



BILLET D'ETAT FOR 18-05-2011

Date: 5th May, 2011

STATES OF ALDERNEY

BILLET D'ETAT FOR WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2011

Members of the States:

I have the honour to inform you that the Meeting of the States will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday 18th May 2011. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Island Hall.

Ian Tugby
Vice President

Item I Retirement and Election of New President

The following letter has been received from the President:-

I intend to inform the Greffier that I shall retire at the States Meeting on Wednesday 22nd June, following a Presidential Statement and immediately after the newly elected President has taken the Oath of Office. This arrangement will facilitate an uninterrupted transition of the Presidency.

The election of the new President will therefore have to take place in June.

After consultation with the Returning Officer, the following timetable would be most suitable:-

Nominations: Open at 9.00am on Monday 23rd May
Close at 4.00pm on Monday 30th May

Voting: Saturday 11th June
between 9.00am and 6.00pm in the Island Hall
Followed by counting and declaration of result

Sir Norman Browse
President

The States is asked to approve the dates proposed above for the election of a President to succeed Sir Norman Browse on 22nd June 2011 until 31st December 2012.

Item II Speed Trials (Alderney) Ordinance, 2011

The following letter has been received from Mr Walden, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

I am pleased to be able to report that the Guernsey Kart and Motor Club applied to the Committee for permission to organise a three-day Sprint and Hill Climb event from the 15th to the 17th September this year to mark the 20th Anniversary of the event. The Committee has granted the permission required and the necessary Ordinance has been prepared.

The Ordinance will allow competing vehicles to exceed the speed limit etc., and to permit the closure along the course (a) on the road extending from Whitegates (Hammond Memorial) to Mannez Lighthouse and (b) Tourgis Hill along the extent of the Hill Climb course, from the road junction of the Petit Val with Route de Picaterre to the junction of Tourgis Hill Road with the Grand Val.

As in past years, the Guernsey Kart and Motor Club has undertaken to put in place all necessary safety precautions and to liaise with the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service for these events.

I would be obliged if The Speed Trials (Alderney) Ordinance, 2011 is placed before the States at its May meeting together with an appropriate proposition.

W Walden
Chairman

The States is asked to approve The Speed Trials (Alderney) Ordinance, 2011.

Item III The Terrorist Asset-Freezing (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2011

The following letter has been received from Sir Norman Browse, President of the States of Alderney:-

Please find enclosed a letter from the Bailiff, dated 3rd May 2011, seeking approval of the above law.

I would therefore be obliged if you would debate this matter at your meeting on 18th May 2011 and give your approval as set out in the letter.

Sir Norman Browse
President

Note; A copy of the Projet do Loi entitled The Terrorist Asset-Freezing (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2011 is attached.

The States is asked to approve The Terrorist Asset-Freezing (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2011.

Item IV Grant to Alderney Housing Association

The following letter has been received from Mr Beaman, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee:-

In January 2009 the States agreed to the formation of the Alderney Housing Association (AHA), and has subsequently agreed to the terms of the framework agreement, the transfer of properties, and the transfer of an area of land at Platte Saline. All necessary agreements have now been implemented, and the Association has been up and running in their new office with effect from 1st April 2011.

The next stage in the AHAs program is to build 8 new houses/flats at Platte Saline to accommodate some of those qualifying persons on the waiting list, and to transfer existing tenants to enable refurbishment of existing properties.

It is envisaged that part of the funding for this project should be provided from the balance of the funds held in the closed Banquage Housing Loans Scheme. In 2006 on the repayment of the final loan it was agreed that the funds held in the account of £299,099 would be ringfenced for future States housing projects. Over the years this has appeared in the capital budget, initially for the Whitegates project, and latterly for general Social Housing projects, however since the closure of the Scheme no major housing projects have been undertaken by the States.

It was therefore agreed that as these funds had not been expended by the States of Alderney on social housing projects, that the funding would be transferred to the AHA as a grant towards initial funding required in order for them to carry out the projects, and is therefore included as part of the agreed AHA business plan.

We have now received preliminary costings from the AHA in respect of the Platte Saline project, totalling £1.5 million, of which they are expecting to expend in excess of £300K in 2011 and are therefore requesting the transfer of the funds.

The Policy & Finance Committee has agreed to transfer the funds held on the closure of the Banquage Housing Loans Scheme, as a grant to the Alderney Housing Association, in order for the initial works to commence. It has been agreed to release these as two stage payments, initially £100,000 followed by the balance of £199,099.

I would be grateful if this could be placed before the States when it next meets together with appropriate resolution.

John Beaman
Chairman, Policy & Finance Committee

The States is asked to approve awarding a grant to the Alderney Housing Association of £299,099 from the funds held on the closure of Le Banquage Housing Loans Scheme.

Item V Questions and Reports

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