



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF BOHOL  
City of Tagbilaran



## PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2017 AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL, PHILIPPINES**

In Attendance:

Gov. Edgar M. Chatto.....Chairman, Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

### **PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 67 – 2017**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) TO CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS WITHIN THE ABATAN BRIDGE FOR THE REMAINING DEBRIS ALONG THE ABATAN RIVER CAUSED BY THE GREAT BOHOL EARTHQUAKE IN 2013**

**WHEREAS**, the Abatan River is considered as the main passageway for marginal fishers and communities involved in nipa weaving livelihood, aquaculture, fishing and tourism activities, with the Abatan Bridge providing the infrastructure link that connects the municipalities of Cortes, Maribojoc and Antequera;

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Bohol was struck by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that led to the destruction and collapse of the Abatan Bridge, causing some debris to fall into the river;

**WHEREAS**, while the national government, through the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has replaced the destroyed Abatan Bridge with a new bridge, debris of the fallen bridge still remain uncollected at the river;

**WHEREAS**, such debris have somehow contributed to the following current situation at the Abatan River: blockage of river flow into the sea, disruption of navigational routes of marginal fishermen and other users, risk and danger to tourists availing the fire-fly tours, and siltation that may cause the shallowing of water at the river;

**WHEREAS**, tourism activities in the area are also affected, such as the Bandong boat for the Abatan River Community Life Tour could no longer pass through up to Kawasan Falls because of the sagging Loreto Bridge as well as the shallow part of river in the upstream particularly from Roasario, Cortes to Kawasan Falls in Cabad-Candasig-Dorol, Balilihan;

**WHEREAS**, this Body, after discussion on said concern at the Abatan River, has found the need for the clearing and removal of remaining debris to address the problems being experienced by the communities in the area, affecting livelihood, safety and movement of people and goods;

**WHEREFORE**, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened –

**To request the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to conduct clearing operations within the Abatan Bridge for the remaining debris along the Abatan River caused by the Great Bohol Earthquake in 2013**

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish copies of the same Resolution to the DPWH District and Regional Offices and to Hon. Rene L. Relampagos, Representative of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Bohol for support.

**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL**  
PPDC-Bohol  
Head, PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:

  
**EDGAR M. CHATTO**  
Governor

Chairman, PDC-Bohol