

General Services Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15th September 2020

Anne French Room

1030 hours

Mr G McKinley, Chairman
Ms A Burgess
Mr K Gentle
Mr C Harris
Mr M Dean
Mr S Roberts (left 1200)

Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
Ms S Ireland, Programme Manager
Mrs Laura Baines, Minute Secretary
Mr A Lewis, Senior Civil Servant
Mr R Phelan, Estates, Environment & Infrastructure
Manager

In Attendance: K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects Co-ordinator for item 37/2020; Mr J Taylor, Harbour Master; Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor for item 38/2020

37/2020

Capital Projects

31.1 Capital Projects Status Report & Budget – Joint report dated September 2020, and cover note from Mr A Lewis tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to:

- Note the monthly report; and
- Not to approve the sale, at market value, of a number of dressed granite stones held in storage at Fort Albert for remedial works to another local historic Fort in private ownership (Mr McKinley and Mr Roberts dissenting); and
- Authorise the EEIM to ascertain the build and operational costs and likely planning considerations for constructing a permanent public toilet at Platte Saline and report back to the Committee with recommendations (Mr Gentle & Ms Burgess abstained); and
- Approve the submission of the draft revised capital programme for inclusion in the overall budget report for P&F to consider.

EEIM/CPC

38/2020

Harbour and Fisheries

38.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – COVID Recovery – See Confidential Annexure

38.2 Commercial Quay Access – Report from Harbour Master and cover note from Mr A Lewis dated 11th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to confirm its support for the Commercial Quay access criteria and times as set out in the Harbour Master's report.

HARBOURMASTER

1200 Mr Roberts left the meeting

39/2020

Recreation, Welfare and Environment

39.1 Nunnery

39.1.1 Tree Removal Request – Cover note from Mr A Lewis, and report from Tourism dated September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved, in its capacity as landlord of the Nunnery site, to authorise the submission of an application to the BDCC for the removal of two trees and a raised flowerbed in the interests of preserving the historical integrity of the site (Mr Dean & Mr Gentle abstained).

39.1.2 Roof Repair & Conservation – Cover note from Mr A Lewis and report from Tourism dated September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to agree in principle to the necessary remedial works to the roofs of the Carriage Store and in due course, the Magazine at the Nunnery when deemed financially viable. The Committee agreed to £15k prelims to be placed in the Budget for 2021 in order for works to be progressed on the Carriage Store.

TREASURY/EEIM

39.1.3 Nunnery Sunroom – Cover note from Mr A Lewis and report from EEIM dated September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to agree in principle to support an application to the BDCC for the removal of the 'Sun room' at the Nunnery, subject to prior engagement with the ABO in order to explain that with £10,000 of necessary repairs the options were either its removal or for the ABO to pay a higher annual rental to cover the costs, spread over say five years. It also noted that any change should not be effected until after the expiration of the current lease period at the end of 2020.

EEIM

39.2 Road Adoption Request – Letter from Mr Wheeler and cover note from Mr A Lewis dated September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to:

- **thank Mr Wheeler for his letter, and to explain that it is not the States policy to adopt private estate roads;**
- **Acknowledge the concerns he has raised about degradation of the road by heavy vehicles, specifically the AEL fuel tanker; and suggest that this is something he would be advised to take up with AEL direct.**

CE OFFICE

39.3 Braye Chippy Disabled Access – Report from Mr K Gentle dated 7th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to approve as landlords, the removal of the southern end section of wall to allow for wheelchair access, subject to BDCC approval (Ms Burgess and Mr Dean abstained).

EEIM

39.4 Age Concern Request – Report from Mr K Gentle dated 7th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved that in light of its earlier decision to support the disabled access to Braye Chippy and the proposed location being in the middle of a particularly iconic view, Age Concern be contacted to enquire as to whether a revised positioning of the bench may be considered more suitable (Mr Gentle against).

EEIM

39.5 Boules Pitch Request – Cover note from Mr A Lewis dated 10th September 2020, and letter from Mr Richardson and Planning Officer tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to request further details on the costings and maintenance plan from the applicant.

CE OFFICE

39.6 Lease Request – Letter from Le Cocqs Stores and cover note from Mr A Lewis dated 10th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to agree the assignment of the leasehold of Unit C, Crusher Site, Braye, Alderney from Le Huret Group Ltd to Citriche Ltd, Longueville, St Saviour, Jersey.

CE OFFICE

39.7 Alderney Wildlife Law – Report from Economic Development Assistant dated 9th September 2020 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to note the progress being made with the Wildlife Legislation public consultation exercise.

39.8 Letter re Cars at Picaterre – Cover note from Mr A Lewis dated 11th September 2020 and letter from Mr Eggleston tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to thank the representor for sharing his concern and to explain that apart from encouraging the owner to consider reducing the number of vehicles on his land, the GSC has no power to do anything else.

CE OFFICE

39.9 Motor Homes – Report from CE Office dated 7th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to reaffirm the Committee's previous policy not to permit motor homes and campervans to be imported into the island (Ms Burgess and Mr McKinley against).

40/2020 **For Ratification**
Nothing to report.

41/2020 **Any Other Business**
Letters of thanks from GSC to former Director of Tourism and former Manager of the Water Board.

Potential steps on Douglas Quay – to be reviewed next year. Noted.

Island Hall & Court Office plaques – to be re painted. Noted.

Date of next meeting – rescheduled to 20th October 2020. Noted.

42/2020 **For Information & Noting**
The following reports were tabled and noted:

- GA Data

Meeting Closed: 1.04pm

Signed: Graham McKinley

Date: 16th September 2020