

MINUTES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE SITTING HELD

ON 15TH MARCH, 2022

MEMBERS

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| 1. Hon. Ohemeng Prempeh Isaac | -Chairman |
| 2. Mr Augustine Agyei | -Secretary |
| 3. Hon. Stephen Appiah | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Osei Kwaku Michael | - Member |
| 5. Hon. Ernestina Ampofowaa | - Member |
| 6. Hon. Yaw Sarfo Kantanka | - Member |
| 7. Mr J.T. Kwapong | - Member |
| 8. Mr Emmanuel Appiah | - Member |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Miss Ofeibea Tetteh Patience | - NCCE |
| 2. Mr George Sowah | - Asamang |
| 3. Anthony Arthur | - Asamang |
| 4. Madam Adwoa Duodouwaa | - Asamang |
| 5. Madam Ama Boahemaa | - Asamang |

OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was commenced with a prayer said by Hon. Yaw Sarfo Kantanka at 10:10 am

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh, congratulated new members and advised them to participate fully in all activities to help the District Assembly. He admonished both complainant and defendants to be sincere and rest assured of good pronouncement and fair hearing. He reminded both parties that the committee serves as the Assembly court. , he asked them to contribute wholeheartedly and be assured that the committee was the 'Assembly's court'

DELIBERATION ON PETITION BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(CASE NO. 1): MAAME AHMFIE VS GEORGE SOWAH

COMPLAINANT

The Complainant in the person of George Sowah said he wanted a land to patronize for his business. He inquired and was directed to a man popularly known as "Tony and Coach" . He secured one for him at Asamang. He said the land which was secured for him is located at the Asamang Preparatory School. He prepared one for his wife to start business. Whilst preparing the other he received a notice to stop work since the place belonged to one "Maame

Ahemfie” (herein Madam Adwoa Duoduwaa). According to him, he had not worked on the land from 2019 upon receipt till date. Chairman asked Tony to explain his version of the case. He gave his name as Anthony Arthur, a Secretary to the Asamang Unit Committee Chairman, referred as “Coach” (herein Mr Akwasi Sarkodie) said he was invited by his Unit Committee Chairman to appear as someone was looking for a land. The land was sold at One Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,000), After the payment was done, they proceeded to the Chairman of the Parents Teacher Association (P.T.A.) of Asamang Preparatory School. They went to him to show the proof of purchase and the period in which they went for permit. Upon careful observation of the receipt the chairman said the purchase of land and the issuance of permit to work clearly contradicts. The Complainant expressed that he has no idea about the contradiction. He also said he was now hearing it for the first time. He affirmed that it is the first time he was hearing something of that sort.

RESPONDENT

Maame Ahemfie said her outfit was notified with evidence of the layout of the school and that of the road was invaded by a gentleman by name Blessing. The said man had built his fence into that of the school. It came out that he acquired the land during the tenure of Chairman Kwaku. So, a team which included, Coach, Chairman Kwaku Owusu and herself went to meet the chiefs of the land. A demarcation was done successfully. The directive was that those who occupied the school land would contribute GH¢5.00 to support the school’s projects. (Maame Ahemfie) and Nana Yere were awarded two container lands as appreciation. .

She added that the petitioner (Mr George Sowah) came to her for a piece of land to mount container and she informed him of no available piece of land. Until recently she heard “Coach” had sold the land to the man in referral, and could not allow such atrocity to be done. She prevented the man from working because it belonged to her.

According to her, she allowed the son to start the foundation of the sized land of which she received a call that someone was selling the land and her enquiries directed to the Petitioner. She acted quickly to stop the man from selling the land. Later she was taken to the Asuofua Police Station, and also to Otec FM which concluded that the petitioner’s money be paid to him. The payment has not been done. She revealed that all that while she was expecting the Petitioner to come home so it would be settled but he never showed that remorse.

In the heat of who owns the land, Bra Atta, former School Management Committee (SMC) who continued the demarcation was called via phone by Committee’s Chairman to explain his side of the case before the August House. He affirmed that the land was given to Maame Ahemfie and Nana Yere. He affirmed that the chiefs and the Unit Committee chairman in the person of Coach were all aware it belonged to them (Maame Ahemfie and Nana Yere.)

RECOMMENDATION

The committee adjourned sitting to 31st March, 2022 and gave out the following as recommendations.

1. An ad hoc committee be formed and send the report to the committee after their findings have been established.
2. The ad hoc members were;
 - i. Hon. Stephen Appiah
 - ii. Mr J.T Kwapong
 - iii. Mr Augustine Agyei
3. Parties would be invited after the ad hoc committees have ascertained the field work and reported thereafter.

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh introduced new members who have joined the committee and prayed that their presence should make the committee one of a kind. He was pleased with members' contribution and collaborative deeds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Chairman directed secretary to make sure letters were available to invited or summoned parties as soon as possible.
- He advised the secretary to discharge duties within expected time frame.

CLOSING PRAYER

Committee members rose from sitting with an opening prayer by Mr J.T Kwapong at 12:45pm.

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh
Chairman, PRCC

Augustine Agyei
Secretary, PRCC