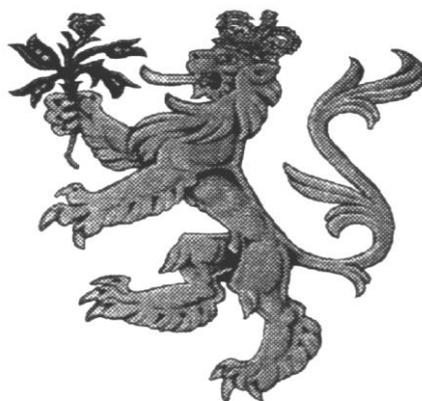


States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2020

STATES OF ALDERNEY
DELIBERATIONS FOR THE MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2020 AT 17:30

Present: Mr William Tate, President
Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Mike Dean
Mr James Dent
Mr Kevin Gentle
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Louis Jean
Mr Graham McKinley, OBE
Mr David Earl
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon

After the opening of the meeting the President gave apologies from His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder, The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, Lady Corder and Lieut G T Workman, the Lt Governor's Representative, who were unable to attend due to adverse weather.

Item I **Chief Pleas**

No Chief Pleas were received

Item II **New Connaught Care Home – Extension**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve the recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee to provide funds for delivery of the Connaught project

- **Phase 2 substructure & grounds at an amount of up to £400,000;**

and

- **Phase 3 additional resident accommodation and supporting rooms at an amount of up to £1.29M.**

Proposer: Mr Dent

Secunder: Mr Gentle

Approved with one abstention, Mr Jean having declared an interest

Item III **Ban on the sale and distribution of single-use plastic carrier bags**

The States of Alderney resolved to agree to the recommendation that a ban on the sale and distribution of single-use plastic carrier bags is introduced in Alderney and to approve that legislation be drafted by Law Officers Chambers to that effect.

Proposer: Mr Dent
Secunder: Ms Burgess

Approved by a majority

*For: Ms Burgess, Mr Dean, Mr Dent, Mr Earl, Mr Gentle, Mr Harris, Mr McKinley,
Mr Roberts, Mr Snowdon*

Against: Mr Jean

Item IV **Questions and Reports**

Questions received from

- **Alex Snowdon for Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee:-**
 1. Can the Chairman explain the different options for the delivering of the Ambulance service and if any public consultation will be included in the process?
 2. Following the potential for widespread transmission of Coronavirus in the UK, can the Chairman explain what steps maybe taken to protect residents from infection, taking into account our older population.
 3. Could you explain the process agreed for appointing the next head of the civil service and formation of the working group mandate?
 4. Could you confirm any progress with the PSO and any updates with the dire situation for air transport links.

- **Steve Roberts:-**
 1. **For the Chairman of General Services Committee:-**

The recent General Services Committee meeting requested elected members to pass General Services Committee Powers to the harbour civil service. Would the Chairman agree that elected members should take decisions, not civil servants who are not elected by the public?
 2. **For the Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee:-**

We are headed to a disaster for this summer with air transport, please could the Chairman explain the contingency plan when we have no planes covering the service.

- **James Dent for Alderney Representatives in the States of Deliberation:-**

Would our two Alderney Representatives briefly summarise any activities, formal or informal, that they have undertaken with their Guernsey Colleagues since our January Meeting.

Responses to each of the questions above were given verbally by the respective States Members and will be available in due course on the Hansard Report for this meeting.

No Reports were received.

The President made the following statement regarding the Coronavirus/Covid 19:-

"I thought it helpful if, before the formal business of the meeting concludes, I make a statement about Coronavirus and its current implications for the Island so that the States and the public are informed.

A new form of the Coronavirus was identified following an outbreak of respiratory disease in China in December last year. The spread of the virus has been rapid and there are now over 111,000 cases reported worldwide. The disease caused by the virus has been named Covid19 and the first case was confirmed in Guernsey on Monday of this week.

It is almost certain that the disease will also spread to Alderney, if it hasn't already, and it is inevitable that there will be public concern about the virus and what we are doing to manage the situation.

The most important thing that people need to understand is that the Public Health service in Guernsey is closely managing the situation and providing us with sound advice about what we can do. Realistically, we cannot stop this disease but we can contain it so that it will spread more slowly and reach fewer people. The way we can do that is firstly by following good hygiene practices – for instance, by washing our hands with soap and water regularly. Secondly we need to look out for the symptoms of the disease which can be one or all of: a dry cough, a raised temperature, or difficulty in breathing.

There is much good advice on the States of Guernsey website about what to do and this is being updated regularly. In addition, the States of Alderney is summarising the available advice together with some specific information about Alderney so that this can be widely distributed on the Island. I'm sure there will be other questions that members of the public will have and we will do our best to answer them.

But please bear in mind that this disease is only a few months old. We don't know everything. Sometimes we may appear to be over-cautious. At other times we might not appear to be draconian enough. What I can assure you about is the high quality of expert advice behind the decisions of the States of Guernsey and the States of Alderney.

If, as a community, we follow the advice of the Health experts, take individual responsibility to avoid unnecessary travel, follow the guidance about good hygiene, and look after each other, we stand a good chance of getting through this pandemic without suffering the same impact as the worst affected places in the World.

Meeting Closed: 1909hrs

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