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Present:

Mr Stuart Trought, President

Members

Ms Annie Burgess

Mr Mike Dean

Mr James Dent

Mr David Earl

Mr Kevin Gentle

Mr Christian Harris

Mr Louis Jean

Mr Graham McKinley

Mr Steve Roberts

Mr Alexander Snowdon

The Greffier of the Court

Mr Jonathan Anderson

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States of Alderney

*The States met at 5.30 p.m. in the presence of
Lieutenant G T Workman RN (Rtd), a representative of
His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE, CB,
Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bailiwick of Guernsey*

[THE PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

PRAYERS

The Greffier

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

Billet d'État for Wednesday, 9th January 2019

I. Opening of the States of Alderney Annual Meeting

The Greffier: Sir, all 10 Members of the States are present this evening. I confirm that deals
5 with Item I of this evening, opening of the official Annual Meeting.

The President: Before we get into proceedings for this evening, I would like to welcome all our
new Members and thank them for standing and being prepared to do all they can to help the
Island.

Convener's Report of the People's Meeting held on 2nd January 2019

10 **The President:** I would like to proceed with the Convener's Report, please, Mr Dent.

Mr Dent: Thank you, Mr President.

I confirm that I was the Convener on 2nd January at the People's Meeting. I was assisted by
the Executive Officer and the States Treasurer. I was assisted also by nine States Members,
15 excluding myself, and the minutes secretary. There were 17 members of the public present and
there were two members of the press present.

The President: Thank you Mr Dent.

**II. Election Procedure –
Verbal vote –
Item approved**

Item II.

The States is asked:

To approve that the following elections should be by verbal vote, otherwise Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States Alderney, shall come into operation, i.e., voting shall, unless the States otherwise resolves, be carried out by written ballot.

The President: We will move to Item II, please, Monsieur Greffier.

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The Greffier: Thank you sir. Item II this evening is election procedure. The States of Alderney are asked to approve that the following elections should by verbal vote, otherwise Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Alderney shall come into operation, i.e., voting shall, unless the States otherwise resolves, be carried out by written ballot.

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The President: I will just make it very clear to everybody what this is. This is a procedure by which the States can decide whether they want to have open voting. If they do not vote to do that that means we revert to voting by closed ballot. Thank you very much.

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So States Members, you will be called by the Greffier in a minute, to decide whether you want to vote by open voting, by supporting this and, if you do not, you will vote against this. Is that clear?

Monsieur Greffier, if you would call the vote please.

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The Greffier: Just for completeness, sir, did you want to address the Convener's Report for Item II?

The President: Correct. Were there items from the Convener's Report?

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Mr Dent: Mr President, colleagues, there were no comments on this Item. Thank you.

The President: Thank you, Mr Dent.

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Mr Jean: Should there be any debate, sir? If we wish?

The President: On this, no. It is purely a vote, Mr Jean.

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The Greffier: In which case, sir, the States of Alderney are asked to approve the following elections should by verbal vote, otherwise Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure in the States of Alderney shall come into operation, i.e., voting shall, unless the States otherwise resolves, be carried out by written ballot.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Roberts	Mr Jean	None
Mr McKinley	Mr Dean	
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: Sir, 8 votes to 2, that is for an open, verbal vote.

55 **The President:** Thank you very much. That means the remainder of tonight's voting procedures will be carried out by open vote.

**III. Election of a Vice-President –
Mr Jean elected**

Item III.

The States is asked:

To elect a Vice-President for 2019

The President: We move to Item III please, Monsieur Greffier.

The Greffier: Thank you, sir.

60 Item III this evening is the election of the Vice-President. The States are asked to elect a Vice-President for 2019.

The President: Mr Dent, as Convener, were there any comments on this at the People's Meeting.

65 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, there were no comments on this matter.
Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.
Do I have any nominations for the position of Vice-President?

70 **Mr Roberts:** Sir, in the tradition of the States of Alderney, I would like to propose the Father of the House, who is Louis Jean.

75 **The President:** I can understand you proposing Mr Jean, but it is not the tradition of the House that the senior Member takes that position.

Mr Roberts: I thought it was the Father of the House.

The President: It is not the Father of the House. No.

80 **Mr Roberts:** Well, I propose Mr Jean.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.
Do we have anybody else wishing to stand for this position.

85 **Mr Dent:** I would like to propose Mr McKinley, sir.

The President: Would you rise and do so, please?

90 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, I would like to propose Mr McKinley.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.
Mr McKinley, are you prepared to accept this position?

95 **Mr McKinley:** Yes sir, if I may say a few words when appropriate?

The President: Mr Jean, I have omitted to ask you, of course, if you are willing to accept this position?

100 **Mr Jean:** Thank you, very kind. More than happy to accept the nomination. Also, perhaps, I would like to say a few words.

The President: Do we have any other Members, any other nominations for the position of Vice-President?

105 As we have more than one candidate for this position, I will give both of the proposed Members a couple of minutes to speak on why they think they should hold this position.

Mr Jean, seeing as you were the first nominated, would you care to rise and address the States?

110 **Mr Jean:** Yes. The reason I think I should be nominated is because I have had experience of this role before. I was Vice-President in the year 2000. Some of you may remember the distant past and I was very pleased to be elected Vice-President. Certainly, if I was to be of use in that role, if I was needed, I would know my way around and I would know what to do and I would be able to put my finger on the pulse of most things and believe that I would be able to bring a certain amount of expertise to the post, already, in my long career with the States of Alderney.

115 So I would be able to do something that I believe would be quite useful. I believe in openness, honesty and integrity, so I would bring all that with me. Those are things that have always been benchmarks of value to me. That is something I would bring with me to the post.

Thank you very much for listening to me.

The President: Thank you Mr Jean.

120 Mr McKinley, would you care to rise and tell people why you think you should be the Vice-President?

Mr McKinley: Thank you, Mr President.

125 Mr President, Members of the States, I first came to Alderney in 1964, some 54 years ago, for Christmas with family friends, and my parents later bought a house here, late 1960s, and later came here, spent 35-plus years before both of them passed away.

130 I visited frequently, obviously, during that time, with my family, and I bought my own house here in 1985. I was unable to live permanently in my own house because I was in the military, in the Army, and also later in the United Nations, so I spent quite a lot of time away. But I moved permanently to Alderney in the early 2000s, although I was still working for the United Nations.

I first met, sir, Mr Louis Jean, when he was just into his double figures, I think, he was about 10 or 11, and I met his brother also and I was delighted. I think that we have been friends of a sort ever since and I hope that, whatever the result of this debate, throughout the evening, we will remain friends.

135 I would like to think I could manage to chair a States Meeting. I would need some help and advice to start with but no doubt the Greffier and you, Mr President, might help me in that matter.

With my experience as a diplomat with the Foreign Office, with whom I was once defence attaché for eight countries in West Africa, I do have some experience in social and diplomatic skills, and have hosted important visitors, including Royalty and heads of state.

140 I have met the Queen on a number of occasions and members of the Royal Family and, in my travels around the world, I have worked with heads of state and presidents of state. I also actually attended, because the President was unable to attend, the funeral of the Seigneur of Sark some two and a half years ago, so I did gain a little bit of experience in that matter.

That is all I have to say, sir.

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The President: Thank you, Mr McKinley.

