

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE, 1966
(No. 5 OF 1966)

WARRANT

ESTABLISHING THE BETIO TOWN COUNCIL

JOHN FIELD,
Governor.

By His Excellency Sir JOHN OSBALDISTON FIELD, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

WHEREAS it has been provided by section 3 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1966, that the Governor may establish by Warrant under his hand such Councils as he may deem necessary or expedient for the purpose of local government :

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 3 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1966, and all other powers me enabling, and after consultation with the Executive Council, I do by this Warrant direct as follows :—

- (1) There shall be established with effect from the 30th day of May, 1972, a Council to be known as the Betio Town Council.
- (2) (i) The common seal of the said Council shall be the following device—

A frigate bird in flight above a symbolic representation of the sun arising from the ocean the whole surrounded by a circle bearing the following words, that is to say, " The Common Seal of the Betio Town Council ".
- (ii) Until such time as a seal as prescribed in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph is available, a stamp of the same description may be used as the Common Seal.
- (3) The area of authority of the Council shall be Betio Town, that is to say, that part of Tarawa atoll consisting of the islet of Betio and bounded by a line running in a north-north easterly direction through point $1^{\circ} 19'N 172^{\circ} 57' 24"E$ to point $1^{\circ} 26'N 173^{\circ} 00' 48"E$ thence in a north westerly direction through point $1^{\circ} 30'N 172^{\circ} 53"E$.
- (4) (i) The Council shall consist of six elected and two nominated members.
- (ii) Of the six members elected at the first election two designated by the Council, whether by resolution or ballot, shall retire from office a year after the date of the election, and two others, likewise designated, shall retire two years after the date of election.

- (5) (i) The Council shall exercise all these powers, duties and functions conferred upon it by the Local Government Ordinance, 1966, or by any other law for the time being in force.
- (ii) The Council may exercise all or any of the functions set out in the following paragraphs of the First Schedule to the Local Government Ordinance, 1966—

I. Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries :

- (a) to provide services for the improvement of agriculture ;
- (b) to control plant diseases, weeds and pests ;
- (c) to control or exterminate insect, animal or other pests detrimental to crops ;
- (d) to control methods of husbandry ;
- (e) to regulate areas and methods of planting and types of crops and trees ;
- (f) to provide services for the improvement of livestock ;
- (g) to prohibit, restrict or regulate the movement of livestock in or through the Council area ;
- (h) to prohibit, restrict and regulate the keeping of livestock of any description ;
- (i) to establish, maintain and control pounds, seize and impound any stray animal, and provide for the payment of compensation for damage done by such animal ;
- (j) to prohibit cruelty to animals and any specified acts of cruelty to animals ;
- (k) to establish, erect, maintain and control slaughter houses ;
- (l) to provide for the control, destruction and licensing of dogs ;
- (m) to prevent and control the outbreak or the prevalence of any disease among animals ;
- (n) to provide for the improvement and control of fishing and related industries ;
- (o) to prohibit, restrict or regulate the hunting, capture, killing or sale of animals, reptiles, birds or fish or any specified kind of animal, reptile, bird or fish.

- (k) to provide that the owner or occupier, or several such persons jointly, of any land or tenements maintain, clear and keep free from vegetation and rubbish such land or tenements or the roads, streets, paths or public places adjoining such land or tenements;
- (l) to prevent damage or obstruction to any roads, streets, paths, or open spaces maintained by the Council.

11. Trade and Industry:

- (a) to establish, maintain and control collection centres, storage depots and processing services for agricultural produce;
- (b) to provide for the control, regulation, inspection, supervision and licensing of all places of entertainment and recreation, lodging and eating-houses, and any premises in which any profession, trade or business is carried on;
- (c) to provide for the control, regulation, supervision and licensing of any other occupation;
- (d) to prescribe the conditions under which any offensive trade or industry may be carried on.

12. Miscellaneous:

- (a) to establish, maintain and provide information and publicity services;
- (b) to require the marriage, birth or death of any person within the area of authority of the Council to be reported to or registered with the Council and to appoint registration officers and registrars for such purposes;
- (c) to promote and regulate the development of an arts and crafts industry;
- (d) to protect, preserve, prohibit or control the removal from any place of any antique artifact;
- (e) to establish, control and manage recreation grounds, open spaces and parks;
- (f) to provide for or grant sums of money towards the maintenance and welfare of children, young persons, the aged, destitute, or infirm;
- (g) to enter any contract with any other Council or with any other body or person to secure or further the carrying on of any work or undertaking which the Council is authorised to carry on;
- (h) to fix tariffs or charges for services rendered in connection with the achievement of any of the Council's purposes;
- (i) to provide for the performance by members of a community of unpaid labour in the direct interest of that community, the unpaid labour being required for such minor communal works as are designed to improve the social conditions of the community;
- (j) to perform any other function, whether similar to those enumerated in this Schedule or not, which may be specifically conferred upon the Council by the Governor.

Given under my hand and seal at Tarawa in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony this 30th day of May 1972.

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