



## DELIBERATIONS OF 11-01-2006

**Date: 11th January, 2006**

DELIBERATIONS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2006 AT 17:30 HOURS

Present:

Sir Norman Browse

Colonel P F Walter

Mr J Postlethwaite

Mr R Cox

Mr B Pengilley

Mr R Willmott

Mrs S Phillips

Mrs L Maurice

Miss B Benfield

Mr W Walden

Mr C Main

Reverend Author Mignot representing the Lieutenant Governor was present.

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### **Item I Opening of the States Meeting.**

### **Item II The Reverend A. Mignot presented his warrant of appointment as representative of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.**

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that that Item IV and Item V would be dealt with before Item III.

### **Item IV The States appointed KPMG Channel Islands Limited to be the States Auditors for 2006.**

(Proposed by Colonel Walter and seconded by Mr Cox.)

(Approved unanimously.)

**Item V The States resolved that the subsequent elections be by open vote. This was following a vote on a proposition from Mr Main and seconded by Mr Walden, for the elections to be by open vote.**

(Approved by majority all in favour except Mr Cox who voted against.)

**Item III The following names were put forward for Vice President for 2006: -**

Colonel Peter Walter (Proposed by Mr Postlethwaite and seconded by Mr Pengilley).

Mr Chris Main (Proposed by Miss Benfield and seconded by Mr Walden).

Following an open vote Colonel Peter Walter was elected Vice President for 2006 on the casting vote of the President.

(For Colonel Walter: Colonel Walter Messrs Cox, Postlethwaite, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice

For Mr Main: Messrs Willmott Walden, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield.)

**Item VI Appointment of Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation**

The following names were put forward to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation:-

Colonel Peter Walter (Proposed by Mr Postlethwaite and seconded by Mr Pengilley).

Mr Richard Cox (Proposed by Mr Postlethwaite and seconded by Mr Pengilley).

Mr Bill Walden (Proposed by Mr Main and seconded by Mr Willmott).

Mr Barry Pengilley (Proposed by Mrs Maurice seconded by Mr Postlethwaite).

After an open vote the following were elected: -

Colonel Peter Walter (on the casting vote of the President).

Mr Richard Cox

(For Colonel Walter: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Postlethwaite, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice

For Mr Cox: unanimous

For Mr Walden: Messrs Walden, Willmott, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield.

For Mr Pengilley: no votes.)

The following names were put forward to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as alternative representatives of Alderney:-

Mr Bill Walden (Proposed by Mr Main and seconded by Mr Cox).

Mr Chris Main (Proposed by Mr Willmott and seconded by Mr Walden).

Mr Barry Pengilley (Proposed by Mr Pengilley and seconded by Mrs Maurice).

Mr Richard Willmott (Proposed by Miss Benfield and seconded by Mrs Phillips).

After an open vote the following were elected: -

Mr Bill Walden

Mr Richard Willmott

(For Mr Walden: Messrs Cox, Willmott, Walden, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield

For Mr Main: Messrs Willmott, Walden, Main and Miss Benfield

For Mr Pengilley: Colonel Walter, Messrs Pengilley, Postlethwaite and Mrs Maurice  
For Mr Willmott: Colonel Walter Messrs Cox, Postlethwaite, Pengilley, Mrs Maurice and Mrs Phillips.)

## **Item VII The States resolved to elect Members to the following Council:**

a. The following names were put forward for Chairman of the Alderney section of the Guernsey/Alderney Joint Consultative Council

Colonel Peter Walter (Proposed by Mr Postlethwaite and seconded by Mr Pengilley).

Miss Barbara Benfield (Proposed by Mr Main and seconded by Mr Walden).

After an open vote Colonel Walter was elected Chairman of the Alderney section of the Guernsey/Alderney Joint Consultative Council on the casting vote of the President.

(For Colonel Walter: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Postlethwaite, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice.

For Miss Benfield: Messrs Willmott, Walden, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield.)

b. The States resolved to authorise the Chairman in consultation with the President to nominate members with appropriate knowledge and experience to attend meetings as and when necessary.

(Proposed by Mr Postlethwaite and seconded by Mr Main.)

(Approved unanimously.)

## **Item VIII The States resolved to elect Members to the following Boards and Committees:**

1. The following names were put forward for Director on the Board of Alderney Electricity Limited.

Mr Richard Willmott (Proposed by Mr Main and seconded by Miss Benfield.)

