

General Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday 8th December 2020
Anne French Room
1030 hours

Mr G McKinley, Chairman
Mr K Gentle
Mr C Harris
Ms A Burgess
Mr M Dean
Mr W Abel - observer

Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
Mrs E Maurice, Head of Finance
Mrs Laura Baines, Minute Secretary (via Teams)
Ms S Ireland, Programme Manager
Mr R Nash - observer

In Attendance: K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects Co-ordinator; Mr R Phelan, Estates, Environment & Infrastructure Manager for item 55/2020; Sgt J Taylor, for item 50/2020

Apologies: Mr S Roberts

55/2020

Capital Projects

55.1 Capital Projects Status Report & Budget – Joint report dated December 2020 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee resolved to note the monthly report.

CPC

The following issues were raised for SWD to resolve:

- Connaught Square/St Martins drainage odour
- Pot holes on Clonque road
- Longis Road Cemetery access/path

Whitegates and Old Connaught – reports from working groups to be tabled in New Year for consideration. **Noted.**

56/2020

Harbour and Fisheries

Nothing to report.

Access for Haulage – meeting to be arranged with GSC, Harbour Master and Couriers to discuss quay access. **Noted.**

HM/GM

57/2020

Recreation, Welfare and Environment

57.1 Wildlife Legislation – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 1st December 2020 and draft legislation tabled and considered.

The General Service Committee resolved to note the report on the public consultation with landowners on the proposed wildlife legislation proposal.

57.2 Connaught Webcam – Report from Kevin Gentle dated 1st December 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to approve (Mr Dean and Ms Burgess abstained) the installation and use of a live-feed webcam for the purpose of the Connaught Extension project, subject to BDCC approval via the fast track process.

PM/BDCC

57.3 Butes Centre 2021 Rates – Report from Treasury/Finance Committee dated 3rd December 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to agree:-

- a) A concession for the usage of the Butes Centre by registered Charities for fundraising events on the same basis as the Island Hall;
- b) A reduced rate for usage by the under 5 service provider, Alderney Baby & Toddler Group, at 50% of the rate adopted for any other users;
- c) A 2 year RPIX increase (4.1%) on all other Butes Centre charges to take effect from January 2021; and
- d) To authorise the Treasurer's Office in future years to automatically implement annual RPIX increases, or biennial if RPIX is less than 2%, for the Butes Centre with no further reference to the Committee subject to there being no significant changes to the charging structure being proposed.

TREASURY

57.4 Lease Extension – Crusher Site – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 30th November 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to write a letter to Waterscape Developments Ltd regarding the proposal; and to inform them that as no sub lease has been approved by the States of Alderney, this issue would need to be rectified before this proposal can be considered by the General Services Committee.

CE OFFICE

57.5 Main Drain Connection Fee Waiver – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 3rd December 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Service Committee resolved to note the request, but as the charges for connection to main drains are set by Law (The Sewerage (Alderney) (Amendment) Law 2008) there is no margin for such a waiver. Letter to be drafted for Chairman's signature.

HEAD OF FINANCE

57.6 ABO Policy – Report from Acting Head of Finance dated 1st December 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to:

- a) Note the recommendations of the Finance Committee and the current position of the ABO;
- b) Consider its policy for long-term support to the ABO once the additional information on financial outlook and economic benefit is received from the ABO; and
- c) Reiterate to the ABO that they are required to formalise the direct employment of the Warden by year end when the 2020 grant allocation will have been used in full.

TREASURY

The Committee noted a verbal Policing Report from Sgt Taylor.

58.1 Traffic Issues –Report from Chief Executive Office dated 5th November 2020 tabled and considered.

The General Services Committee resolved to form a Traffic Working Group in the New Year, to review the traffic infrastructure issues.

AGENDA ITEM

59/2020 **Any Other Business**

Relocation of Channel Seaways Offices – agenda item for next meeting. **Noted.**

BDCC referrals – agenda item for next meeting. **Noted.**

Nunnery Sunroom – agenda item for next meeting. **Noted.**

Homecoming Display – The Committee resolved to approve for paintings to be placed on the railings of the Island Hall for the Homecoming celebrations. **Noted.**

AGENDA ITEMS

Mr McKinley thanked the Committee and Civil Service for their support over the last 2 years, and hopes to continue as Chairman in the New Year.

Mr Dean was also thanked for his contribution to GSC during his time as a States Member.

60/2020 **For Information & Noting**

- **Committee Meeting Dates 2021.**

Meeting Closed: 1.15pm

Signed: Graham McKinley

Date: 9th December 2020