States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2015

STATES OF ALDERNEY DELIBERATIONS FOR THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2015 AT 17:30

Present: Mr Stuart Trought, President

Mr Ian Tugby
Mr Matt Birmingham
Mr Louis Jean
Mr Neil Harvey
Mr Francis Simonet
Mr Robert McDowall
Mr Chris Rowley
Mr Steve Roberts
Mrs Norma Paris
Mr Graham McKinley

Colonel Colin Mason represented His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

<u>Item I</u> <u>Opening of the States.</u>

The Greffier opened the Annual January Meeting

<u>Item II</u> <u>Election Procedure</u>

Following Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Alderney, the States resolved that the subsequent elections take place by verbal vote.

Proposed by Mr Rowley, seconded by Mr Harvey Approved unanimously

Item III Vice President

Mr Ian Tugby was elected Vice President for 2015.

Proposed by Mr Simonet and seconded by Mr Harvey Approved unanimously

Item IV Appointment Of Auditors

The States resolved to appoint KPMG Channel Islands Limited to be the Auditors for the States of Alderney for 2015.

Proposed by Mr McDowall and seconded by Mr Roberts Approved unanimously

Item V Policy and Finance Committee Mandate

The States resolved to approve the mandate of the Policy and Finance Committee as follows:-

"To formulate and make recommendations to the States on all policy matters.

To be accountable for the financial management of the States.

To operate within the policies, guidelines and resolutions of the States.

To liaise and negotiate with the States of Guernsey on all matters relating to the provision of transferred services and finance.

To be responsible for all external affairs.

To liaise with the General Services Committee and the Building and Development Committee in relation to their budget and legislative requirements.

To perform the following functions:

Finance:

To present to the States the annual budget and audited accounts and, where necessary, report to the States thereon.

To monitor the income and expenditure of the States, its Committees and Trust Funds and, where appropriate, to add comment and recommendation to all applications to the States for money, votes and/or submissions to the States where public income and expenditure is involved.

To deal with all borrowings as authorised by the States, loans and the administration of all monies accruing to the States for specific purposes under the terms of various Trusts and Funds.

To be responsible for recommending to the States, whether by Ordinance or otherwise, the fees, dues and charges levied by the States for the provision of any service required to be provided under legislation and to approve the rents payable for States' land and properties.

To be responsible for recommending to the States the level of Occupier's Rates.

To advise on the rents, premiums (if any) and duration of leases to be granted by the General Services Committee for all other States properties.

To submit leases to the States for approval in accordance with the Budget Rules and Procedures.

To be responsible for:-.

- dealing with States borrowings authorised by the States for specific purposes
- b. all States insurances
- c. postage stamp and coin issues and design approvals
- d. dealing with grants not exceeding £5000
- e. dealing with Hawkers Licences.

The Economy:

To initiate, pursue and report to the States upon matters relating to the economy of the Island, including immigration, population, social services (financial aspects only), the development of an economic plan, employment, industry and e-commerce.

To deal with external authorities in fiscal and commercial matters.

To be responsible for public relations and the promotion of the Tourist Industry.

To monitor the economic policy of the States and to report and make recommendations for such amendments as deemed necessary.

To liaise with the Commerce and Employment Department on matters relating to economic planning.

Constitution and Legal Matters:

To be responsible for all matters affecting the Constitution and all legislation (other than legislation falling specifically within the responsibility of the General Services and the Building and Development Control Committee).

To be responsible for all matters relating to International Conventions, Treaties, Agreements, EU Directives and extended legislation from the United Kingdom.

To liaise as necessary with the Court of Alderney.

To be responsible for and the leasing and use of all States-owned Forts.

To be responsible for matters affecting:-

Elections;

Census;

Import and Export Control;

Telecommunications;

Postal Services, Philately and Currency;

Gambling:

Emergency Fuel Control (The Energy (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1978);

Dangerous Weapons;

Civil Aviation: and

Youth Training and Adult Education. Youth Services and activities.

To be responsible for all matters relating to welfare.