Ladies and gentlemen of the States, you have two Members before you, putting themselves forward for Vice-President. The Greffier will call your name by roll and you will answer with the person that you wish to be the Vice-President. The person who has the most votes will take that position.

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Monsieur Greffier, if you will please proceed.

The Greffier: Thank you. The States of Alderney are asked to elect a Vice-President for 2019.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

MR JEAN	MR MCKINLEY	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	Mr McKinley	None
Mr Roberts	Mr Dent	
Mr Snowdon	Mr Earl	
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		

155 **The Greffier:** Sir, 7 votes in favour of Mr Jean, 3 for Mr McKinley. The Vice-President will therefore be Mr Jean.

The President: Thank you. May I be the first to congratulate you, Mr Jean, on your position as Vice-President.

160 Mr Jean: Thank you very much.

IV. Appointment of Auditors – Item approved

Item IV.

The States is asked:

To appoint KPMG Channel Islands Limited to be the States' Auditors for 2019.

The President: We move to Item IV, please.

The Greffier: Thank you sir. Item IV this evening is the appointment of auditors and the States of Alderney are asked to appoint KPMG Channel Islands Limited to be States Auditors for 2019.

165 **The President:** Mr Dent, as Convener, were there any comments on this, please?

Mr Dent: There was a question on the appointment of auditors and it was noted that the appointment of auditors is changed every five to seven years, through a tender process.

Thank you.

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The President: Thank you very much indeed. Does any Member wish to speak on this? No Member wishing to speak, we can take it that KPMG are appointed as auditors.

V. Appointment of Committee Chairmen

Item V.

The States is asked:

To elect the Chairmen of the following Committees:

1. Policy and Finance Committee

2. General Services Committee

3. Building and Development Control Committee

The President: We move to Item V, please, Monsieur Greffier.

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The Greffier: Thank you, sir. Item V is the appointment of Committee Chairmen. The States of Alderney are asked to elect Chairmen of the following Committees: firstly, the Policy and Finance Committee; secondly, the General Services Committee; and thirdly, the Building and Development Control Committee.

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The President: Thank you very much indeed.

Mr Dent, as Convener, were there any comments on this Item, please?

Mr Dent: Mr President, there were a number of comments.

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It was asked how policy could be debated more in the States and the openness of deliberations could be improved. The Convener advised that the process is: policy resolutions are put forward by Members to be debated in Committee, and, if agreed there, are then placed on the Billet by the Chairman for debate in the full States. He noted that if four Members got together they could place a requête on the Billet and any topic could be debated in this manner. The Convener noted that he had strived to encourage more open debate in the full States through debates without resolution. The Convener noted, additionally, that in P&F it was difficult to separate confidential matters from non-confidential matters and that this was one reason why it could be difficult to have P&F meetings open to the public. It was noted that Government reform would address the issue of open government.

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Thank you.

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The President: Thank you.

I would make one comment on that, Mr Dent, as Convener. It seems that many of those comments were not particularly pertinent to the matter on the Billet, which I believe is something which is in the hands of the Convener.

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Thank you very much.

**1. Election of Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee –
Mr Dent elected**

The President: We will now move to part 1, which is to elect the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee. As there is only one Chairman, this will be again a first past the post. So do I have any nominations please for the Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee?

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Mr McKinley: I would like to nominate Mr Dent.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Mr Dent, are you prepared to stand?

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Mr Dent: Yes sir, I am.

The President: Thank you very much. Do we have any other nominations for this position? Mr Snowdon?

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Mr Snowdon: Thank you Mr President. I would like to nominate Mr Jean please. Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Mr Jean, are you prepared to accept this position if so voted?

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Mr Jean: I am, indeed, sir.

The President: Do we have any other nominations for this position? No other nominations.

In that case, we have two nominations for the position of the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee. As we have more than one candidate for one position, again I will give both of these gentlemen a short few moments to explain why they think they are the correct person to hold it.

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As you were the first nominated, Mr Dent, please rise.

Mr Dent: Mr President, colleagues, tonight, I would ask you to please choose a chairman who passionately believes the team should be working together, all doing their bit for the Island. None of us is perfect, but if we work together, we can achieve a huge amount.

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I would ask you to choose someone who is prepared to work full-time. This is not a part-time position. I would like you to choose someone that believes that Alderney does best when it can be a little different to Guernsey and who believes that we have to work with, and be very careful, in our relationships with them.

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Finally, please choose a Chairman who will focus on the future. Too much digging into the past is perhaps distracting us from the challenges ahead.

Thank you.

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The President: Thank you, Mr Dent.

Mr Jean, would you care to rise and make a short speech as to why you think you should be the Chairman?

Mr Jean: Thank you, sir.

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If elected to be Chairman of P&F, I would bring my experience with me, using knowledge of those years of involvement both here and in Guernsey. Two years ago, I did make it known I was willing to stand as Chairman of P&F. You may ask what stopped me. The point was made that, as I held one of the seats in Guernsey, I would not have the time to be Chairman of P&F as well.

250 The situation is very different now, with two new Alderney Representatives elected by the public at the Plebiscite, to serve in Guernsey for the next two years. I find myself able to take on work here in Alderney, as I am now free to do.

255 We have four new Members, bringing new insight, ideas and energies to the States. If I am chosen to be Chairman of P&F, I will ensure that we fully utilise their talents and work as a team together, which I have to say has not always been the case in recent years. Leadership has been lacking.

Like in a football team, we need a captain, but the team is only successful if all the Members are fully involved. During the coming years, some landmark decisions need to be taken and reaching agreement with Guernsey's Government will require detailed preparation, determination and skilful advocacy.

260 These include the PSO for both air routes, support for the Alderney-Southampton lifeline route, the review of the 1948 Agreement and Alderney's retention of the profits from the Gambling Commission, which Guernsey are going to attempt to remove this year.

265 We have been talking about Government reform throughout the last two sessions, but it made little progress. We need to be more open and responsive to the public opinion, sampling their views and building them into an action plan.

The valuable input of our Island ... sorry, I have skipped a bit.

The President: Can you keep it brief, please, Mr Jean?

270 **Mr Jean:** I am nearly there, sir. Development of our health service has made some progress, thanks largely to the valuable input from our Island GPs and there is more that can be achieved through P&F working closely with the leaders of Health & Social Care, with whom, I might add, I have good relations.

275 Then there is the dreaded B word: Brexit. What will happen is still very unclear but we can be certain there will be implications for Alderney and we will need to act swiftly and resolutely to ensure that our particular interests are dealt with satisfactorily, by ourselves, with the assistance of Guernsey and our Law Officers.

280 These include negotiations over our territorial waters, access to markets for our fishermen, unrestricted visiting to the EU member countries by Islanders, and the ability of local business to be able to continue hiring employees from the Continent.

I bring to the post 17 years' experience on the States, plus 12 years from Guernsey. That is valuable experience but, rest assured, I will never say to anyone with an idea, 'This is not the way we do things.' We must do things the way that the elected Members want and, after all, we are here to serve the public.

285 If you are minded to vote and put your faith in me, then my promise to you is I will fully share with you all information and ensure that, for instance, any correspondence received, with replies to be sent, will only be acted upon with the full involvement of each of you. I hope you will vote for me. Thank you.

