signed between both parties to serve as testimony in case of future misunderstandings regarding the issue.

### **4.0 CLOSING**

The petitioner and the respondent thanked the Committee members for how they have handled the issue for peace to prevail. The respondent again apologized to the complainant for any inconveniences his actions has caused the family and promised the members that, he would abide by the ruling of the Committee. The Chairman thanked his members for their immense contribution towards the discussion. He also thanked both parties for not doing otherwise but came to the Committee for justice and therefore asked them to have hope in them.

Hon.Naase Aprekua Kesse II prayed at 2:48 p.m. to end the meeting.

Submitted by:

Hon. Andrews Ankamah  
(Chairman)