

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ANNE FRENCH ROOM  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
09:30**

**Mr A Barnes, Chairman**  
**Mr J Dent**  
**Mr M Dean**  
**Mrs N Paris**

**Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer**  
**Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor (SFA)**  
**Mrs E O'Toole, Treasury Assistant/Minutes**

**Apologies:**        **Mr C Brock, Director of Business Development (DBD)**  
**In attendance:**   **Mr R Bohan & Mr R Featherstone, Alderney Rock Trust**

**ACTION**

**01/2018**

**Administration**

**1.1 Appointment of Deputy Chairman** Mr James Dent was proposed and appointed.

**1.2 Confirmation of Committee Mandate 2018** The Committee noted the minor changes to the Mandate, as approved by the Policy and Finance Committee, in relation to annual liaison with Guernsey Post & the Commonwealth Mint, and Grants allocations.

**02/2018**

**Delegated Items – Coins & Stamps**

**2.1 Letters regarding Coins & Stamps – for discussion** In response to the misleading and inaccurate article recently published a response from the Chairman to the Editor of the Alderney Press was tabled and discussed. The Committee noted that it is anticipated that the letter will be published in the next edition of the Alderney Press and that the Treasurer had had discussion regarding the matter with the Editor from the Alderney Press. **Noted**

Mr Dent advised that he has also drafted a letter to the Alderney Press regarding the personal attack on a member of the Civil Service which he considered inappropriate which he felt should be sent. It was agreed Mr Dent to circulate the draft letter to the Committee for comments before sending on to the Alderney Press.

It was noted that the request to publish the Philatelic contract would need to be approved by Guernsey Post Ltd.

**JD/TREASURER**

**2.2 Coin Issues 2018** - See Confidential Annexure.

**03/2018**

**Economic Development Reserve**

**3.1 EDR – Expenditure to date** report as at 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 tabled and **noted**.

The report had been covered in detail in the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> January by the Director of Economic Development who is looking to streamline projects. **Noted**

**04/2018**

**Review of Financial Relationship**

**4.1 Risk Management** Paper from the Strategic Financial Adviser, dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, tabled and discussed. It was noted that the paper was withdrawn from the P&F Committee agenda in order for the Committee to have consideration in the first instance.

The Committee discussed the paper at length and noted that although the overarching Strategic Risk Management is the responsibility of the P&F Committee, with the financial risks involving the Finance Committee in the first instance.

The Committee suggested that the P&F Committee consider the paper at their next meeting and:-

1. Determine whether a smaller committee/group is formed to take the matter forward, made up of the Chairperson of the main Committees and appropriate members of the Civil Service
2. That committee/group to establish and develop a Corporate Risk Register, and managed it in a proportionate manner
3. Recommend this Committee take responsibility for the financial risks elements, and other Committees take on responsibility for certain areas as determined by the new committee/group

SFA/TREASURY/P&F

**4.2 Review of Financial Relationship with Guernsey – Update** Paper from the Strategic Financial Adviser, dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, tabled and discussed. It was noted that the paper was withdrawn from the P&F Committee agenda in order for the Committee to have consideration in the first instance.

The Committee noted the update on the Property Tax matter, agreed by the full States earlier in 2017 however not fully supported for the necessary legislation to be drafted. It was further noted a solution to the Income Tax issues which stalled the matter in 2017 should be addressed with a view to the matter being reconsidered by the full States in summer 2018, with proposed implementation of 2020.

**The Committee agreed that the paper should be considered by the P&F Committee with the issue regarding Property Tax to be re-submitted to the States in summer 2018, with an implementation date of 2020.**

SFA/TREASURY/P&F

**05/2018**      **Delegated Items – Grants**

**5.1 Summary of Grants Issued in 2018** Summary tabled and noted.

*Mr R Bohan & Mr R Featherstone, Committee members of the Alderney Rock Trust, joined the meeting*

**5.2 Grant Requests – T&M – Rock the Rock 2018** tabled and considered. Mr Bohan and Mr Featherstone gave a brief history of the establishment of the Trust, the growth and popularity, and the causes it supports annually with money derived from the Concerts and other fundraising events. Mr Bohan stated that although last years and this years event had had to take place in Alderney Week, it will not be a long term arrangement and was only due to the Alderney week dates and funding relating to the hire of the marquee.

Mr Bohan also outlined additional events being planned for May and Christmas.

The Chairman and members thanked Mr Bohan and Mr Featherstone for attending the meeting.

*Mr R Bohan & Mr R Featherstone, Committee members of the Rock the Rock Trust, left the meeting*

The Committee, although very supportive of the Alderney Rock Trust and the groups and charities they support through their fundraising, felt that the majority of those groups and charities may already be supported by the States by way of other grants directly being applied for and considered by the Committee.