290 Thank you for your patience, sir.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Jean.

295 I would remind all the Members here that they are voting tonight for the Chairman of the Committee and we are all well aware of the problems facing Alderney and what you are looking at here are the qualities of the individual that you think will make the best Chairman for you. You have two Members before you, Mr Dent and Mr Jean, and as before your names will be called one by one and respond with the name of the person that you wish to be the Chairman of P&F Committee. Monsieur Greffier, will you please proceed?

300 **The Greffier:** Thank you. The States are asked to elect a Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

MR DENT	MR JEAN	ABSTAINED
Mr Roberts	Mr Jean	None
Mr McKinley	Mr Snowdon	
Mr Dent	Mr Dean	
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: Sir, 7 votes to 3 in favour of Mr Dent as Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. May I be the first to congratulate you, Mr Dent?

2. Election of Chairman of the General Services Committee – Mr McKinley elected

305 **The President:** We move to section 2, which is now for the Chairman of the General Services Committee. Do I have any nominations for the position of the Chairman of the General Services Committee? Mr Dent, I believe you wish to propose someone?

310 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, I would like to propose Mr McKinley.

The President: Mr McKinley, if elected, are you prepared to accept this position?

Mr McKinley: I am, sir.

315 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed. Do I have any other nominations for the position of Chairman of the General Services Committee?

Mr Jean: I would, if I may sir, like to propose Mr Dean?

320 **The President:** Mr Dean? Very good. Mr Dean, if so elected, are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position?

Mr Dean: I am, sir.

325 **The President:** Thank you very much. Do we have any other propositions for the position of Chairman of the General Services Committee?

I have no other propositions, in which case, I will allow both nominees to rise and explain to the other States Members what properties they have which they think will benefit them as Chairman of the Committee of the General Services.

330 As you were nominated first, Mr McKinley, would you care to rise?

Mr McKinley: Thank you, sir.

335 Mr President, States Members, I have been a member of the General Services Committee for four years. I am also, coincidentally, a member of the Alderney Marina Forum and the Alderney Maritime Trust and the Connaught working party group.

The mandate of the General Services Committee is very wide. It deals essentially with the infrastructure of the Island in all manners. They are all important issues, but harbour and fisheries, harbour fees, also the breakwater, and our relationship actually, over the last couple of years, with the Environment & Infrastructure Committee in Guernsey, has improved enormously, with
340 Mr Barry Brehaut and team coming up here and Richard Nash and Graeme Falla. The recent work on the survey on the breakwater has reported very good news.

Also, fisheries, and also marinas and, as a matter of interest, there are two persons currently interested in building a marina and we are waiting for their proposals to come forward.

Also we deal with matters of housing, States property and Mr Dean has done a tremendous
345 amount of work on the old fire station and the old Connaught, which are in a state of disrepair at the moment and definitely need repairing in some way or another. Also we look after roads, policing, the emergency services.

Our relationship with the Alderney States Works Department is extremely good and I must congratulate them on the work that they do. But also our relationship with AEL, the electricity
350 company, and with the Water Board, is very good as it is, also with builders, developers, painters, electricians, plumbers, you name it. They all do extremely well. A lot of work comes back to us. Some of it is work which actually has been dictated by the Policy and Finance Committee and then handed over to the General Services Committee. That is particularly so within some of the States' properties. We work within a budget, which is set for us by the Committee.

355 There is an awful lot to do in that Committee. It is a lot of hard work, but I would promise you that we would do our very best to improve the infrastructure of this Island and to make it the Island it is or keep it as the Island is.

Thank you very much.

360 **The President:** Thank you, Mr McKinley.

Would you care to rise, Mr Dean, and explain why you think you are suited for the position?

Mr Dean: Mr President, fellow States Members, we tend to underestimate the importance of the General Services Committee. It is seen as being sort of mundane, boring, dealing with such
365 things as our road and the sewage system and rubbish collection; all things we take for granted. General Services is probably regarded as the least important of the Committees, but the truth is it is vital and it is certainly one of the most important Committees, if not the most important.

This is because General Services represents the nuts and bolts that holds together the Island's infrastructure. Without an efficient, well-run and proactive Committee, the nuts corrode, snap or
370 loosen and we end up with a dysfunctional Island infrastructure. If we look back at the last few years, the Committee, at times, has been ineffectual: not spent money when it should have, failed to maintain items, failed to maintain States' buildings and spent money when it should not have.

Our technical services officer is often left to his own devices. On many occasions, he has been left to cope without the direction of a strong Committee. This has led to the Committee
375 management being reactive rather than proactive; crisis managers rather than predictors and planners.

What we now need is a properly run, fit-for-purpose Committee, the Members of which are mutually supportive and meet regularly to predict, plan, prevent problems before they occur and to aid and assist the technical services officer in managing and improving our services. Better
380 services will mean a more efficient Island and a far better platform on which we can develop and improve our economy.

So I say again GSC is of the utmost importance. The remit of GSC, as Mr McKinley has already stated, is huge and far-reaching. It also encompasses the harbour and the Water Board. As we know, the maintenance of running of just the harbour is a huge task. It runs at a loss. It really
385 should have a committee all of its own, looking after the harbour.

I have just listened to Mr McKinley's representation for the chairmanship. Whilst I would not want to criticise my colleague, I would like to point out that I cannot recall, over the last two years,

390 that Mr McKinley has tabled any agenda items. This, I think, is a matter of some concern. It would suggest an amount of disinterest or even apathy. How, then, can Mr McKinley claim to be the right man for the job?

The President: Excuse me. Mr Dean, we are looking for the reasons why you think that you are the fit person, not the reasons that he is not. Please continue, but bear that in mind.

395 **Mr Dean:** General Services works as a team. Anyone putting themselves forward as its team leader must surely be able to demonstrate that he is a good team player first. If you cannot identify a problem, how can you lead a committee to find its solution? Unless we all work together as a team, under competent leadership, we cannot hope to give the public the efficient and cost-effective service they deserve.

400 During my time on General Services, I have identified many problems and tabled many agenda items. I chair a subcommittee for the old Connaught working group. I chair the annual taxi meetings. I have regular meetings with the States technical officer to discuss his concerns and help identify solutions. I regularly visit the harbour office and discuss their concerns. I am the only Committee Member who bothers to liaise with these officers outside of a Committee meeting.

405 I think I can bring commitment and dedication to the advancement of General Services. If it is a straight fight between us, I think I am the man for the job. I would ask you to carefully consider what I have said before asking yourselves which of us would best encourage, nurture, help the new Committee fulfil its many responsibilities.

410 In summing up, we have had many successes, all of us, on GSC. But collectively we should have done and achieved more. Why should you vote for me? I am practical. I have been working with my hands my whole life. I am technical. I come from a mechanical engineering background, and I am equally at home in the office. However, I would be in my element in the field.

415 The Chairman of General Services needs to have the ability to understand, troubleshoot and come up with practical solutions to Island problems. We, as the new States, have to start allocating the right positions to the right people, to enable all of us to collectively improve this Island.

If I genuinely believed that Mr McKinley had all the attributes for this position, he would get my vote. But the decision is yours.

The President: Thank you, Mr Dean.

420 As previously, you will be called individually, and I would like you to respond with the name of the person that you think should be the Chairman of the General Services Committee.

