

General Services Committee Meeting
Anne French Room
Tuesday 12th December 2017
0915 hours

Mrs N Paris, Chairman
Mr A Barnes, Deputy
Mr G McKinley
Mr M Dean
Mr S Roberts

Mr A Bray, Technical Services Officer
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary

Apologies: None

In attendance: Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master, for items 85/2017, Miss Claire Thorpe, AWT and Dr Mel Broadhurst-Allen, Marine Biologist for item 86.1, Mr John Horton, ABO Warden, and Nigel Clark, AWT for item 86.2.

82/2017 Matters Arising

82.1 Taxi Report Update

Mr Dean stated that a further progress meeting is still to be arranged. It was noted that the request for ID Badges has been instigated.

MD

82.2 Hedges – the Committee noted a verbal update from the Executive Officer. It was noted that this issue is due for debate in the Guernsey States. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

82.3 Fort Grosnez – The Committee noted that Deputy Brehaut has been invited to attend the January meeting. Mr Dean to liaise with BDCC for a meeting in January. The TSO advised that he is in dialogue with Property Services in Guernsey.

MD

82.4 Resolutions – The Chairman requested that the resolutions be circulated with the Red/Amber/Green status for each action, as agreed and produced for P&F. **Noted.**

83/2017 Technical Services Officer Monthly Report – Report tabled and **noted.**

84/2017 Roads and Transport

84.1 Parking Issues Update

The Committee noted a verbal update from the Executive Officer.

84.2 Capital Expenditure Request – Road Resurfacing Contract 2018 - Report from Technical Services Officer dated 2nd December 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee unanimously approved the following:

- The Capital budget of £245,000 for road surfacing works;
- Areas detailed in the report to be the priority for 2018.

It was noted that full detailed costings and business case will be prepared for P&F, and an amount of £300k is included in the 2018 capital programme.

Recommendation to be circulated to P&F via email to enable to meet the Billet deadlines for the January States Meeting.

It was noted that the minor road repairs, including plant, budgeted for £30k for 2017 is to be kept as a separate case.

TSO/TREASURY/P&F

0950 Mr McKinley left the meeting

1000 Harbour Master joined the meeting

85/2017 Harbour and Fisheries

85.1 Harbour Monthly Report - Harbour Report for November tabled and noted.

HGV Licences – Update from Harbour Master and Chief Executive’s response to Mr Jean’s queries, noted.

Crane Replacement - CE response to Mr Jean to be circulated to all GSC Members.

TREASURY

85.2 Breakwater – Report from Norma Paris dated 11th December 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the report and agreed for the report and attached correspondence is kept on file, along with the 2016 draft policy letter with regard to the Alderney Breakwater from the Committee for Environment and Infrastructure.

1010 Harbour Master left the meeting

1010 Claire Thorpe, AWT and Dr Mel Broadhurst-Allen, Marine Biologist joined meeting

86/2017 Recreation, Welfare and Environment

86.1 Plastic Reduction - Report from Alderney Wildlife Trust & Alex Snowdon dated 20th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to:

- Work with the AWT and other parties to reduce the use of plastic bags and other related products on island to help improve our natural environment; and
- Support the formation of a Strategic Action Group (Mr Snowdon as States Member) to address the issues and report back to the GSC with progress.

It was noted that the first meeting of the SAG is Thursday 14th December at 3pm in the AWT Office (those present invited), and updates will be included in the monthly AWT Report to the Committee for information.

The Committee requested for Dr Broadhurst-Allen to produce a proposal for a Sea Bin for the Committee to consider at its next meeting. Noted.

1035 Claire Thorpe, AWT and Dr Mel Broadhurst-Allen, Marine Biologist left meeting

1035 John Horton, ABO Warden, and Nigel Clark, AWT joined meeting

86.2 Alderney Bird Observatory Update – Presentation from John Horton, Bird Warden tabled and noted.

The committee congratulated Mr Horton on the excellent progress of the ABO to date.

11.15 John Horton, ABO Warden, and Nigel Clark, AWT left meeting

86.3 Land Lease Request – Timber Row – Letter from Miss Aldcroft dated 30th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to lease Miss Aldcroft the small area to the rear of No 3 Timber Row for recreational use, as per the other lease agreements for neighbouring houses.

TREASURY

86.4 Old Connaught – Report from Tony Barnes dated 6th December tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed for a sub group to be formed (Mr Dean, Mr Roberts and States Treasurer) to investigate the potential of the site, using whatever assistance required i.e. estate agent assessment, property management consultancy etc, financial provision as necessary, and report back to the Committee within 3 months.

86.5 Archaeology Code of Practice – For Information – Alderney Archaeology Code of Practice tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed for Mr Dean, Mr Roberts and the TSO to meet with Director of Business Development to discuss further.

MD/SR/TSO

86.6 Metal Detecting on Longis Beach – Comments form from Nicholas Hogben dated 8th December 2017 tabled and noted. Guernsey Policy tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed for Mr Hogben to carry out metal detecting on Longis Beach, with an understanding that he was not to detect on any historical or sensitive sites, and is to liaise with the TSO on arrival and report any significant finds, and that he has adequate insurance cover in place. Noted.

The Committee also agreed that ‘Metal Detecting’ should be included in the Archaeological Policy as either a ‘hobby’ or a ‘profession’.

CE OFFICE/TSO

86.7 Slaughter Charges

It was noted that the slaughter charges have not been increased/reviewed since 2014.

The Committee agreed for a report to be provided for consideration at the next meeting.

CEOFFICE/TREASURY/SR

87/2017 Any Other Business

Braye Common Parking – the Committee agreed that a designated parking area should be created. Mr Dean to bring a proposal to the next Committee meeting. **Noted.**

MD

Post Office Parking – it was noted that the loading/unloading bay in Ollivier Street will be re-instated.

TSO

Sure Ltd Letter – the Committee stated that did not approve of the phone box being removed from the Harbour due to safety reasons. Alternative indoor location can be provided if necessary. CE Office to liaise with Harbour Master to deal.

CE OFFICE/HARBOUR MASTER

Environmental Health Legislation – As referred from P&F. It was noted that Guernsey Environmental Health have previously assessed the issue, and has advised that it is a neighbour dispute. The Committee agreed not to request a specific visit at this time, however to assess the air pollution policies in Guernsey, and discuss these further to how they can be tailored to Alderney if required.

88/2017 For Information & Noting

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – as circulated via email**
- **GA Data**
- **Letter from Sure Ltd**
- **Nunnery – Project Manager Report**

Meeting closed: 12.10pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 23rd January 2018

Signed: Norma Paris

Date: 13th December 2017