To be responsible for all matters not specifically falling within the mandate of the General Services Committee and the Building and Development Control Committee.

Staff and Offices:

To be the States Employment Board with responsibility for all matters relating to the employment of Established Staff and Public Service Employees (PSE's); and the management of office accommodation; to be the Civil Service Board referred to in the Terms and Conditions of Service for Civil Servants and the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Public Service Employees as agreed between the Board and Unite, the Union.

In particular to be responsible for the appointment of staff and the preparation and review of the Terms and Conditions of Service of all salaried staff (subject to the relevant provisions of the Government of Alderney Law) and to liaise with the Association of Guernsey Civil Servants.

To control establishment numbers.

To be responsible for staff pensions.

To liaise with Trades Unions on matters relating to the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Public Service Employees."

Proposed by Mr Birmingham and seconded by Mr Rowley Approved unanimously

<u>Item VI</u> <u>General Services Committee Mandate</u>

The States resolved to approve the mandate of the General Services Committee as follows:-

"To be accountable to the States for the provision and implementation of all Government services provided and/or required by legislation, resolution or policy of the States within agreed budgets.

To liaise with the Policy and Finance Committee in relation to budgetary and legislative requirements.

To operate within the policies, guidelines and resolutions of the States.

In particular, to perform the following functions:-

To be accountable for the administration of the harbour and its functions and to make recommendations to the Policy and Finance Committee on all fees, dues and charges required to be levied by legislation.

To deal with shipping and all matters relating to the sea.

To be responsible for the continuing investigations into a marina in Alderney.

To deal with all matters relating to the railway.

To administer and maintain all States' buildings including offices; to be accountable for all public works; to place contracts for public works; to be responsible for refuse collection and its disposal.

To be responsible for the Fire Brigade; for emergency services; for sewage disposal; and for traffic control.

To be accountable for all States' properties which are not the responsibility of the Policy and Finance Committee.

To be responsible for recreation and sports activities.

To be responsible for the Saye Beach Camp site.

To be responsible for all matters relating to the allocation of States housing.

To be accountable as the Water Board for the provision of water supplies on the Island in accordance with the legislation applicable thereto.

To be responsible for the leasing of all States Properties, other than Forts, in the ownership of the States; to deal with all matters relating to agriculture, livestock, other animals, birds and vermin; to administer the Island of Burhou; to be responsible for

forestation and fencing and management of all States land including the consolidation of parcels and not to reduce the area of such land without the authority of the States; and be responsible for the slaughterhouse.

To be responsible for all matters relating to sea fisheries.

To be responsible for environmental monitoring and for the co-ordination of public services in the event of a civil emergency.

To be responsible for the establishment of a working party to be known as the Civil Emergency Working Party which shall include amongst its members the following people:-

The President of the States, the States Analyst, the Chief Fire Officer, the Manager of the Water Board, the States Engineer, the General Manager of Alderney Electricity Limited, the resident Sergeant of the Police in Alderney, the Harbour Officer, a Medical Practitioner; a representative of St. John Ambulance (unless otherwise represented); a Communications adviser(s); the person appointed as Co-ordinator of the emergency services, and if in existence the Officer Commanding the Junior Militia.

The Working Party shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members."

Proposed by Mrs Paris and seconded by Mr Tugby Approved unanimously

<u>Item VII</u> <u>Building and Development Control Committee Mandate</u>

The States resolved to approve the mandate of the Building and Development Control Committee as follows:-

"To be the Authority for approving plans in both the public and private sector; to be responsible for the Le Banquage Housing Scheme; to administer The Building and Development Control (Alderney) Law, 2002, as amended; to be the Committee to make recommendations to the States on the maximum number of dwellings to be permitted in any given period in accordance with Section 15 of The Building & Development Control (Alderney) Law, 2002; to administer Building Regulations made under the provisions of The Building & Development Control (Alderney) Law, 2002, and any other law or laws by which they may be replaced.

To be responsible for the preparation of a policy and strategy for environmental conservation and ecology on the Island."