Monsieur Greffier, if you would please proceed.

425 **The Greffier:** Thank you. The States of Alderney are asked to elect a Chairman of the General Services Committee.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

MR MCKINLEY

Mr Roberts
Mr McKinley
Mr Dent
Mr Gentle
Ms Burgess
Mr Harris
Mr Earl

MR DEAN

Mr Jean
Mr Snowdon
Mr Dean

ABSTAINED

None

430 **The Greffier:** Seven votes in favour of Mr McKinley, sir. He is appointed the Chairman of the General Services Committee.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.

May I be the first to congratulate you, Mr McKinley?

435 **Mr McKinley:** Thank you, sir.

**3. Election of Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee –
Mr Dean elected**

The President: We move on to section 3 of Item V, which is to elect the Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee. Do I have any nominations for the position of Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee? Please.

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Mr Snowdon: I would like to propose Mr Dean. Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much. Mr Dean, if you are elected, are you prepared to take on the responsibilities of this position?

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Mr Dean: I am, sir.

The President: Do we have any other nominations for the position of the Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee?

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We have no other nominations. In that case, congratulations Mr Dean, you are now the Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee.

**VI. Appointment of Members of the Policy and Finance Committee –
All States Members appointed**

Item VI.

The States of Alderney is asked:

To elect a minimum of two Members in addition to the Chairman, to the Policy and Finance Committee.

The President: We move onto Item VI, please, Monsieur Greffier.

455 **The Greffier:** Thank you. Item VI this evening is the appointment of Members of the Policy and Finance Committee and the States of Alderney are asked to elect a minimum of two Members, in addition to the Chairman, to the Policy and Finance Committee.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Mr Dent, as Convener were there any comments on this Item, please?

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Mr Dent: Mr President, there were no comments on this Item.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Dent.

465 So all the States Members are now asked to elect a minimum of two Members, in addition to the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee. Because this is not a limited number, what will happen, anybody who is nominated will then be voted on by all Members of the States, who will need a majority of States Members' approval to become a Member of such Committee. Is that clear to everybody?

Monsieur Convener, if you would proceed with Item VI, please?

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The Greffier: Sir, I think we have done the Convener's Report for this and are just opening up to propositions.

The President: We have. So do we have any propositions for Members? Mr Dent?

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Mr Dent: Mr President, I wish to propose that all Members who wish it become Members of P&F. Thank you very much.

The President: Mr Dent, how do I know which Members wish it? Would you please nominate some people?

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Mr Dent: I would nominate Mr Jean, Mr McKinley –

The President: Can we just do this individually please and then we know exactly what is going on? If you would care to nominate somebody, we can nominate them one by one if you want but nominate them individually.

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Mr Dent: Okay, I will start with Mr Snowdon.

The President: Mr Snowdon, are you prepared to become a Member of P&F?

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Mr Snowdon: I am, thank you.

The President: Monsieur Greffier could call a vote on Mr Snowdon being a Member of Policy and Finance, please?

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The Greffier: Thank you.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: Thank you. That is all 10 in favour.

The President: Thank you very much, you are now a Member of P&F. Thank you very much. Do you care to nominate somebody else? One at a time.

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Mr Dent: I would like to nominate Mr Gentle.

The President: Mr Gentle, are you prepared to accept the responsibility of P&F, if so voted in?

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Mr Gentle: Thank you very much. Could you please put Mr Gentle to the vote, please?

The Greffier: Thank you.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

510 **The Greffier:** Thank you sir. Again, all 10 in favour.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Congratulations Mr Gentle. Do you wish to have any other nominations for the –

515 **Mr Dean:** To simplify the process, could I nominate all other seven Members, en bloc, to go back on?

520 **The President:** Are all other seven Members prepared to be Members of Policy and Finance and to accept the responsibilities that go with it? If anybody does not want to, it is probably easier, please say no. In that case, if everyone is prepared to, you may nominate now. Could you please put that to the vote, Monsieur Greffier?

The Greffier: That is for, effectively, all remaining States Members who have not already been elected to the position.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

525 **The Greffier:** Sir, that is all 10 Members of the States are Members of the Policy and Finance Committee.

530 **The President:** Thank you very much. In that case I need to congratulate all 10 Members of the States for voting themselves onto the Policy and Finance Committee!

VII. Appointment of Committee Members of Other Committees

The States is asked:

To elect the members of the following committees, in addition to the Chairmen:

- 1. A minimum of two Members to the General Services Committee*
- 2. A minimum of two Members to the Building and Development Control Committee*

The President: Right. So we now move to Item VII, please, Monsieur Greffier.

535 **The Greffier:** Thank you, sir. Item VII this evening is the appointment of Committee Members to other Committees. The States are asked to elect Members of the following Committees, in addition to the Chairman, that is a minimum of two Members to the General Services Committee and a minimum of two Members to the Building and Development Control Committee.

540 **The President:** Thank you very much. We will move to item 1 in a minute, once we have received the Convener's Report, if there is one, Mr Dent.

Mr Dent: Mr President, there were no comments on this Item. Thank you very much.

**1. Appointment of Committee Members to the General Services Committee –
Mr Harris, Mr Gentle, Ms Burgess, Mr Roberts and Mr Dean appointed**

545 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed. We now move to appointing a minimum of two Members to the General Services Committee. Do we have any nominations for this Committee? Mr Snowdon?

Mr Snowdon: Thank you Mr President. Mr Harris please, thank you sir.

550 **The President:** Before we go any further, does anybody not wish to be a Member of this Committee or are going to have a repeat of ...

Mr Snowdon: I do not need to be a Committee Member of GSC.

555 **The President:** Okay, in that case we will do it individually. Thank you very much indeed. So you are nominating?

Mr Snowdon: I was for Mr Harris.

560 **The President:** Mr Harris, are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position?

Mr Harris: Yes I am sir.

565 **The President:** Thank you very much. Is this a point of order? No. Monsieur Greffier, if you would please put Mr Harris to the vote?

The Greffier: Thank you sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: So that is all 10 in favour.

The President: Thank you very much. Mr Dent?

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Mr Dent: Mr President, I would just like to record that I do not wish to be a Member of this Committee.

The President: Thank you very much indeed, Mr Dent.
Do you have any nominations please. Mr Snowdon?

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Mr Snowdon: Mr Gentle please, Mr President, thank you sir.

The President: Mr Gentle, if you are voted in, are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of being a Member of this Committee?

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Mr Gentle: Yes sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Can you put that to the vote, please, Monsieur Greffier?

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The Greffier: Thank you sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: Sir, that is 10 Members in favour.

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The President: Any further nominations?

Mr Earl: Mr President, I would like to nominate Ms Burgess.

595 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed. Ms Burgess, are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position if voted in?

Ms Burgess: Yes sir.

600 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed. Can you put that to the vote please, Monsieur Greffier?

The Greffier: Thank you sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: That is 10 in favour again, sir.

605 **The President:** Thank you. Do I have any further nominations for Members of the General Services Committee? Good Lord, we have three! I will take you first, Mr McKinley, as you have not spoken on this subject yet.

610 **Mr McKinley:** Thank you sir. Could I nominate Mr Steve Roberts?

The President: Mr Steve Roberts. Mr Roberts if you are ...?

