

MUNITES ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (PRCC) SITTING

HELD ON 26TH AUGUST, 2022

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

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

IN ATTENDANCE

1. Kuntum Bermah - Amisare-Asuofua
2. Abdul Rahman Boakye -Amisare-Asuofua
3. Oduro Ahmed -Amisare-Asuofua
4. Ahmed Kwarteng -Amisare-Asuofua
5. Solomon Adobaw -Asuofua
6. Christiana Adobaw -Asuofua
7. Yaw Boateng - Asuofua
8. Bernard Opoku -Developer-Asuofua
9. George Owusu Ansah - Adankwame
10. Adu Stephen - Asuofua
11. Boateng Yaw - Barekese
12. Kwabena Aning - Asuofua
13. Frank Kwadwo Fosu - Adankwame
14. Nana Dwomo Mensah -Adankwame

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was said by Hon. Yaw Sarfo Kantanka at 10:42 am.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh welcomed members and parties involved.

DELIBERATION OF ISSUES BEFORE THE HOUSE

(CASE NO.1) FRANK KWADWO FOSU, NANA DWOMO MENSAH VS HON. PAUL ASIAMAH YEBOAH-ADANKWAME

Chairman cautioned their lateness and asked they are not to repeat such action. Both parties accepted and pleaded before the Committee. Chairman quickly informed the complainants and the Committee of the absence of the Hon. Assembly Member for Adankwame by a letter dated 25th August 2022 on health grounds. Chairman asked them to state their claims on the case.

COMPLAINANT

Mr. Frank Kwadwo Fosu (Unit Committee Chairman, Adankwame) said their issue against the Assembly Member of Adankwame had to do with unavailability when called or invited by community stakeholders. He said the Assembly member does not render account on the public toilet to the appropriate authorities. Mr. Fosu said that the genesis of the case is that the committee once met and agreed to renovate the public toilet, of which Hon. Paul Asiamah Yeboah was asked to consider and later account for the cost of renovating the facility. He made an account before the chiefs who are the appropriate authorities, but it did not go down well with them. He was tasked to go and return to render proper accounts, but he is yet to show up. Chairman asked the complainant if they knew about the whole process of renovating the toilet of which the answer was NO. The entire renovation is done by only the Assembly member. Any calls, invitation or attempts to reach him proved futile. Evidence of the first accounts by the Assembly Member was tendered in for onward action. Chairman quickly tendered in a letter received on behalf of the Assembly member dishonoring Committee's summon on health grounds. A medical letter by one Dr. Ernest Martey, Medical Officer (Church of Christ Mission Hospital-KNUST, Kumasi). Chairman asked per the attached letter the meeting be adjourned. The Adankwame Nkonsohene, Nana Dwomo Mensah added that he had become the first assembly man to incorrigibly act on call-ups, that experience was not encountered with the past Assembly Member. Nana Dwomo Mensah alleged that it seemed every Assembly Member brought to power decides to have caretaking over public toilets. He expressed his worry on why an individual would renovate and solely employ the services of a person he wants without any consultation. The Nkonsohene promised and still stands to pay for the remaining cost of the public toilet and give it back to the Community to manage for development.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Committee recommended that as a matter of urgency management writes to the Hon. Member of Adankwame (Hon. Paul Asiamah Yeboah) to meet with the Internal Auditor over the public toilet accounts with its checks and balances so it can be handed over to the community for payment and onwards development.

(CASE NO. 2) FARMING AT DAMSITE

Complaints against cocoa farmers along the dam site. They (Mr. Oduro Ahmed and other members) have leased their lands to farmers so an agreed percentage could be shared among both parties, but it seemed the farmers had gone contrary to the agreement both parties signed. They don't give them whatever is harvested from the land, even foodstuffs, and other related crops. The meeting was adjourned to Friday, the 2nd of September 2022 with reason that the other party was not present. The venue for the meeting is at the Assembly's Conference Hall. The Committee urged parties to come with documents proving their case so that an amicable resolution can be reached.

RECOMMENDATION

1. No recommendation was made in this case as it was adjourned.

(CASE NO. 3)

Mr. Solomon Adobaw, husband to the Complainant (Mrs. Christiana Adobaw) said just recently his wife informed him of writing to the PRCC and had been summoned concerning a land belonging to his wife's grandmother. Mr. Solomon Adobaw said they had to investigate the land on which the developer (Mr. Bernard Opoku) was making a project and have realized certain wrongs have been committed and therefore have brought the case before the Committee. Chairman informed the parties present that the letter received by the Committee was said to be signed by Mrs. Christiana Adobaw (Maame Ama Achiaa) concerning a building permit issued by the Assembly. Chairman made the parties aware that the case before the Committee would be looking into borders on the Permit not the case at court. Chairman asked the Defendant (Mr. Bernard Opoku) if he had a building permit to operate. He (Defendant) said he has a building permit. Chairman asked the Complainant to introduce herself and, in whose name, she was representing in the case. The Complainant (Mrs. Christiana Adobaw) mentioned her name and said she was representing her grandmother whose owns the land. She said her mother Maame Ama Achiaa and therefore she was representing her mother at Court of which the court had given the order to represent mother in the case. The Defendant (Mr. Bernard Opoku) interjected that though the case is before Court and was aware what was being discussed surrounds permit, but he was investing on BOT principle (Build Operate and Transfer) of which after some time would transfer the structure to the family. Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh

informed the parties that the Committee had gathered to ascertain the permit issue given by the Assembly was done with due diligence or not. In other, to prevent the Assembly from being sued. George Owusu Ansah (Defendant's Accomplice) said one would not just get to develop on someone's land, there are due processes of which his friend (Mr. Bernard Opoku) did, but he was asked to tender in copies of the permit to the Committee, which was done by the Complainant. Chairman asked Mr. Yaw Boateng a technocrat (Works Department) documents qualified for the issuance of Building Permit, and he made mention of site plan, allocation paper and design are the ones investigated before a building permit is issued. He was asked to have a view of the two parties documents and report, which he explained to the Committee. Chairman said that per technocrat's analysis of the documents, both parties had same land allocation papers with different names. Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Premph, added that the case be adjourned whilst the Committee investigate and make further analysis of the tendered documents which will soon inform the Committee's decision by Tuesday, 30th of August 2022. The Committee agreed that an Invitation letter be written to (Mr. Franz Ebo Yartel) the District Physical Planning Officer and Mr. Daniel Donyinah (District Works Officer) to come expound on the issue on Friday, 2nd September 2022 at 9:00 am at the District Assembly Conference Hall.

RECOMMENDATION

1. No recommendation was made to that effect.

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Premph was grateful to parties and members for the success of the day's cases and hoped to reorganize for the scheduled week's cases.

CLOSING PRAYER

A motion for adjournment was said by Hon. Osei Kwaku Michael which was seconded by Hon. Ernestina Ampofowaa a prayer was said at 01:14 pm by Hon. Yaw Sarfo Kantanka.

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Premph
Chairman, PRCC

Augustine Agyei
Secretary, PRCC