

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
16th January 2018
0915hours**

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
Mr A Barnes
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr G McKinley
Mr L Jean
Mr M Dean
Mr A Snowdon
Mr I Tugby

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Lewis, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
to the Chief Executive (EO)
Mr C Brock, Director of Business
Development (DBD)
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States
Treasurer (TREASURY)

In Attendance: P Veron for item 2.1 and J McLellan, Crown Advocate for item 3.1

ACTION**01/2018****Matters Arising****1.1 Annual Appointments –**

The following appointments were agreed by the Committee:

- i. Deputy Chairman – Mr A Barnes*
- ii. Chairman of Finance Committee – Mr A Barnes*
- iii. Members of Finance Committee – Mrs N Paris, Mr J Dent, Mr M Dean*
- iv. Any other Sub Committees/ Working Groups - Chairman & Members*
 - *Governance Committee – Resolved to not re-appoint this sub-committee until Committee has further reflected on the debate without resolution by the States in December*
 - *Air Transport Advisory Group – Mr J Dent, Mr S Roberts, Mr M Matthews, Mr P Veron*
 - *Marine Transport Working Group – Mr J Dent, Mr I Tugby, Mr P Veron, Mr N Lawrence*
 - *Renewables Strategy Forum (2 Members) – Mr A Snowdon and Mr L Jean*
 - *Tourism Lead – Mr A Snowdon*
- v. Members with responsibility for liaison with the following bodies relating to Transferred Services, on behalf of the Policy & Finance Committee, with individual delegation when required for:*
 - *Environment & Infrastructure Committee – Mrs N Paris & GSC*
 - *Health & Social Care Committee – Mr G McKinley*
 - *Employment & Social Security Committee – Mr G McKinley*
 - *Home Affairs Committee – Mr J Dent*

- *Education, Sport & Culture Committee – Mr A Snowdon*
- *Economic Development Committee – Mr J Dent*
- *States' Trading Supervisory Board – Mr J Dent*

vi. Butes Centre Trust – Mrs N Paris

vii. States Appointed Director of Alderney Electricity Limited – Mr M Birmingham

viii. 2 Directors to the Board of Alderney eGambling Limited – Mr M Birmingham, Mr A Barnes

ix. Alderney Liaison Group – Mr J Dent, Mr A Barnes, Mrs N Paris and Alderney Representatives as ex officio members.

x. States of Alderney 1982 Pension Scheme Trustees – Noted as follows – In accordance with the rules of the Scheme the official Trustees of the 1982 Scheme (now closed) are the Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee, The Chief Executive and the States Treasurer. Any additional positions are co-opted Trustees. The Trustees do not hold responsibility for the States of Alderney 2013 Scheme, which is administered separately. It was further agreed by a majority, with Mr Snowdon, dissenting to raise no objections to the continued appointment of Messrs McDowall and Castle as trustees for 2018.

1.2 Finance Committee Mandate 2018 – Tabled and approved.

TREASURY

1.3 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, ALG & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives

BDCC - The Committee noted advice from the Deputy Chairman of BDCC providing updates on the recent policy discussions, the proposal to introduce new fees and the public engagement planned in advance of various legislative and policy matters being laid before the States in March.

GSC – The Committee noted advice from the Chairman of GSC providing an update discussions with the Alderney Bird Observatory and the continuing close engagement with the President and representatives of the Committee for the Environment and Infrastructure in respect of the Breakwater.

Finance – The Committee noted that there were no significant financial issues to report, with the first meeting scheduled for 18 January. It was noted that a letter from the Chairman had been sent to the Alderney Press refuting the recent article on Coins and Stamps.

External Relations – The Chairman advised that the President of the Committee for Economic Development had been invited to visit in the near future for informal discussions.

Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies – Environmental Ministers Meeting

The Chairman updated Members on his planned attendance at the forthcoming conference in the Isle of Man.

Tourism – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Tourism lead on various matters including the issue of the 2018 brochure, the number of events planned for the year, staff changes as a result of maternity leave and bringing social media in house in the interests of efficiency. It was further agreed that an invitation be extended to the Tourism Officer to attend the transport related action groups.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted an update on matters to be discussed in the Guernsey States including secondary education, longer working lives, merchant shipping and elections to a number of committees.

1.4 Frequency of Meetings

The Committee agreed to maintain its schedule of meeting on a three-weekly basis.