Mr Roberts: I would be delighted to.

615 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed. Can you put that to the vote please, Monsieur Greffier?

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: Ten votes in favour, sir.

The President: Mr Snowdon?

620 **Mr Snowdon:** Can I nominate Mr Dean, thank you, sir?

The President: Thank you. Mr Dean, are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position if elected in?

625 **Mr Dean:** I am, sir.

The President: Thank you very much.

630 **The Greffier:** One moment, sir. Has Mr Dean not been voted in as Chair of General Services?

The President: No, he is chair of BDCC.

The Greffier: My oversight, sir.

635 **Mr McKinley:** Could I ask a question, please, sir?

The President: If it is a point of order, you may.

640 **Mr McKinley:** It is a question really of the size of the Committees. I understood the size of these two Committees was five only?

645 **The President:** Absolutely incorrect. The States has the power to appoint as many as they want to any Committee, provided they appoint the minimum number, the minimum number being two, which is how we have ended up with 10 people on P&F.

Mr McKinley: Thank you, sir.

The President: Do we have any further nominations, please? Mr Snowdon.

650 **Mr Snowdon:** Thank you, Mr President – just Mr Jean. Thank you.

Mr Jean: No, I would decline, thank you.

655 **The President:** You decline? Thank you very much, Mr Jean. Does anybody else wish to make any further nominations?

The Greffier: Before you go any further, sir, we have not actually done a vote on Mr Dean.

660 **The President:** That is everybody is it?

The Greffier: We still have not done the vote on Mr Dean, sir.

The President: In that case, we had better do the vote for Mr Dean. *(Laughter)*

665 **The Greffier:** Obligated, sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR

Mr Jean
Mr Roberts
Mr Snowdon
Mr Dean
Mr Gentle
Ms Burgess
Mr Harris
Mr Earl

AGAINST

Mr McKinley
Mr Dent

ABSTAINED

None

The Greffier: So there are eight votes in favour.

670 **The President:** Congratulations Mr Dean. I do apologise for not putting your vote through in a timely manner. **(Mr Dean: Okay!)**

Do we have any further nominations? Does anybody else have further nominations?

So that we all know exactly where we stand could you please give us a list of the people who are now Members of the General Services Committee.

675 **The Greffier:** Thank you sir. Obviously, earlier, as Chairman, Mr McKinley; and Members, Mr Harris, Mr Gentle, Ms Burgess, Mr Roberts and Mr Dean.

**2. Appointment of Committee Members to the
Building and Control Development Committee –
Mr Earl, Mr Gentle and Mr Snowdon appointed**

The President: Thank you very much. We will now move to section 2, which is a minimum of two Members to the Building and Development Control Committee. Mr Snowdon?

680 **Mr Snowdon:** Thank you, Mr President. Mr Earl please.

The President: Mr Earl, if so elected, are you prepared to carry out responsibilities for this position?

685 **Mr Earl:** I am.

The President: Thank you.

Monsieur Greffier, could you please put it to the vote for Mr Earl to become a Member of the Building and Development Control Committee?

690

The Greffier: Thank you sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR

Mr Jean
Mr Roberts
Mr McKinley
Mr Dent
Mr Snowdon
Mr Dean
Mr Gentle
Ms Burgess
Mr Harris

AGAINST

None

ABSTAINED

None

Mr Earl

The Greffier: That is 10 votes in favour, sir.

695 **The President:** Thank you very much. Congratulations Mr Earl.
Do we have any further nominations to BDCC, please? I will take Mr Snowdon first, if I may?

Mr Snowdon: Thank you, Mr President. Mr Gentle please.

700 **The President:** Mr Gentle, are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position?

Mr Gentle: Yes, sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Monsieur Greffier, please put that to the vote.

705 **The Greffier:** Thank you.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: Ten votes in favour, sir.

710 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed.
Mr Dean, do you wish to propose somebody?

Mr Dean: Can I propose Mr Snowdon, sir?

The President: Mr Snowdon, are you prepared to accept responsibility for this position?

715 **Mr Snowdon:** I am, thank you sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Monsieur Greffier, could you please put to the vote Mr Snowdon, who has been nominated as the BDCC?

720 **The Greffier:** Thank you sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		

Mr Dean
Mr Gentle
Ms Burgess
Mr Harris
Mr Earl

The Greffier: Ten votes in favour again, sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Do we have any further nominations for Members of the BDCC?

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Mr Dean: Would Mr Roberts like to stand?

Mr Roberts: Actually, with my position on the States of Guernsey, I would like to decline those responsibilities.

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The President: Thank you very much. Do we have any further nominations?

We have no further nominations, so for the edification of the public, Monsieur Greffier, could you please read out the Chairman and Members of BDCC?

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The Greffier: Thank you sir. In this case, the Chairman is Mr Dean, with Members Mr Earl, Mr Gentle and Mr Snowdon.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.

**VIII. Other Appointments:
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association –
Mr Dent, Mr McKinley, Ms Burgess elected**

Item VIII.

The States is asked:

To elect three members to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (the President being Ex-officio Chairman) for 2019.

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The President: We now move to Item VIII.

The Greffier: Item VIII this evening is Other Appointments: the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The States of Alderney are asked to elect three Members to sit on the management committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, with yourself, sir, being the *ex-officio* Chairman, for 2019.

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The President: Thank you very much indeed. Mr Dent, as Convener, were there any comments at the People's Meeting.

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Mr Dent: Mr President, yes. It was asked who the current Members were. It was noted that previously Mr Dent – myself, Mr McKinley and Mrs Paris were members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. It was noted that one member was to be female.

The President: Can you elucidate on that point, please?

755 **Mr Dent:** That is what I understood it to be.

The President: Where did you get this information from?

760 **Mr Dent:** I must confess I do not remember.

The President: I do not think there is anything at all that says whether Members should be male or female. *(Interjection by Mr Dent)*

765 **Mr McKinley:** Could I just make a point, sir?

The President: Point of order, taken.

770 **Mr McKinley:** That may be the case but there are Women's Parliamentary Association meetings and I think we should be represented on those meetings.

The President: That is entirely up to you, as States Members, to vote in whoever you wish. But there is nothing saying that women should be a member. If you wish to vote ladies in, I think it would be an excellent idea. But that is up to you gentlemen and, sorry, madam as well.

775 Do you have any nominations for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association membership of the Alderney branch? Mr Snowdon?

Mr Snowdon: Thank you Mr President. Mr Dent.

780 **The President:** Mr Dent, are you prepared to accept this responsibility?

Mr Dent: I am, thank you.

785 **The President:** Thank you very much. We are not putting this to votes, this is first past the post. Do we have any further nominations? Mr Earl.

Mr Earl: Mr President, again I would like to nominate Ms Burgess.

790 **The President:** Thank you. Ms Burgess, are you prepared to accept the responsibility of this position?

Ms Burgess: Yes, sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Any further nominations? Ms Burgess.

795 **Ms Burgess:** Yes, sir. I would like to nominate Mr Earl.

The President: Mr Earl, if so elected are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position?

800 **Mr Earl:** I think I will decline on the basis of continuity.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Do we have any further nominations? Mr Dent?

805 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, I would like to nominate Mr McKinley. Thank you.

The President: Mr McKinley, if so elected are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position?