Proposed by Mr Roberts and seconded by Mr Birmingham Approved unanimously

<u>Item VIII</u> <u>Committee Chairmen</u>

The States resolved to appoint the Chairmen of the following Committees:-

Mr Neil Harvey as Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee

Mr Harvey proposed by Mr Birmingham and seconded by Mrs Paris
Mr Simonet proposed by Mr McDowall and seconded by Mr Roberts
Mr Harvey appointed by a majority, all in favour except Messrs Tugby, Simonet,
McDowall and Roberts who voted for Mr Simonet

Mr Ian Tugby as Chairman of the General Services Committee

Proposed by Mr Roberts and seconded by Mr McDowall Approved unanimously

Mr Matt Birmingham as Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee.

Proposed by Mr Roberts and seconded by Mr Rowley Approved unanimously

<u>Item IX</u> <u>Members of the Policy and Finance Committee</u>

The States resolved to appoint all ten members to be Members of the Policy & Finance Committee

Proposed by Mr Harvey and seconded by Mr Tugby Approved unanimously

<u>Item X</u> <u>Committee Members of other Committees</u>

The States resolved to appoint the members of the following Committees:-

1. Four members to the General Services Committee:-

Mr Chris Rowley – proposed by Mrs Paris and seconded by Mr Birmingham
Mr Steve Roberts – proposed by Mr Tugby and seconded by Mr McDowall
Mrs Norma Paris – proposed by Mr Harvey and seconded by Mr Rowley
Mr Graham McKinley – proposed by Mr Roberts and seconded by Mr Birmingham

2. Four members to the Building and Development Control Committee

Mr Simonet – proposed by Mr Harvey and seconded by Mrs Paris
Mr McDowall – proposed by Mr Birmingham and seconded by Mr Rowley
Mr Chris Rowley – proposed by Mr Birmingham and seconded by Mr Roberts
Mr Steve Roberts - proposed by Mr Tugby and seconded by Mr McDowall

All the above Approved unanimously

Item XI Other Appointments – Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The States resolved to elect the following three members to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (the President being Ex-officio Chairman):-

Mrs Norma Paris – proposed by Mr McDowall and seconded by Mr Rowley
Mr Chris Rowley - proposed by Mrs Paris and seconded by Mr Harvey
Mr Graham McKinley - proposed by Mr Birmingham and seconded by Mr McDowall

All the above approved unanimously

Item XII The States Bank Accounts

The States resolved to make the following arrangements relating to the operation of the States of Alderney Bank Accounts:-

- 1. To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy, or the Chief Executive and the States Treasurer or her deputy, to operate the States of Alderney Bank Accounts.
- To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy, or the Chief Executive and the States Treasurer or her deputy, to operate the States of Alderney Water Board Bank Accounts.

Proposed by Mr Harvey and seconded by Mr Tugby Approved unanimously

<u>Item XIII</u> <u>Election of Alderney Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation</u>

Following the procedure as laid out in the Resolution of The States of Alderney dated 18th October 2006 and the Plebiscite election of 1st December 2012, the States resolved:-

(a) To elect the following two members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2015:-

Mr Louis Jean Mr Graham McKinley

Proposed by Mr McDowall and seconded by Mr Birmingham Approved unanimously

and

(b) To elect the following two members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives for 2015:-

Mr Matt Birmingham Mr Chris Rowley

Proposed by Mr McDowall and seconded by Mr Harvey Approved unanimously

Item XIV The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2014

The States resolved that 'The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2014' not be annulled.

Proposed by Mr Simonet and seconded by Mr Harvey Approved unanimously

Item XV Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy: Appointment of Commissioner

The States is asked to approve, on the recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee and in accordance with section 6 of the Renewable Energy (Alderney) Law, 2007, the appointment for a further period of two years of Professor John V Sharp a Member of the Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy.

Proposed by Mr Simonet and seconded by Mr McDowall Approved unanimously

Item XVI Questions and Reports

None received

Meeting Closed: 1810hrs

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