

General Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday 19th May 2020
Microsoft Teams
1030 hours

Mr G McKinley, Chairman
Ms A Burgess (from 11.00hrs)
Mr K Gentle
Mr C Harris
Mr S Roberts
Mr M Dean

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

Apologies:

In Attendance: K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects Co-ordinator; R Phelan, Manager Estates, Environment & Infrastructure for item 15/2020; J Taylor, Harbour Master for item 17/2020.

15/2020 Project's Status Report – Report dated May 2020 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to:

- Note the May progress report;
- Ratify email approval of Water Board Phase 9 – Upper (Newtown/Reine des Pres/Gauvains Row/Birdcage Row) capital grant funding at £55k; and
- Approve capital grant funding for Water Board Phase 18, Butes Lane etc, at £22k.

CPC

16/2020 Recreation, Welfare and Environment

16.1 Land Purchase Request – Letter from H McGregor tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee noted that this area was included in the designated area according to the Land Use Plan and resolved not to support the sale of the area of States land identified in the attached plan as it would set precedent.

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16.2 Wildlife Camera – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 12th May 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved (Mr Dean abstained) to approve the installation of one wildlife camera on either Longis or Mannez nature reserve, subject to BDCC approval.

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16.3 Alderney Gravel Co Lease – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 12th May 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to:

- Approve the issue of a further lease for 1 year to Alderney Gravel Co Ltd; and
- For the Finance Committee to review the rent and royalty extraction rate for 2020.

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16.4 Alderney Football Club Extension – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 13th May 2020, and plans of the proposed extension tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee noted the ambitious plans for the extension of the football club house and resolved that, in order to be able to form an informed decision on whether to grant Landlord's permission to the Alderney Football Club, details of the business plan and the sources and status of the funding should be requested from the Alderney Football Club as part of due diligence.

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16.5 ABO Proposal – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure

16.6 Corblets Sewage Request – Report from CE Office dated 12th May 2020 tabled and noted. **The General Services Committee resolved to approve a long-term lease of States land for the installation of a sewage treatment plant at The Ramparts Fort Corblets.**

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16.7 Dogs on Beaches

The General Services Committee resolved that the current rules should remain in place despite the absence of tourists during lockdown. Noted.

17/2020 Harbour and Fisheries

17.1 Marina Verbal Update

It was noted that the Chairman is to organise a conference call with Mr Owen.

17.2 Harbour Fees

This issue had been discussed by the Finance Committee. It was noted that the pleasure boats providing trips were not included in Guernsey's review of fees (as mirrored for the Commercial Fishermen). This was not the primary business of the boat owners, and it was stated that it is not yet clear if a loss will be gained, therefore this can be reviewed with the economy rebuild. **Noted.**

17.2 Other Harbour Issues

Access to Breakwater slipway – it was noted that the access to the Breakwater slipway had been closed by the States of Guernsey in preparation for commencing works on the Breakwater and that boat owners are to use the slipway under the Harbour Office for launching their vessels as the alternative until further notice. **Noted.**

Mooring Fees – it was noted that the mooring fees are for both mooring and storage which covers storing boats on the glaxis. **Noted.**

Office Hours – it was noted that one watch officer is on duty until 10pm daily, managing our soft borders. It was also advised that the harbour staff are intercepting 2-3 vessels a day during the Covid lockdown restrictions. **Noted.**

Commercial Quay – it was noted that the current restrictions are to be assessed at each phase of the exit strategy from the COVID restrictions. It was noted that the harbour is a

working/commercial harbour area and health and safety procedures need to be followed. **Noted.**

Haulage access – it was noted that Alderney Shipping is back to normal operational hours as of today, therefore there should no longer be any issues regarding access to freight by hauliers. **Noted.**

18/2020 Roads and Transport

18.1 15mph Speed Limit – Newtown Road – Report from CE Office/SWD dated 27th February 2020 tabled and considered.

Mr McKinley declared a personal interest and did not vote on this item.

The General Services Committee resolved by a majority to refuse the recommendation to extend the 15mph speed limit from Birdcage Row to Blanchards Building Supplies, as the current system seems to work well as it is (Mr Gentle and Mr Harris for the extension). It was noted that if there are issues with speeding in that area, it is a police matter. Noted.

SWD

18.2 No Entry Road Sign Update – Mr McKinley and Mr Roberts to speak to Mr Snowdon to request that he reinstates the sign as recommended by the Police for safety and enforcement. If still no progress, another letter to be sent from the Chairman and the Police. **Noted.**

GM/SR

19/2020 For Ratification

19.1 AWT Action Plans 2020 (Longis & ACW) – circulated via email.

The General Services Committee ratified the approval of the AWT Action Plans for 2020 including the Longis and Alderney Community Woodland Plans.

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19.2 Trinity Store Lease Renewal – circulated via email.

The General Services Committee ratified the approval for the Trinity Store lease to be renewed for a term of one year.

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20/2020 Any Other Business

Telegraph Tower Update – It was noted that the bus and boat have been removed. The other debris is still to be removed, which is on the SWD agenda. Treasury advised that the previous tenant will be recharged for the costs incurred. **Noted.**

Cutting & Erosion – to be discussed at the next meeting. Report commissioned by A Bray to be circulated to members.

AGENDA ITEM

21/2020 For Information & Noting

The following reports were tabled and noted:

Meeting Closed: 12.35pm

Signed: Graham McKinley

Date: 22nd May 2020