

MUNITES ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (PRCC) SITTING

HELD ON 11TH JULY, 2022

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

1. Hon. Ohemeng Prempeh Isaac -Chairman
2. Hon. Dacosta Appiagyei - Member
3. Hon. Stephen Appiah - Member
4. Hon. Ernestina Ampofowaa - Member
5. Hon. Osei Kwaku Michael - Member
6. Hon. Yaw Sarfo Kantanka - Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

1. Mr. Augustine Agyei - Secretary
2. Mr. Emmanuel Appiah - NCCE, Member
3. Miss Ofeibea Tetteh Patience - Member
4. Prince Boakye-Yiadom - BYC, Member
5. Nana Ama Benewaa - Civil, Member

IN ATTENDANCE

1. Mr George Sowah - Asamang
2. Anthony Arthur - Asamang
3. Madam Adwoa Duodouwaa - Asamang
4. Madam Ama Boahemaa - Asamang
5. Mr. Michael - Asamang
6. Madam Akua Serwaa - Barekese
7. Mr. Ebenezer Koduah Amankwah - Barekese
8. Mr. Adama Issah - Barekese

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was said at 9:30am by Hon Stephen Appiah the Assembly member for Asamang.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh welcomed members and parties involved and called upon the AD-HOC committee to report on their visit to the site in contention.

AD-HOC committee Report

The members include Mr. Augustine Agyei (Secretary), Hon. Stephen Appiah (Member), Mr J.T Kwapong (Member). The members said they visited the site on Thursday, the 17TH of March,

2022. They added that, before they had visited the site, they had already communicated to both parties to be there to show them the land in case they agree to respond to the call. Upon arrival they met with Madam Adwoa Duoduowaa (Defendant) whilst expecting Mr. George Sowah (Complainant), the committee received a call from him pleading that he's allowed to send a representative. When the representative arrived the other party (Madam Adwoa Douduowaa) and Son (Mr. Michael Boakye) engaged the complainant's representative (Mr. Anthony Arthur) in a heated argument which nearly resulted in a physical violence, it took intervention of others to calm tempers. The committee concluded that they were not allowed to have access to the land under dispute hence PRCC should take the necessary action against the deviant behavior by the parties involved.

Chairman queried the parties for their attitudes towards officers charged to execute such responsibility for the benefit of the case. He went on to asked them to render unqualified apology to the officers and made sure what was done would not be repeated in their subsequent engagement with any Assembly Officials. Parties acknowledged their wrongdoing and asked the Committee chair to temper justice with mercy and pardon. The chair accepted the plea and pardoned them.

Discussion of issues before committee

Chairman directed both parties to provide evidence of the land under dispute. They did exactly that with visuals . There were some contentions as the land claimed by the Complainant belonged to One "Oheneyere of Asamang" not the Defendant (Madam Adwoa Duoduowaa). The complainant did not agree with the pronouncement that the land belonged to another person. After several consultations, members concluded on the following recommendations to management:

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Committee recommended that the complainant is given a small land to operate on.
2. The PRCC recommended that various Unit Committee members in the District be educated and sensitised over their dos and don'ts in the community coupled with District Administration.
3. The Committee recommended that the Assembly keep track of all government lands to prevent encroachers and other related conflicts that might hinder its progress.

(CASE NO. 2) Madam Akua Serwaa Vs Mr. Ebenezer Kodua Amankwah

Chairman called on the case between the parties mentioned above.

Complainant (Madam Akua Serwaah)

Madam Akua Serwaah said her late sister secured the place. She said her sister placed a container to trade on that land. She agreed and for six (6) months of business she took nothing from her sister, until later, she asked her late sister to pay Ten Ghana Cedis (GH¢10.00) a month to her. She agreed and did so onwards. After her sister passed on her children decided to use the container for the sale of second-hand clothing. The children assured their grandmother that they will pay the amount agreed by their mother. Later, the Complainant increased the money to Thirty Ghana Cedis (GH¢30.00) of which the children and their father sort for reduction and was not agreed. They were told to either pay such amount or remove their container from the land by the Complainant. She said it was the former Assembly member for Barekese, Hon. Diana Kumson who negotiated between them to pay such amount. She said, she told the Hon. that if that be the case she would give them up to 2019. The issue was resolved however after that year, she has seen the shop closed and has asked them to remove the temporary structure. Their father who was representing the children had since not agreed to remove it. This is the main reason why she has brought the case before the committee to call the Defendant to relocate his container for her to have her piece of land.

Defendant (Mr. Ebenezer Koduah Amankwah)

He confirmed the negotiations ensued between the wife and Madam Akua Serwaah. The defendant said the Complainant has offered the other sides of the land to other people who have their containers there and operate. Another reason is that market women most especially the cassava traders use the premise during market days and it makes it difficult for the children to operate the container. This has caused the children to abandon the container for the city. Chairman interjected, that, does the structure has a container permit, of which he said no. He asked to proceed. The Defendant pleaded for the initial arrangement of Gh10 to be maintained by the Complainant if not then he would want to be given some time to relocate the container.

Recommendation

After hearing both cases, chairman and members recommended the following:

1. That the Defendant (Mr. Ebenezer Kodua Amankwaah) remove the temporary structure from the piece of land.
2. That the Defendant be given a four (4) months ultimatum to relocate the structure from the Complainant's piece of land.
3. That action will be taken against the Defendant if the container is still on the land after the four months ultimatum.

Recommendations were agreed by all. The complainant thanked the house.

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

Chairman appreciated the effort of all the members of the committee and parties herein present.

CLOSING PRAYER

The sitting came to an end at 2:30 pm and a prayer was said by Mr. Emmanuel Appiah.

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh
Chairman, PRCC

Augustine Agyei
Secretary, PRCC