**The Committee approved a grant of £1,000 towards the event being planned for May 2018, together with a waiver of fees for Island Hall usage. An application for the Christmas event could be considered later in the year as necessary.**

TREASURY/TOURISM

**5.3 Grant Request – T&M – Guernsey Kart Club** tabled and considered.

The Committee approved a grant of £3,000 towards the event costs for the Sprint & Hill Climb 2018 and the recommended conditions specified by the Tourism Department.

TREASURY/TOURISM

**5.4 Grant Request – T&M – Alderney Literary Festival** tabled and considered.

The Committee approved a grant of £2,000 towards the event costs for the Alderney Literary Festival 2018, together with a waiver of fees for Island Hall usage and the recommended conditions specified by the Tourism Department.

TREASURY/TOURISM

**5.5 Grant Request – T&M – Alderney Performing Arts Festival** tabled and considered.

The Committee approved a grant of £5,000 towards the event costs for the Alderney Performing Arts Festival 2018, together with a waiver of fees for Island Hall usage and the recommended conditions specified by the Tourism Department, subject to 2017 Accounts being submitted and further reviewed by the Committee by email once available.

TREASURY/TOURISM

Mrs Paris suggested the application forms be revised in order for applicants to provide feedback on events such as estimate amount of visitors who attended and other likewise information. Treasury to discuss with the Tourism & Marketing Department on how best to implement.

TREASURY/TOURISM

**5.6 Grant Request – F/C – Alderney KFA Youth Moves** tabled and considered.

The Committee approved a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the Alderney KFA Youth Moves group attending and performing at the KFA National Dance Festival 2018 in Birmingham in June 2018.

TREASURY

**5.7 Grant Request – T&M – Alderney Cultural Exchange Committee** tabled and considered.

The Committee approved a grant of £2,500 towards the event costs for the Alderney Cultural Exchange 2018, together with a waiver of fees for Island Hall usage and the recommended conditions specified by the Tourism Department.

TREASURY/TOURISM

**5.8 Grant Request – T&M – Alderney Tapestry** The Treasurer advised that the Alderney Tapestry members met with the Tourism & Marketing Department to discuss the proposed trip to St. Valery, France to exhibit the Tapestry with the Battle Abbey and Fulford Tapestries. However it had subsequently been decided to defer the trip due to transportation issues.

The Tapestry Group had since advised that there might be future possibilities of a similar exhibition in the UK at the Leeds Medieval Conference which would be easier to accomplish in terms of transport however would entail considerable expense, therefore a grant may be applied for to assist with the costs. **Noted**

**The Committee agreed to consider an application for the event once full details were known.**

**5.9 Grant Request – Billy Le Poullain** Emails from Mr Steve Roberts, States Member, and Miss Kim Le Poullain, and letter from Mr Billy Le Poullain dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018, circulated at the meeting, tabled and discussed. Mr Roberts had raised the matter at the P&F Committee meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, identifying the successes of Billy, a local young man, as a boxer in Guernsey and requested a grant be considered to support his ongoing representation of Alderney at the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Australia.

The Committee was minded to assist in some way however noted that this is not in accordance with grant policy with applications only being considered from Groups, Organisations or Charities, not individuals seeking funding although took into consideration that this was exceptional circumstances.

The Committee agreed to refer the matter to the Tourism & Marketing department to liaise with Mr Le Poullain directly as to how best he could promote Alderney and identify the level of assistance, financial or otherwise, that could be provided.

#### TOURISM

**5.10 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> Aurigny Flight – 1<sup>st</sup> March** Emails from the Chairman and Mr Paul Ainsworth, Aurigny PR Manager, dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, circulated at the meeting, tabled and discussed. It was noted that the Aurigny is looking to re-create the first Aurigny flight from Alderney to Guernsey with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary being on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

The Chairman suggested some form of support could be offered to the celebrations.

The Committee was supportive of some form of gesture towards the Aurigny staff in Alderney and Southampton with a grant of up to £1,000 to assist.

It was agreed that the Chairman would arrange for a cake to be made by Mel's Tearoom, with the cost of the ingredients paid for by the States and the Director of Business Development to liaise with Aurigny in Alderney to ascertain the number of employees and progress the matter.

CHAIRMAN/DBD

06/2018 **Any Other Business** None.

07/2018 **For Information & noting**

- Approved minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 meeting.
- Letters of thanks from Alderney Island Games Association

Meeting closed: 11:37am

Signed: Mr A Barnes

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018