

States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2018

STATES OF ALDERNEY
DELIBERATIONS FOR THE MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2018 AT 17:30

Present: Mr Stuart Trought, President
Mr Ian Tugby
Mr Matt Birmingham
Mr Louis Jean
Mr Steve Roberts
Mrs Norma Paris
Mr Graham McKinley
Mr James Dent
Mr Mike Dean
Mr Tony Barnes

Colonel Colin Mason represented His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Apologies were received from Mr Snowdon.

After the Greffier opened the meeting, the President asked everyone to observe one minute's silence in memory of Mr Philip Cranford-Smith, ex Alderney States Member between 1986 and 2000.

On behalf of the States and the people of Alderney the President then congratulated Mrs Rosemary James on the awarding of her British Empire Medal and went on to say that the island is very proud of her and hopes she will continue to be an example for others to emulate.

Item I **Audited Accounts 2017**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve:-

(a) The States of Alderney 2017 Accounts

and

(b) The States of Alderney Water Board 2017 Financial Statements

Proposer: Mr Dent

Seconder: Mr Barnes

Approved unanimously

Item II **The Gambling (Alderney) (Amendment) (No.2) Law, 2018**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve The Projet de Loi entitled “The Gambling (Alderney) (Amendment) (No.2) Law, 2018” and to request the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty in Council for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

*Proposer: Mr Dent
Secunder: Mr Roberts
Approved unanimously*

Item III **Same-Sex Marriage Legislation**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve:

- i. “The Same-Sex Marriage (Alderney) Law, 2017 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2018”;
- ii. “The Same-Sex Marriage (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Contrary Provisions) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2018”; and
- iii. The Projet de Loi entitled “The Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2018” and to request the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty in Council for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

*Proposer: Mr Dent
Secunder: Mr McKinley
Approved unanimously*

Item IV **Venezuelan Sanctions**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The Venezuelan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2018”

*Proposer: Mr Dent
Secunder: Mr Barnes
Approved unanimously*

Item V **Cannabis**

The above discussion was presented by Mr Dent and was debated without resolution.

*Proposer: Mr Dent
Secunder: Mr Roberts*

Item VI **Air Pollution Survey**

The above discussion was presented by Mrs Paris and was debated without resolution.

Proposer: Mrs Paris

Secunder: Mr Barnes

Item VII **Proposed Amendment to Rules of Procedure – States Meetings**

The States of Alderney resolved, in exercise of their powers to prescribe rules of procedure applicable to meetings of the States under section 45(1) of the Government of Alderney Law, 2004, that the following amendments are made to the States of Alderney Rules of Procedure, as amended (additional words, shown in bold italics, are added to Rule 17):-

17 (1) At any States meeting a Member may put a question concerning States' business to the Chairman of any States Committee ***or to one or more of the Alderney Representatives in the Guernsey States of Deliberation*** for a verbal reply provided that he has given notice thereof in writing, at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting, to the President and to the Chairman of the Committee ***or Alderney Representative*** to whom the question is to be put.

(2) No discussion shall arise out of a question put under this Rule.

(3) Where a question has been put to a Chairman of a Committee ***or to an Alderney Representative*** under this Rule, the President may allow a supplementary question to be put by any member if it arises from the reply to the original question; but the Chairman of the Committee concerned ***or Alderney Representative*** may decline to answer if, in his opinion any answer given by him might be inaccurate or misleading

(4) A member may at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, place a question on any subject in accordance with this Rule for Written Reply by addressing the same to the Chairman of the States Committee concerned ***or to one or more of the Alderney Representatives in the Guernsey States of Deliberation*** and by furnishing a copy thereof to the President.

(5) Where a question is placed in accordance with paragraph (4) of this Rule, the Chairman of the States Committee concerned ***or Alderney Representative*** shall, subject to paragraph 7 of this Rule, furnish a written reply thereto by addressing the same to the Member who placed the question and he shall furnish a copy of the reply to the President, who shall cause a copy of the question and of the reply thereto to be printed in the Deliberations of the meeting at which the question was put.

(6) The placing of a question in accordance with paragraph (4) of this Rule or the receipt of a reply thereto shall not preclude the Member who placed the question or any other member from addressing a question on the same subject at any meeting in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Rule.

(7) The President may, on the grounds of public interest, rule that a Question placed in accordance with this Rule shall not be answered by the Chairman of the States Committee concerned ***or Alderney Representative*** or that the Question need not be answered by him.

(8) ***An Alderney Representative may decline to answer a question, whether verbal, written or supplementary, put to him under this Rule if, in his opinion, he is precluded from so doing by any provision of a code of conduct to which he is subject by virtue of section 20F of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948 or by any other duty attaching to his position as an Alderney Representative, including (for the avoidance of doubt) his membership of any Committee of the States of Deliberation of the Island of Guernsey.***

(9) In this Rule, "Alderney Representative" means a member elected in accordance with section 3(a) or (b) of the States of Guernsey (Representation of Alderney) Law, 1978 as a representative or alternative representative of Alderney in the States of Deliberation of the Island of Guernsey."

Proposer: Mr Dent

Seconder: Mr Birmingham

Approved by a majority

FOR: Messrs Tugby, Birmingham, Roberts, McKinley, Dent, Dean, Barnes and Mrs Paris

AGAINST: Mr Jean

Item VIII Questions and Reports

The following question was received, for verbal response:-

1. Question from Mr Birmingham, for the Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

"The Glacis at Fort Grosnez is an area of major importance to the island, currently containing vital infrastructure in the form of the transport fuel compound, the recycling centre and the harbour maintenance shed. It also represents a significant development opportunity for the island in respect of the possible siting of renewable energy technology to help with the islands long term energy security and the availability of waste heat from the power station upgrade for use as a business incubator to seed new economic opportunities which could create jobs and income to the SOA in the form of rates.

In the light of this, shouldn't the rapid erosion of the western glace into Crabby Bay be of considerable concern to the States, not least due to the significant safety threat that it poses to the transport fuels compound and as States landlord will General Services be urgently looking at coastal defence solutions as a priority to stabilise the area and allocate funds within the upcoming 2019 capital works budget in order that work could commence as quickly as possible to mitigate the erosion problem before the situation deteriorates any further?"

Mrs Paris's response was as follows:-

"The GSC is aware of several areas of coastline where erosion is a cause for concern. Two areas which are being monitored very closely are Crabby Bay and Corbletts Bay because of the implications of vital infrastructure being put at risk, as Mr Birmingham highlights in his question.

We are about to negotiate to have funds available in the 2019 budget to do substantial work and hope that AEL will be bringing forward some proposals on how best to utilise the land available at the Glacis so that these can be taken into consideration."

Meeting Closed: 1945hrs

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