810 **Mr McKinley:** I am, indeed, sir.

The President: Thank you very much indeed. Mr Snowdon?

Mr Snowdon: Thank you, Mr President. I would like to nominate Mr Roberts.

815 **The President:** Mr Roberts, are you prepared to accept the responsibilities of this position, if so elected?

Mr Roberts: I am, sir.

820 **The President:** Right, do we have any further nominations for this Committee?
Monsieur Greffier, if my memory serves me correctly, we now have four Members seeking election for three posts. Is that correct?

825 **The Greffier:** That is correct, sir.

The President: In which case, I must give everybody a chance to speak as to why they think they should be members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The first person to be nominated, if I remember correctly, was Mr Dent. So would you care to stand and explain why you wish to be elected?

830 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, as many of you know, during my earlier professional career, I was involved in development projects, many of which were in the developing world and many of which were in countries that are part of the Commonwealth. I have retained a number of contacts and I am keen to involve myself with this organisation.

835 Last year, at a meeting of the CPA, I was able to highlight the common ground that small States such as Alderney have with similar small Commonwealth countries, including the smaller Overseas Territories. I was heartened to learn that the Commonwealth is developing programmes suited to these smaller states and I am keen that Alderney plays its role.

840 I should very much like to continue and, by way of example, for those of you who are unaware, I began my professional career as a VSO in the Caribbean. I spent a year in the British Virgin Islands, another year in Dominica. The Deputy Chief Minister of the British Virgin Islands, the Hon. Dr Kedrick Pickering, who visited Alderney in 2017, was in fact a pupil at the BVI high school during the year I was there and I believe was taught, albeit very briefly, by my first wife.

845 Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Dent.

Ms Burgess, I believe you were the second person to be nominated. Would you care to rise and explain to your fellow States Members why you think you should be a member of this Committee.

850 **Ms Burgess:** Thank you, Mr President and my colleagues. I do apologise, I had not realised I was going to speak on this matter because we were under the false impression that, as the lady in the House, I was to stand for it. However, what I can say is that, as representing Alderney, of course, I have my love and my enthusiasm for the Island and, even though I have very little experience in this format, I believe that I can bring to the table this enthusiasm; just common sense on how to promote Alderney.

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I am very interested. I am willing to learn and I just think it would be a very interesting and proactive stance to take on my love of Alderney, bringing that forward.

860 So I do apologise, it is a little bit rough around the edges, but it is an enthusiastic pitch, if that is the right word.

The President: Thank you very much, Ms Burgess.
Mr Roberts.

865 **Mr Roberts:** Sir, there are going to be no fancy CVs from me. I would be a States of Guernsey Rep and it will stand me in good stead. I am a very good people person that can represent Alderney as well as anybody.

Thank you.

870 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Roberts.
Right, Members of the States, you now have –

The Greffier: Sir, you may wish to hear from Mr McKinley?

875 **The President:** Mr McKinley?

Mr McKinley: Yes, I would like to speak, if I may, sir?

880 **The President:** Please do.

Mr McKinley: Very briefly, Mr President, I have already said that I was defence attaché in West Africa and covered eight countries, so I do have some experience in the Commonwealth. I have also worked in a total of 30 countries in Africa – and I say worked, not holidayed – with the United Nations as a security consultant.

885 I have worked in a number of countries in the Middle East, including Syria, Lebanon and Jordan and I have worked in Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and in countries in the Far East, in Bangkok, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines. So I do have some experience of world travel and the Commonwealth and I believe that I can be, occasionally, diplomatic, and occasionally be well-behaved!

890 **The President:** Thank you, Mr McKinley.

Members of the States, you have four candidates for three positions. Again this is first past the post, so what we do here, we go round, as have done before, and you will answer with the name of the candidate that you wish to be a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

895 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, do we not have three votes each?

The President: No, you do not get three votes each. It is first past the post.

900 **Mr Dent:** With three people being elected.

The Greffier: Thank you, sir. If you are ready, I will proceed. The States of Alderney are asked to elect three Members to sit on the management committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

905 **Mr Jean:** Could you tell us who we are voting for? A list, since you are doing it this way. It is a bit strange, is it not?

The President: How else is he going to do it, Mr Jean?

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Mr Jean: One at a time. Either that or give us the list.

The President: What we have got here? We have got Mr Dent, Mr McKinley, Ms Burgess and Mr Roberts and we cannot do it one at a time, because that means the first three people may get in and the fourth person would be disadvantaged. So we have to do it as first past the post.

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Mr Jean: Sorry, just say the names again, once more, please?

The President: Mr Dent, Mr McKinley, Ms Burgess and Mr Roberts. Those are the correct names, are they not?

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The Greffier: Yes sir.

Mr Jean: I am ready.

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A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

MR DENT	MR MCKINLEY	MS BURGESS	MR ROBERTS
Mr Jean	Mr Roberts	Mr Jean	Mr Jean
Mr Roberts	Mr McKinley	Mr McKinley	Mr Roberts
Mr McKinley	Mr Dent	Mr Dent	
Mr Dent	Mr Snowdon	Mr Snowdon	
Mr Snowdon	Mr Dean	Mr Dean	
Mr Dean	Mr Gentle	Mr Gentle	
Mr Gentle	Ms Burgess	Ms Burgess	
Ms Burgess	Mr Harris	Mr Harris	
Mr Harris	Mr Earl	Mr Earl	
Mr Earl			

The Greffier: Sir, Mr Dent, Ms Burgess and Mr McKinley are the three appointed individuals.

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The President: Thank you very much indeed. Congratulations to the three of you.

**IX. Other Appointments:
Code of Conduct Panel members –
Item approved**

Item IX.

The States is asked to approve:

That Mr Peter Allen, Mr Peter Cunningham, Mrs Helen McGregor, Mr William Tate, Mr Matthew Birmingham be appointed as Members of the States Members Code of Conduct Review Panel until the next Annual January Meeting of the States of Alderney.

The President: We now move onto Item IX, if you would care to introduce that please, Monsieur Greffier?

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The Greffier: Thank you, sir. Item IX this evening is the Other Appointments: Code of Conduct Panel members. Under part three, item 20, of the Code of Conduct, the President shall appoint up to five members of the population on the electoral roll to form a Members' Conduct Review Panel. Subsequent to a meeting in November, Mrs Hanbury tendered her resignation as a previous

member of the Code of Conduct Panel and the Policy and Finance Committee therefore recommended that Mr Matthew Birmingham be appointed as her replacement.

940 The States of Alderney are therefore asked to approve that Mr Peter Allen, Mr Peter Cunningham, Mrs Helen McGregor, Mr William Tate and Mr Matthew Birmingham, be appointed as members of the States Members' Code of Conduct Review Panel until the next Annual January Meeting of the States of Alderney.

945 **The President:** I think those are the members that were appointed last time, Monsieur Greffier. I think we need to go over the page.

The Greffier: No, sir, it is Mr Allen, Mr Cunningham, Mrs McGregor, Mr Tate and Mr Birmingham.

950 **The President:** Okay, that is fine. Right, as this has already been debated at P&F, I am going to take this as a straight vote on all five members. If it fails we then have to go through them all individually. In the first instance, we will take it as a vote on the five of them. So if you would like to put that to the vote please, Monsieur Greffier?