EO

Paul Veron joined the meeting

02/2018

Transport

2.1 Update

The Committee noted:

1. A verbal update on the potential PSO's along with the ongoing operational issues associated with the Aurigny fleet and agreed that the various matters should be pressed at the next MoU review meeting; and
2. That Waves had applied for an air route licence for a taxi service between Guernsey and Jersey, and it was not yet known whether there would be an application for an Alderney licence; and
3. That the closing date for tenders for an intra-Channel Islands sea ferry service was 18 January. It was further noted that a proposal had very recently been received in respect of a potential Guernsey - Alderney - Dielette service but this was conditional on a significant government subsidy and it was agreed to await the outcome of the wider tendering process.

SA

Paul Veron left meeting

1000 Jon McLellan, Crown Advocate joined meeting

03/2018

Legislation, Conventions & Policy

3.1 Brexit Legislation – Report from Chief Executive dated 9th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee resolved:

1. to note the draft European Union (Brexit) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018 and looked forward to considering a further draft before giving final approval; and
2. By a majority, with Mr Jean dissenting, to advise the Law Officers that it had distinct reservations in respect of para 5(5) with the words "but a failure to comply with this section shall not invalidate any regulations made under this section", the Committee approves the draft European Union (Brexit) (Bailiwick of Guernsey Law) 2018; and
3. By a majority, with Mr Jean dissenting, to advise the SoG know that the withdrawal of the UK from the EU may present Alderney with a number of challenges in regard to its transport links and therefore wishes to have assurances from the SoG that they will be doing all within their power to preserve the lifeline nature of the ACI-GCI and ACI-SOU air links and will be

bringing the runway in Alderney to internationally accepted width and any other standards as soon as possible.

CE/EO

1040 Jon McLellan, Crown Advocate left meeting

3.2 Guernsey Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 8th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to support the three proposed amendments raised by the Committee for Economic Development to the Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance, 2008.

EO

3.3 Same Sex Marriage Law – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 8th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed that Part II of the Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) Law, 1964, be amended by the adoption of the relevant provisions of Part 1 of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrate's Court (Guernsey) Law, 1988.

EO

3.4 Live Broadcast of People's Meeting & Open Forum – Report from Chief Executive dated 4th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to seek legal advice on the extent to which safeguards were available before reaching a decision on the request from Quay FM to broadcast People's Meetings.

CEO/EO

3.5 Date Clash – SoA and SoG Meeting – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 16th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to request the President to change the last States meeting of the year, potentially to 19 December.

EO

3.6 Statement to SoG – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 9th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the procedure as set out in the report and that the Chairman was producing a draft report which would be shared with Members.

EO

3.7 Handling of Probate by the Ecclesiastical Court – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

3.8 Major Projects – Amendment to Rules of Procedure – Report from Chief Executive dated 11th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to note the update, and lay before the States for approval an amendment to the Rules of Procedure as set out in the report.

EO

04/2018**Economy & Renewable Energy**

4.1 Business Development Update – January Presentation – Presentation from Director of Business Development tabled and noted.

The Committee resolved to:

1. **Note the report; and**
2. **Submit proposals directing the drafting of a new Partnership Law to the next States Meeting; and**
3. **Support the creation of the Tourism Advisory Panel under the chairmanship of the Tourism lead; and**
4. **Agree that the outstanding business initiatives of Blockchain, Citizenship, Company Law and Big Data would not be taken any further at this stage, and approved any balances on closed projects as listed.**

DBD

4.2 ACRE Update – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

05/2018**Any Other Business**

Mr Barnes reminded Members that Aurigny's celebration of 50 years of serving Alderney would be marked by a flight on 1st March. **Noted.**

Mr Roberts identified the successes of a local boxer and requested a grant be considered to support his ongoing representation of Alderney at the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. **Noted.**

Mr Tugby recommended consideration that the properties at Whitegates be sold to local young people for renovation. It was noted that this item is already due to be discussed between GSC and AHA at their meeting.

06/2018**Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation**

The above draft resolutions were confirmed by the Committee as being a correct record of the decisions arising from the meeting.

07/2018**For Information & Noting**

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **Age Debtors Report**
- **EDR Summary**
- **Consultants & Legal Fees Summary - CONFIDENTIAL**
- **Price Paid Data**
- **Road Resurfacing Contract Email**
- **Year End Accounts Timetable 2017**

Meeting closed: 1.15pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 17th January 2018