Mr John Postlethwaite (Proposed by Colonel Walter and seconded by Mr Pengilley.)

After an open vote Mr Richard Willmott was elected Director on the Board of Alderney Electricity Limited.

(For Mr Willmott: Messrs Cox, Willmott, Walden, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield

For Mr Postlethwaite: Colonel Walter, Messrs Postlethwaite, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice.)

2. The following names were put forward to serve on the Guernsey Cadastre Appeals Committee.

Mrs Lin Maurice (Proposed by Mr Pengilley and seconded by Mr Main).

Mrs Barbara Benfield (Proposed by Colonel Walter and seconded by Mrs Maurice).

After an open vote Mrs Lin Maurice was elected to serve on the Guernsey Cadastre Appeals Committee.

(For Mrs Maurice: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Pengilley, Main, Mrs Maurice and Miss Benfield, Messrs Willmott and Postlethwaite abstained

For Miss Benfield: Mr Willmott and Miss Phillips, Messrs Willmott and Postlethwaite abstained.)

3. The States resolved to direct the Policy and Finance Committee to elect from their members, a member and his deputy to serve as a non-voting observer on the States of Guernsey Gambling Control Committee.

4. To elect 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.)

The following names were put forward to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association:

Mr Richard Cox proposed the three existing members Mr Richard Cox, Mrs Lin Maurice and Mr Richard Willmott. Mrs Maurice seconded this proposal.

Mr Chris Main (Proposed by Miss Benfield and seconded by Mr Walden).

Mr Bill Walden (Proposed by Mrs Phillips and seconded by Mr Willmott).

Mr Barry Pengilley (Proposed by Mrs Maurice and seconded by Colonel Walter.)

Following an open vote Mr Richard Willmott was elected by majority to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association:

Messrs Cox, Main and Walden received five votes each.

(For Mr Willmott: Messrs Cox, Willmott, Walden, Postlethwaite, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield

For Mr Main: Colonel Walter, Messrs Walden, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield

For Mr Walden: Messrs Walden, Willmott, Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield

For Mr Cox: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Willmott, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice

For Mrs Maurice: Messrs Cox, Postlethwaite, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice

For Mr Pengilley: Colonel Walter, Messrs Postlethwaite, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice.)

Following a second open vote Mr Chris Main and Mr Bill Walden were elected to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association:

(For Mr Main: Messrs Walden, Postlethwaite, Pengilley Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield

For Mr Walden: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Willmott, Walden Postlethwaite, Main, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Maurice and Miss Benfield

For Mr Cox: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Willmott, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice.)

## **Item IX The States resolved to approve the following arrangements: -**

1. To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy; or the Chief Executive Officer and the States Treasurer or her deputy to operate the States Bank Accounts.

2. To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy; or the States Treasurer or her deputy with the Chief Executive Officer, to operate the Water Board Bank Account.

(Proposed by Colonel Walter and seconded by Mr Main.)

(Approved unanimously.)

## **Item X Questions and Reports**

Questions for verbal reply relating to resolution of committee mandates were asked by Mr Willmott of the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee, the Chairman of the General Service Committee and the Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee.

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## **Item I The Taxation of Real Property (Enabling Provisions) (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2005**

This item was withdrawn for further consideration.

The President wished the Island on behalf of the States a very Happy New Year and hoped that 2006 would be a good year for Alderney despite the difficulties that the whole of the Bailiwick would have to face over the next few years.

Congratulations were offered to St Anne's School on the excellent 2005 Validation Report following an

Ofsted inspection and on the commendations received from the Guernsey Education Department. The President also expressed his thanks to the school on a joint community project in producing a beautifully carved shield and coat of arms for the States, which will be hung in the sports hall of the Island Hall. The President reported that he had written a letter of thanks to Mrs Locker and Mr Phillips.

The President stated that following recent comments, from States Members and at the Peoples Meeting, about the absence of a Billet item requesting the States to elect the membership of the three committees, that he had written to those States Members who had expressed their concern to explain how and why this situation arose. The President reported that some States Members had suggested that this was a unilateral, or even an illegal action, it was neither. It was noted that a revised copy of the letter would be made available to the Journal and members of the Press. The President stated that bi-annual elections would provide continuity and stability, which States Members had previously supported and wished for. It was noted that there would be an extra meeting of the States in February. The date of the meeting would be published in due course.

Meeting ended 18:50

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