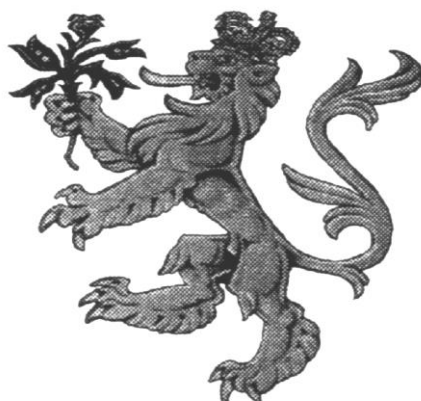


States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2021

STATES OF ALDERNEY
DELIBERATIONS
FOR THE STATES MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2021 AT 1430HRS

Present: Mr William Tate, President
Mr Bill Abel
Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Ian Carter
Mr Kevin Gentle
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Rhys Jenkins
Mr Boyd Kelly
Mr Graham McKinley, OBE
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon

Lieutenant G T Workman RN (Rtd) represented His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

The President read out a media statement regarding the change of time for this meeting and for all States Meetings in the future.

The President also informed the meeting that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB was listening to the broadcast of the meeting on the QuayFM local radio.

Item I **Chief Pleas**

Mrs Norma Paris addressed the States members on the subject of the Alderney Bird Observatory and its economic value to the island

Item II **Appointment of Chief Executive**

The States of Alderney resolved to confirm the appointment of Kathryn Jones as Chief Executive of the States of Alderney.

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Ian Carter
Approved unanimously

Item III **Appointment of States Treasurer**

The States of Alderney resolved to confirm the appointment of Elizabeth Maurice as Treasurer to the States of Alderney.

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Christian Harris
Approved unanimously

Item IV **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.2) Regulations, 2021**

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul “The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.2) Regulations, 2021”

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Alex Snowdon
Approved unanimously

Item V **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.2) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021**

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul “The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.2) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021”

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Alex Snowdon
Approved unanimously

Item VI **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.2) Regulations, 2021**

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul “The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.2) Regulations, 2021”

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Alex Snowdon
Approved unanimously

Item VII **The Conditions of Employment (Alderney) Law, 2021**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The Conditions of Employment (Alderney) Law, 2021” and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Kevin Gentle.
Approved by a majority.....

Item VIII **Questions and Reports**

The following report was delivered by Mr Boyd Kelly, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

“Fellow members in my first report to this Assembly from the General Service Committee I will refer to two matters, The Nunnery and Alderney Bird Observatory and The Harbour Crane

The Alderney Bird Observatory (ABO) and The Nunnery

The committee discussed the demolition or not of the ‘sunroom’. This being the ‘building’ purported to have been built by a former occupier on a date unknown but of no historic or cultural importance. It is located at the upper corner of the site less, than 1m from both corner boundary walls in close proximity to the Southern Roman wall, which is exhibiting signs of cracking and displacement which are more likely than not to be partially caused by the sunroom structure. The room itself has been inspected by a structural engineer who describes the condition as being “quite poor” and “unlikely that it would be considered safe in the long term for public access”. The room is presently used by the ABO as a viewing room and bird ringing room. The proposition considered by General Service Committee was to whether or not to make a request to the Building and Development Control Committee for the removal of this building.

Following a substantive discussion by members, a vote took place with States Members McKinley and Roberts opposing the demolition and States Member Burgess and myself voting for demolition. States Member Jenkins being unavoidably detained at work. I therefore used my casting vote to demolish this room. The Manager of Estates Environment and Infrastructure was therefore instructed to make an application to the Building and Development Committee for permission to demolish this room. This application has been made and a decision is awaited.

At a subsequently adjourned meeting the Temporary Deputy Chief Executive Officer submitted a report on the Alderney Bird Observatory its use of the Nunnery and States funding to that organisation.

Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved, (in some cases by a majority decision) to:

- Agree to a time limited period of discussion with the ABO to seek to establish a new relationship with the States and such financial and other support that is necessary to create a 3 year agreement to enable it to continue in operation.
- Consider and agree the policy framework that it wishes to adopt in relation to support for the future work with the observatory.

- That the opportunity for further discussions is offered to the ABO with regard to the future relationship and based on the policy framework adopted.
- The Committee to be represented by a designated Committee member (Mr Kelly) and by representation from the Chief Executive's Office. (Unanimous)
- The ABO are advised that the States will terminate the (temporary) employment of the Bird Warden from 31st March 2021, but that an application will be made to The Finance Committee for an interim grant to be made to the ABO to cover the second quarter of the year while discussions take place.
- The Committee should advise the Finance Committee immediately of the situation and the interim grant proposal and request that funding is found to cover this period.

The Crane

As members and the public will be aware the new crane arrived just over three weeks ago but due to the travel arrangements of the fitters being by sea, adverse weather conditions delayed their arrival and therefore the assembly of the new machine. At the time of writing this report the four fitters are en route to Alderney. Arrangements are in hand for them to be isolated both at work and at rest, with meals being provided and supplied in a Covid safe manner. The vehicle they will be using was shipped over from the UK mainland in advance and hence no concern regarding transport from the harbour to their temporary accommodation.

We are then left with the old crane. There are four options. Firstly to send it back to the UK in an attempt to sell. Secondly to consider refurbishing it to sufficient standard that it could be used as a substitute crane when the new one is being serviced or should a break down occur. Thirdly to retain it without refurbishment. Finally to purchase a basic crane to operate as a standby.

A request for expressions of interest will be sent out to ascertain if there is a market on and off island to purchase the old crane, the supplier of the new crane, Hasells will be asked for an estimate on refurbishment and finally the Harbour Master will research the cost and availability of a more basic crane to act as a reserve."

The following Questions were received from Mr Alex Snowdon

For Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee:-

1. Could you explain any updates with Fort Tourgis and Marina projects?
2. Following comments made by Matthew Offord (Conservative Party MP) about Alderney WW2 matters, can the Chairman share any information about who has been briefing the MP from the States of Alderney, as declared in local media recently?
3. In 2019, AEL signed Heads of Terms with Atlantis regarding the supply of electricity to the island from the Raz Blanchard project, could the Chairman outline any progress made so far?
4. Does the Chairman have any updates or insight regarding COVID restrictions into the island from Guernsey and further afield?
5. Could the Chairman explain the process for appointing non-elected members to committees and working groups, are the members non-voting?

For Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

1. Do the Committee have any views about the future of 'Whitegates', which appears rather run down at the moment?
2. Can the Chairman give any updates regarding recent press releases about servicing moorings and expressions of interest for operating boat storage for the States of Alderney?

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.

Meeting Closed: 1620hrs