

General Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday 25th February 2020
CE Boardroom
1030 hours

Mr G McKinley, Chairman
Ms A Burgess
Mr K Gentle
Mr C Harris
Mr S Roberts

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive
Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary
Ms S Ireland, Programme Manager

Apologies: Mr M Dean

In Attendance: K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects Co-ordinator; for item 08/2020; J Bush, Ramsar Officer and J Hart, Ecologist AWT for item 10.1

08/2020 Projects Report – Report dated 25th February 2020 tabled and **noted**.

The General Services Committee resolved to:

- Note the February progress report;
- Ratify 30th January email approval of Water Board Phase 9 – Upper (Waterlane section) capital grant funding at £36k (retrospective for 2019); and
 - i. Note the final section to be costed and circulated by email shortly; and
- Ratify 11th February email approval of Water Board Phase 16 – La Murette (first phase sections B,C & D) capital grant funding at £13k.

09/2020 Estates Environment & Infrastructure Report – Report from Manager of Estates, Environment & Infrastructure dated February 2020 tabled and noted.

Concerns were raised regarding damaged walls around the island. It was noted that these were not all States owned. EEIM to inspect and report back to Committee.

The Committee requested that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting regarding the proposal for the cliff erosion at the Cutting.

The General Services Committee resolved to note the progress report.

10/2020 Recreation, Welfare and Environment

10.1 2019 Ramsar Review – Executive Summary and Appendix 6.10 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to approve the installation and maintenance of seabird monitoring cameras and equipment on Burhou.

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10.2 HSBC Easter Egg Hunt – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 10th February 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to grant landlords permission for HSBC to hold an Easter Egg Hunt in the Memorial Gardens on Saturday 11th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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10.3 Church Car Park Lighting – Letter from Reverend Jan Fowler dated 26th January 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to approve an annual sum of £500 towards the lighting of the church car park.

TREASURY

10.4 Transfer of Functions – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 10th February 2020 tabled and noted.

Mr Roberts was against the second recommendation. It was agreed that the second recommendation is to be deferred subject to the harbour survey results and further information.

The General Services Committee resolved to approve:

- **The transfer of functions of section 60 and 61 in accordance with the BDCC (Alderney) Law 2002 to the Estate, Environment & Infrastructure Manager, and the Harbour Officers regarding the removal of motor vehicles and boats; and**

The General Services Committee deferred the following:

- **For the full transfer of functions to the Harbour Officers in accordance with the Braye Harbour (Alderney) Ordinance 1983; subject to further information being provided regarding the Ordinance.**

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10.5 European Eel Survey – Report from Dr Mel Broadhurst-Allen tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to grant landlords permission for the monitoring of European Eels at Longis Beach (just before the sewage treatment works).

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10.6 Removal of Trees – Report from CE Office dated 17th February 2020 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to grant landlords permission for the removal of 8 over-mature conifer trees from Newtown Road.

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10.7 Whitegates Bus Shelter – Report from CE Office dated 10th February 2020 tabled for consideration.

The General Services Committee resolved to approve for States Works to carry out remedial works to the bus shelter at Whitegates for a sum of up to £4k, to be taken from the Civic Pride Fund; and to explore further investment in this area such as Tourism leaflets and a water refill station to be installed.

SWD

10.8 BDCC Update

It was noted that the Nunnery application considered via email, and ratified in the previous minutes, was now with BDCC for consideration.

10.9 Renewable Energy Generator – Report from CE Office dated 21st February 2020 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to note the request, and asked for this issue to be referred to Mr Lancaster of AEL for further advice.

10.10 Fort Albert Use – Report from CE Office dated 21st February 2020 tabled and noted.
The General Services Committee resolved to note the request, and for the applicant to be advised to submit their request to the Policy & Finance Committee for consideration.

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States Asset Working Group
Whitegates Update

Ms Burgess advised that no meeting has been held, therefore nothing further to update. To be discussed in detail at the next meeting. **Noted.**

AGENDA ITEM

11/2020 Harbour and Fisheries

11.1 Harbour Services 2020 – Report from Programme Manager dated 25th February 2020 tabled and discussed.

The General Services Committee resolved to:

- **Note the summary outcomes from the recent tender exercise and request the Chief Executive to advise bidders that the process will cease and the services will not be outsourced at this time; and**
- **Ask the Harbour Master to prepare a costed proposal for 3 years from 2020-2022 for consideration by the Committee – to include managing and operating:**
 - **The water taxi service**
 - **Toilet and shower cleaning; and**
 - **Harbour laundry**

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11.2 Harbour Survey

Meeting of interested parties pending results of harbour survey to be organised with Harbour Master after closing date of Survey. Mr McKinley to deal.

GM

12/2020 Roads and Transport

Nothing to report.

13/2020 Any Other Business

Request for 'Go Wilding' in certain areas around island – i.e. grass land between Fire Station and MMH; to encourage flora and fauna regeneration. Ms Burgess to liaise with the Manager of Estates, Environment & Infrastructure and SWD Agriculture Team Leader. **Noted.**

AB

Heritage Working Group – Draft mandate to be tabled and discussed at next meeting.

AB/AGENDA ITEM

PAC Bunker – It was noted that the PAC Bunker had fallen into disrepair since being renovated last year. Mr Harris to liaise with Visit Alderney.

CH

Mannez Crane – It was noted that this belongs to States of Guernsey, and the area has been made safe with barriers and a notice.

April GSC Meeting Time – it was agreed for the April meeting to be moved to 2pm start time due to cross over of meetings that morning

14/2020 For Information & Noting

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- **GA data**
- **Vehicle Registration Information 2019** – it was noted that vehicle imports had increased from 25 to 75 in 2019.

Meeting Closed: 12.15pm

Signed: Graham McKinley

Date: 26th February 2020