

PRESS RELEASE

NEWCLARE JUMA MASJID AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE CONCLUDES A SUCCESSFUL ELECTION PROCESS

On Sunday 1st June 2014 the Newclare Juma Masjid and Educational Institute concluded a successful election of committee members for the institute. After a lengthy and onerous engagement and interaction with the existing executive committee the community decided to convene a Triennial Meeting for the sole purpose of these elections. This after the existing committee continuously refused to convene one despite the fact that it was in contravention of the Institutes constitution.

The meeting started promptly at 09:30 with a full quorum of 40 members that had increased to more than 67 by the end of the meeting. This displayed the intense level of public interest in this process as we normally struggle to attain a quorum. There was no chairperson and secretarial report to consider as none was tabled at the meeting, despite a request for such reports to be submitted. The treasurer, Mr Aziz Wadvalla, presented a summarised financial statement for the period 2008 to 2013. This made for very sombre reading and indicated that the institute was not in a healthy financial situation.

Eventually the item on the agenda that all present had come for, the election of a new committee got underway. 16 nominations were received and the electoral team promptly developed a ballot paper as it was decided that the votes would be cast by secret ballot. After a free and fair election the following 9 members were elected to the committee. Their names are listed in no particular order :

Zainodeen Moosa, Cassim Petker, Aziz Wadvalla, Fareed Essack, Yaseen Jardine, Shahied Allie, Kureish Isaacs, Ashiq Osman, and Rafick Charles

We wish the members all the best with their election and make dua that Allah (s.w.t) guides protects and affords them the health and wisdom to carry on this arduous and blessed task to the best of their ability, insha-allah.

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