955 **The Greffier:** Just before I do, sir, I know there are no comments on there, but did you want to check with the Convener?

The President: Were there any comments on it from the Convener?

960 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, there were no comments on it.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.

965 **The Greffier:** Sir, in which case, the States of Alderney are asked to approved that Mr Peter Allen, Mr Peter Cunningham, Mrs Helen McGregor, Mr William Tate and Mr Matthew Birmingham be appointed as member of the States Members' Code of Conduct Review Panel until the next Annual January Meeting of the States of Alderney.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	Mr Dean	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

970 **The Greffier:** Sir, 9 votes in favour; that motion passes.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.

**X. Other Appointments:
St Anne's School Management Committee –
Mr Gentle appointed**

Item X.

The States is asked:

To resolve to appoint, for a period of one year, renewable at the next Annual January Meeting, one Member as a Representative on the Management Committee of St Anne's School.

The President: We can now move to Item X, if you would care to introduce Item X, please?

975 **The Greffier:** Thank you, sir. Item X this evening, is Other Appointments: St Anne's School Management Committee. The States of Alderney are asked to resolve to appoint, for a period of one year, renewable at the next Annual January Meeting, one Member as a Representative on the Management Committee of St Anne's School.

980 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed. Mr Dent, as Convener?

Mr Dent: Mr President, it was asked what the current membership of the School Management Committee was. It was noted that currently Mr Winward, Head Teacher; Mr Snowdon, States Member; and Guernsey Representatives, together with representatives from the PTA, Church, and business community are members of the St Anne's School Management Committee, and that six meetings are supposed to be held per year.

Thank you.

990 **The President:** Thank you, Mr Dent.
Monsieur Greffier, would you care to reintroduce this?

The Greffier: I can do sir. It is the St Anne's School Management Committee and the States are asked to resolve to appoint for a period of one year, renewable the next Annual January Meeting, one Member as a representative on the Management Committee of St Anne's School.

995 **The President:** Thank you very much. Is this a point of order?

Mr Snowdon: No, it is not. Just to nominate someone when you are ready, sir.

1000 **The President:** Fine. Just let me explain again. This is a position for only one person, so if we have more than one nomination, we will have to allow people to speak. That being said, Mr Snowdon, please proceed.

1005 **Mr Snowdon:** Thank you, Mr President. I would like to nominate Mr Gentle. Thank you very much.

The President: Mr Gentle, if so appointed, are you ready to accept the responsibilities of this position?

1010 **Mr Gentle:** Yes, sir. If I may say a few words, though, please?

The President: Please do.

1015 **Mr Gentle:** Mr President, fellow colleagues. I am delighted to be proposed for this appointment as I have big interest in education, especially as Guernsey are about to roll out their

school transformation programme. In order to allay any fears of conflict, as my wife is employed at St Anne's School, I should like to stress that there is no pecuniary advantage to my appointment.

1020 I shall declare this on my declaration of interest form held by the Greffier and if, at any point in the future, a debate arises that could impact on staffing levels and cause me to have a vested interest, then I shall recuse myself.

The President: Thank you very much indeed, Mr Gentle.

1025 Do we have any further nominations for the appointment to St Anne's School Management Committee? No further nominations? Congratulations Mr Gentle, you are so appointed.

Mr Gentle: Thank you.

**XI. Election of Alderney Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation –
Mr Roberts and Mr Snowdon elected as Alderney Representatives;
Mr Earl and Mr McKinley elected as Alternative Representatives**

Item XI.

The States is asked:

(a) To elect two members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2019, and

(b) To elect two other members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives for 2019.

The President: We move to the next Item, which is Item XI, please, Monsieur Greffier?

1030 **The Greffier:** Thank you, sir. Item XI this evening is the election of the Alderney Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation.

1035 Following the procedures laid out in the Resolution of the States of Alderney, dated 18th October 2006, and the Plebiscite Election of 17th December 2018, the States of Alderney is asked (a) to elect two Members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2019 and (b) to elect two other Members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives for 2019.

The President: Thank you very much indeed, Monsieur Greffier.

Mr Dent, as Convener, were there any comments on this, please?

1040 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, it was asked whether or not the results of the Plebiscite were binding. It was noted that the decision from the Plebiscite was not binding and that the President had the power to ask specific Members with particular expertise/knowledge to attend. Four of the States Members present indicated that they thought that the results of the Plebiscite should be honoured.

1045 It was commented that there were too many candidates in the recent Plebiscite which diluted the voting.

1050 Queries were made regarding the Alternative Alderney Representatives – whether this will be the third and fourth members from the vote; or whether depending on what issues are to be discussed, a Member with the relevant experience/knowledge for that particular debate. It was noted that it had been the tradition for the States to confirm that candidates who third and fourth would be the Alternates and that it was the President's prerogative to determine who would be the substitute at any particular meeting.

It was noted that advance notice of up to three months was provided for some Guernsey Billet items. For other items there was much less advance notice.

1055 It was noted that Guernsey required that there be no changes to the Alderney Representatives during a Meeting and that if flights on the morning of the first day of the meeting were delayed or cancelled due to weather, there was no redress.

Mr Jean stated that advice regarding specific expertise can be provided to the Alderney Representatives, as and when required – who have been chosen by the Plebiscite vote. The continuity within the Guernsey States of Deliberation should not be disturbed.

1060 Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much.

1065 I would just like to remind Members of the States that it has been the convention since 2007 that the people who are elected at the Plebiscite are appointed. In which case, it would mean that the two Members to sit on the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2019 would be Mr Roberts and Mr Snowdon and it means, under part (b) that the two other Members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives would be Mr Earl and Mr McKinley.

1070 That being the case, I am going to take this as one vote and ask you to approve it, in the first instance. If for any reason it is not approved, we will have to take it from there.

Could you please put this to the vote, Monsieur Greffier, and that is that Mr Roberts and Mr Snowdon are elected as the two Members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2019, and Mr Earl and Mr McKinley are the two other Members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives for 2019? Thank you.

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The Greffier: Thank you, sir.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

The Greffier: Sir, that is all 10 Members in favour.

The President: Thank you very much indeed.

**XII. The Sanctions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018–
Item approved**

Item XII.

The States is asked:

To approve The Sanctions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018 and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

1080 **The President:** We now move to Item XII.

The Greffier: Obligated, sir. Item XII this evening is the Sanctions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018. A letter has been received from yourself, Mr Trought, as President of the States of Alderney, and the States are asked to approve the Sanctions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018 and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty, praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

The President: Thank you very much, Monsieur Greffier.
Mr Dent, as Convener, were there any comments on this Item, please?

1090 **Mr Dent:** Sir, it was queried where we will stand in the next three months regarding Brexit. The Convener noted the uncertainty surrounding this and the problems this was creating.
Thank you.

1095 **The President:** Thank you very much.
Mr Dent, I believe you wish to propose this Item?

Mr Dent: Mr President, thank you.
Mr President, colleagues, this Law provides a legal basis for the Policy & Resources Committee in Guernsey to make the regulations which give Bailiwick-wide effect to UK, EU or UN sanctions. It also extends current reporting obligations on sanctions, it widens the information-gathering powers, raises the levels of criminal penalties and it empowers P&R in Guernsey to repeal any sanctions, Ordinances, no longer needed.

