

REPORT ON PRCC MEETING HELD ON 29 TH JULY, 2021 AT ASSEMBLY HALL,

BAREKESE

MEMBERS

1.	Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh	-	Chairman
2.	Hon. Eric Opoku Fofie	-	Member
3.	Mr Emmanuel Appiah	-	Member
4.	Mr J.T. Kwamong	-	Member
5.	Hon. Stephen Appiah	-	Member
6.	Hon. Osei Kwaku Michael	-	Member
7.	Mr Augustine Agyei	-	Member
8.	Mr Prince Boakye Yiadom	-	Member
9.	Hon. Ernestina Ampofowaa	-	Member
10.	10. Mr Thomas Awuah Asem	-	Member

IN ATTENDANCE

1.	Mr Adu Stephen	-	Asuofua
2.	Mr Boakye John	-	Asuofua
3.	Mr Sarkodie Akwasi	-	Asuofua
4.	Madam Janet Agyeiwaa	-	Asuofua
5.	Nana Owusu Bempah	-	Asuofua
6.	Mr Amankwah Eric	-	Asuofua
7.	Mr Anthony Arthur	-	Asuofua
8.	Nana Efua Fynnba Mensah	-	Asamang
9.	Mr Alexander K. Nkruma	-	Asamang
10.	Madam Ama Boahemaa	-	Asamang
11.	Madam Adwoa Duodowaa	-	Asamang
12.	Osofo Danso	-	Asamang
13.	Mr Salisu Mohammed	-	Asamang
14.	Mr Isaac Owusu	-	Asamang
15.	Opanin Osei Abotirimu	-	Asamang
16.	Mr Yaw Owusu Boafo	-	Asamang
17.	Mr Yaw Asamoah	-	Asamang
18.	Mr Apau Solomon	-	Asamang

OPENING PRAYER

The meeting began with an opening prayer said by Hon. Eric Opoku Fofie at 10:22 am.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh, the chairman of PRCC welcomed members of the committee and educated the guest on the mandate of the PRCC. He further asked them to cooperate fully and respect the decisions of the committee since it draws its powers from the Local Government Act 936, Section 28 of the Constitution of Ghana.

PETITION

Hon. Osei Kwaku Michael (Assemblyman for Asoufua-Asamang Electoral Area), herein referred to as the Petitioner) on 29th June, 2021 pray to the PRCC via the Chairman of PRCC to bring to order an unauthorized Unit Committee at Asamang under the Asuofua-Asamang Electoral Area. According to the Assemblyman, the said committee has been in operational since 2017 without his approval or the District Assembly, meanwhile, its members are parading themselves as eligible and recognized Unit Committee by the Atwima Nwabiagya North District Assembly. The Petitioner identified, One Obaapanin Duodowaa (herein referred to the 1st Respondent) together with five others as constituents of the illegal committee in Asamang.

HEARING OF THE PETITION

PETITIONER'S CASE: Hon Osei Kwaku Michael (petitioner) supported by Unit Committee Members of the Asuofua-Asamang Electoral Area told the PRCC that, when he assumed office as Assemblyman for Asuofua-Asamang Electoral Area in 2019, he was made to know that, there is a committee which derives its powers from the traditional authorities at Asamang has been operational since the time of his predecessor, Hon. Christopher Asante. He narrated before the PRCC that the Asamang Committee per his checks came to existence after the former chairman of erstwhile Unit Committee of Asuofua-Asamang Electoral Area realized that he was the only

person serving on the committee from Asamang area; he added that, upon consultation with the traditional leaders at Asamang and the former Assemblyman done by the former Unit Chairman who is currently the Treasurer for the current Unit Committee, the Asamang Committee was formed in 2017. He further narrated before the PRCC that, when assumed office in 2019, together with the current Unit Committee made attempts to take over administration of the Asamang Township had proved futile hence his petition to the PRCC.

DEFENDANT'S CASE

Obaapanin Adwoa Duoduwaa, also known as Auntie Ahenfie, a chieftain of Asamang who since 2017 had hold herself as a leader of the Asamang Committee told the PRCC said, the Asamang Committee had a close working relation with the erstwhile Assemblyman for Asuofua-Asamang Electoral Area as well as the former Unit Committee Chairman.

She admitted before the PRCC that, the Asamang Unit Committee since 2017 has been in control of revenue from funeral fees, refuse dump containers, refuse dump sites, allocation of temporary structures, marriage ceremony fees, contract and building of market at Asuofua. She refuted the allegation of failure to render account to the current Unit Committee, adding that several attempt by her members to meet Hon. Osei Kwaku Michael, Assemblyman for Asuofua-Asamang and his Unit Committee had proved futile.

ELIGIBILITY OF THE ASAMANG UNIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Akwasi Sarkodie (former chairman of Asuofua-Asamang Unit Committee) admitted before the PRCC that he did not officially notify the District Assembly and for the that matter, no approval from the District Assembly was given to his nominees to be co-opted as Unit Committee Members for Asuofua-Asamang Electoral Area during the previous District Assembly, therefore the PRCC declared Asamang committee as null and void.

The PRCC told Mr. Akwasi Sarkodie that, the District Assembly in aftermath will hold him responsible and liable for any financial malfeasance and misappropriation of fund by the Asamang Unit if its investigation proves so.

AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

The PRCC told Obaapanin Adwoa Duoduwaa and her members of the Asamang Committee to present their financial statement and other relevant document to the District Internal Auditor for further scrutiny and aftermath report to the PRCC for actions.

CROSS EXAMINATION

The PRCC allowed for cross-examination by both parties in order to ascertain more facts and substance of the issue brought before it.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The PRCC recommends to the Management as matter of urgency write the Asamang Unit Committee headed by Obaapanin Adwoa Duoduwaa and the treasure; Mr Salisu Mohammed for auditing.
2. The PRCC recommends that, the Works Department of the investigate into the contract of Asamang market and report back to the PRCC for further actions.
3. The PRCC recommends that again that, the Works Department should investigate into the building of a washing bay near the Asamang bridge i.e. the acquisition of building permit.
4. The PRCC recommends that the Works Department should investigate into acquisition of temporary structure permits at Asamang since 2017, i.e. allocation of temporary structures at public space with a particular interest in Asamang D/A School land and report thereafter to PRCC for further actions.
5. The PRCC recommends that, the Environmental Health Department should investigate into contractual agreement between caretakers of refuse dump sites and the Asamang Committee and report to PRCC.

Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman told both the petitioner and the respondents that, the PRCC will recommend to management for actions to be taken in respect to finding more information to inform the decision

of PRCC and appealed to them to avail themselves for invitations and investigations when the need arises.

He further pledged the PRCC commitment to administering justice in the case brought before it and thanked members of the PRCC as well as parties for responding to invitations of the committee

CLOSING PRAYER

Hon. Eric Opoku Fofie said the closing prayer at 12:19 pm to bring the hearing meeting to an end.

Hon. Isaac Ohemeng Prempeh

Chairman, PRCC

Thomas Awuah Asem

Secretary, PRCC