

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
20th June 2019
0915 hours

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
 Mr D Earl
 Mr S Roberts
 Mr G McKinley
 Mr M Dean
 Mr A Snowdon
 Mr L Jean
 Mr K Gentle
 Ms A Burgess
 Mr C Harris

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
 Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance
 (TREASURY)
 Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer
 to the Chief Executive (EO);
 Mr C Brock, Director of Business
 Development
 Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Adviser
 (SFA)
 Mr P Veron, Strategic Adviser (SA) (for
 item 47/2019)

Apologies:**ACTION****45/2019****Matters Arising****45.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC – Open Planning Meeting was held on 30th May. There was a successful outcome in the Court Case.

GSC – Power Station quarry – the proposed dive and recovery was approved. Belle Vue Hotel access and parking to be agreed. Cutting currently closed for review of rock face. Gordon Owen invited to brief GSC. Harbour workshop outcomes will be brought back for more input. Telegraph Tower is back in our hands and a condition survey is being undertaken. A question was raised about progress with a road crossing near the school.

Finance – Mr Nash has raised a series of questions for the P&F Committee. Commonwealth Mint contract discussed. We have information on coin issues. Specific customers ask for different variations in coins. Alderney Puffins are to feature in a future issue. There is not a local agent for selling locally.

Alderney Representatives in the States of Guernsey – reported to the States last night. Accounts to be considered at next States.

CTED – Citizen Passport proposal rejected because it is considered to be back door entry to the UK. Working groups on accommodation sector and attractions and events. Visit Alderney website in a fortnight. Interest from filmmaker re workshops. Looking at Folk Festival for next year. Heritage working group being established.

45.2 External Relations

Normandie visit, Peace Forum and Twinning very successful. Cultural Exchange and Twinning need to explore closer alignment. APPCIG meets Monday. Civil Contingencies Group meeting attended. 1948 Agreement discussed high level objectives for agreement which will come to P&F for approval.

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Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance

46.1 Bailiwick of Guernsey Security Policy – Letter from Deputy Lowe dated 31st May 2019 and policy tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the policy any additional comments should be submitted to the Chief Executive before 26th June.

CE

46.2 Developing Environmental Policy – Report from Strategic Adviser dated 12th June 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:

- **Delegate the Chairman to provide a positive briefing at the Gibraltar Meeting on the key environmental measures being taken on the ground in Alderney, and consistent with its previous decision to sign up to the Charter, to indicate the Committee’s support in principle for the development of integrated environment policies for achieving the objectives including consideration of the introduction of appropriate and proportionate legislation;**
- **Agree that staff resources should be used, as and when possible, to liaise with appropriate key stakeholders and to develop a draft outline environmental policy and strategy for Alderney, and to report back to the Policy & Finance Committee with the draft as soon as reasonably practicable. The strategy to include policy statements, among other things, on climate change mitigation, energy, waste (solid and liquid), and habitat and species conservation and enhancement; and**
- **Work with the Alderney Wildlife Trust, and other environmental and conservation organisations, in order to assess how Alderney performs in regard to the Charter’s aims and, subject to the agreement of the Policy & Finance Committee, to report back on the measures that might be appropriate to meet the undertaking of signing up to the Gibraltar Charter.**

SA

Plastic Bag Use – The Committee noted the progress being made by the Farm Shop/Jean’s Stores and other commercial businesses on island by removing plastic bags from their shops and replacing them with genuine biodegradable alternatives, and discussed the positive effects of Alderney becoming a plastic free island. While some territories are legislating to enforce this, it was felt that there may be a good possibility of Alderney being able to achieve this objective on a voluntary basis. It was agreed to further research this, as part of the Committee’s response to the “Blue Islands Charter”.

SA

46.3 Scrutiny of Aurigny Letter – Letter from Scrutiny Management Committee dated 31st May 2019 tabled.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the report and requested that further investigations are undertaken in respect of the STSB Efficiency Review and representations are made about the new Ops arrangements and reported to a future meeting.

SA

46.4 Confidential Annexures – Report from Chief Executive dated 14th June 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the States to change the current Rules of Procedure to make available confidential annexures to all States members with some defined exceptions to be agreed.

CE OFFICE

46.5 Good Governance Group – Report from Chief Executive dated 14th June 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the date of the proposed workshop.

46.6 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance – Report from Chief Executive dated 14th June 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree to endorse Dr Gillian Carr as a representative for the Channel Islands, including Alderney in the UK delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

CE

46.7 Alderney Housing Association Quarterly Report – Report from Chief Executive dated 31st May 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the Quarterly Report from the Alderney Housing Association and the CEO is mandated to discuss with the AHA emergency housing accommodation and the cost implications, and to appoint Annie Burgess as the States Member for liaison with the AHA.

CE

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Transport

47.1 Air Transport Update – PSO & Runway

PSO tender is live at the moment (to end of first week in July). The runway rehabilitation project is on schedule – recommendation for design and project management agreed.

Sea links – a potential SoG tender for inter-island ferry links was queried.

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Economy & Renewable Energy

48.1 ATEG Report – Report from Alderney Tidal Energy Group dated 12th June 2019 tabled and noted.

48.2 Cannabis and CBD Policy – Report from Chief Executive dated 12th June 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:

- Support the principle that the policy and legal framework in respect of licensed cannabis growing in Alderney should be developed with the emphasis on a licensing regime to protect against cross-pollination
- Request that further work is undertaken to maximise the fiscal impact through royalties/levy, taxation and licensing.

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Any Other Business

Six Month Review of Priorities – it was agreed to arrange a meeting on 8th July at 2.30 pm.

Presidential Portrait – Chris Bradshaw proposed.

D Day commemoration gift agreed for school children based on a design competition for producing mugs and proposal for a coin to be explored.

President – when a swearing-in ceremony should take place was discussed – potential for an early opportunity to swear in President to be discussed with Greffier.

Could the ‘traffic light’ system be re-introduced?

Issue of WW2 working group was raised to be re-visited after in July.

Agendas for States meetings to be considered

It was agreed that a statement should be prepared in relation to possible WW2 burials.

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Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

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

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For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **Management Accounts Summary – 31st May 2019**
- **AEL AGM Agenda Pack 2019 – as circulated via email**
- **EDR Summary**

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Items Scheduled for Future Meetings

Meeting closed: 12.45pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 21st June 2019