1105 Clearly, there is little point in Alderney having a sanctions regime that is different to that in the wider Bailiwick. I note, for some time, a number of us have resented the time we spend debating and enacting sanctions Ordinances, that we are in fact, under various treaties, required to enact.

If you pass this legislation tonight, then much of this time-wasting should be a thing of the past. Although, having said this, I would hope you will have all noted under section 27.5, we still retain the after-the-fact right to disapply any Ordinances made under the Act.

1110 Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Dent.
Mr Roberts, I believe you wish to second this?

1115 **Mr Roberts:** Yes, sir. I am happy to second this. The Policy and Finance Committee was has consulted with Guernsey Policy & Resources, under the States of Guernsey. The P&F Committee supports these proposals and has confirmed this in a letter to them.

1120 How the looming Brexit will affect this is anybody's guess. Perhaps the worst instance, a tsunami of Law change and relationships that could possibly reverberate throughout the UK and the Islands. However, I am happy to support this piece of good legislation.

The President: Thank you, Mr Roberts.

Does any Member wish to speak on Item XII, the Sanctions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018?
No Member wishes to speak on this? Mr Jean?

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Mr Jean: No, thank you, very much, sir.

The President: Okay. No one else? No. In which case, Monsieur Greffier, Item XII is approved.

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The Greffier: Obliged, sir.

**XIII. The Customs and Cross-Border Trade (General and Enabling Provisions)
(Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018 –
Item approved**

Item XIII.

The States is asked:

To approve The Customs and Cross-Border Trade (General and Enabling Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018 and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

The President: Could we please move to Item XIII?

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The Greffier: Thank you, sir. Item XIII this evening is the Customs and Cross-Border Trade (General and Enabling Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018. Again, a letter has been received from yourself, sir, as President, and the States are asked to approve the Customs and Cross-Border Trade (General and Enabling Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018, and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty, praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

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The President: Thank you very much, Monsieur Greffier.
Mr Dent, I believe you wish to propose this Item?

Mr Dent: Convener's Report?

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The President: Convener's Report first, please.

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Mr Dent: Thank you. Convener's Report: It was asked whether we were contemplating tax changes post-Brexit and it was asked how this legislation might affect such changes. The Convener stated that our ability to adjust taxes would not be affected by this legislation. This legislation was required to enable us to continue to trade and to allow us to align ourselves with other customs regimes as and when necessary. For this reason the legislation was written so as to allow, as and when necessary, the rapid adoption of Ordinances. The Convener noted that much other enabling legislation may be needed in the run up to Brexit.

Thank you.

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The President: Thank you very much Mr Dent, as Convener.
Mr Dent, as proposer, would you care to rise and propose this?

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Mr Dent: Mr President, my colleagues, this is a piece of enabling legislation that will allow the Bailiwick to enact Ordinances under a number of as-yet-unknown circumstances. That was

discussed in the presence of the Law Officers by P&F in September. The legislation is, of course, all to do with Brexit and the uncertainties surrounding a deal or no-deal.

1165 The sad fact is that the Bailiwick as a whole needs to be in a position to impose tariffs and tariff systems in conformity with and as appropriate to the wider world trading relationships that emerge after 29th March.

I think everyone would agree, Alderney cannot sensibly have a trading regime with the rest of the world that would be different to that in Guernsey. For those of you that are concerned, Alderney will retain its rights to impose, should it so wish, local duties on, for example, tobacco, fuel and alcohol.

1170 You will notice in section 9.5 there is the usual requirement for Guernsey to consult Alderney and the increasingly usual get-out-of-jail clause that notes that a failure to do this does not invalidate any regulations made under this Law.

1175 If you recall, it was because of a similar clause that, during our July Meeting, I asked this Chamber to defer consideration of the EU Withdrawal (Brexit) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Bill until our September Meeting. If you will also recall, during that September Meeting, and after assistance from the Law Officers, we obtained such a remedy.

1180 This was in addition to our own Rules of Procedure, that ensured that all States of Guernsey P&R and indeed all other States of Guernsey Committee-originating regulations and Ordinances were submitted to this Chamber and that none, albeit unintentionally or even intentionally, were forgotten or passed over unnoticed.

Such regulations will consequently always be brought to the attention of this Chamber and there will be a motion not to annul put to Members.

With this reminder of the protection that we now have, I commend the legislation to the Chamber.

1185 If I might just add two things? Firstly, my own sadness in regard to the situation the UK is now in and the consequent need for this legislation. If we do not enact this legislation, then Alderney could, after 29th March, find itself unable to trade with anyone beyond our own shores. A rather unhappy thought.

1190 Secondly, I understand that Guernsey needs a letter of entrustment from the UK to allow them to treat directly with third-party jurisdictions. Guernsey has been informed that it is eligible for such a letter, subject to approval from the Crown.

In order for this Law to be effective, it may in fact be the case that Alderney too needs such a letter. A first clear recognition of separate international identity, such as this, can only be a good thing for Alderney.

1195 Thank you.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Dent.
Mr Gentle, I believe you wish to second this?

1200 **Mr Gentle:** Yes, sir, I would like to second this and I have nothing further to add.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Gentle.
Does any Member of the States wish to comment on Item XIII? Mr Snowdon.

1205 **Mr Snowdon:** Thank you, Mr President.

I just have a little bit of concern with this one but I think it has been covered by Mr Dent. Basically the Goods and Services Tax, whether this would be connected somehow in the future, the equivalent of a VAT coming in. But I think you explained it quite well that that would have to be passed with us here; so it is no back door opening.

1210 Thank you.

The President: Thank you Mr Snowdon.

Does any other Member wish to speak on Item XIII? Mr Jean?

1215 **Mr Jean:** Yes, I would like just to add to the remarks that we should be very careful about any area where there might be a new tax attached or any Law coming in that might bring any new taxation to this Island – because people are already paying more than enough. We should also be very aware of it and very aware not to raise any more taxes for the time being, because people are struggling here.

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The President: Thank you, Mr Jean.

Does any other Member wish to speak on Item XIII? No other Member wishes to speak on Item XIII. Mr Dent, do you wish to exercise your right of reply?

1225 **Mr Dent:** Mr President, very briefly, simply to say that there will be no impact on GST, either pro or against it, and there will be no impact on any form of taxes whatsoever, as far as I am aware.

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Dent.

Monsieur Greffier, would you care to put Item XIII to the vote, please?

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The Greffier: Thank you. The States of Alderney are asked to approve the Customs and Cross-Border Trade (General and Enabling Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018, and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty, praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Mr Jean	None	None
Mr Roberts		
Mr McKinley		
Mr Dent		
Mr Snowdon		
Mr Dean		
Mr Gentle		
Ms Burgess		
Mr Harris		
Mr Earl		

1235 **The Greffier:** Sir, that is all 10 Members in favour.

The President: Thank you very much.

**XIV. Questions and Reports –
None received**

The President: Monsieur Greffier, I have received no questions or reports; can you confirm that you have received none, either?

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The Greffier: Likewise, sir, I have no questions or reports.

The President: Thank you very much. In that case, that is this evening's proceedings finished and I would ask you to bring them to a close.

PRAYERS

The Greffier

The Assembly adjourned at 6.42 p.m.