

DELIBERATIONS OF 21-02-2006

Date: 21st February, 2006

DELIBERATIONS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2006 AT 17:30

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

Mr G. W. Baron, O.B.E. represented His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Item I Chief Pleas

The following person whose name is included on the Register of Voters and who had given due notice, addressed the States on matters of public interest: -

Mr Colin Murfitt on Rules (proper procedure) and Waste.

Item II Sale of States Land

The States resolved to approve that the list of properties appearing in the schedule may be disposed of by the General Services Committee by way of freehold sale, at prices to be approved by the Policy and Finance Committee.

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

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

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

Item IV Committee Elections - Requete

The States resolved to approve that the Resolutions passed in January 2005 be amended as follows:-
At Items IX, X, XI after the words "approve the mandate", and at Items XII and XIII after the words "to elect", there shall in each case be inserted ", for a period ending at the annual meeting of the States in January 2007.

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

(Approved unanimously.)

Item III Chairmanship of The General Services Committee - Requete

The States failed to approve of the proposition to remove Mr Barry Pengilley from the General Services Committee.

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

(Proposition failed. Approve: Messrs Willmott , Walden. Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield .

Disapprove: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Postlethwaite , Pengilley and Mrs Maurice.)

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

The States resolved to approve The Taxation of Real Property (Enabling Provisions) (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2005.

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

(Approved by majority. All in favour except Messrs Walden and Main who abstained.)

Item VI Building and Development Control (Alderney) Law, 2002 - "C" Permits

The States resolved to approve that the maximum number of "C" Permits be granted during the present calendar year is zero (unless the States earlier resolves otherwise.)

(Approved by majority. All in favour except Mr Postlethwaite who abstained and Mr Pengilley who voted against.)

Item VII Questions and Reports

A question for verbal reply from Mr Walden regarding the election of States Members to the Guernsey/ Alderney Joint Consultative Council was asked of the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee.

A question for verbal reply from Mr Main regarding recent shipping disasters was asked of the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee.

Mr Postlethwaite reported on the recent press release regarding the proposed private public partnership at the Airport and stated that on Monday 27th February 2006 Mr Terry Holding, Chairman of HBC Group, Mr Alan Fulford, Director of Brittain Hadley and representatives of the States of Guernsey would be meeting with Airport Staff, Alderney States Members and afterwards holding a public presentation in the

Island Hall at 6pm. Mr Postlethwaite stated that these series of meetings would be the start of the negotiations and stressed that this was a very significant opportunity for Alderney.

The President expressed his concern on behalf of all States Members that the press release had not been issued to them prior to its publication and stated that the news regarding this proposal had come as a complete surprise to the Alderney Airport Working Group and to all other States Members.

Colonel Walter reported on Item 6 in the Guernsey Billet d'Etat of 22nd February 2006, "Alderney Representative in the States of Deliberations". The Colonel stated this was a matter for Alderney to resolve and that letters had been sent to the Procureur and all Members of the Guernsey States of Deliberation stating this. Colonel Walter stated that a copy of the letter would be made available to the Press. It was noted that this issue would be debated at the March or April States Meeting.

Mr Main reported that a meeting with the proposed developer of Fort Tourgis had taken place today and that discussions and negotiations were moving forward.

Mr Main reported that there would be a public presentation on the draft revised Land Use Plan on Wednesday 1st March 2006 in the Anne French Room, Island Hall between the hours of 10am and 7pm. It was noted that Committee Members and the States Engineer would be available to answer any questions. Mr Main stated that the next stage would be a public inquiry. The President stressed that once a date had been set for the inspection the public still had the right to make representations to the inspector concerning the revised Land Use Plan.

The President welcomed Mrs Patricia McLernon who had recently been appointed a Jurat of the Court of Alderney and wished her every success.

The President stated that recent comments and reports regarding the question of his casting vote had caused him to revisit the Deliberations of the past four years. The President stated that there had been at least 270 votes of which his casting vote had only accounted for 2%, which he felt was not excessively political.

The President informed the meeting that Alderney was in contact with The Commerce and Employment Department, who were following UK guidelines and had a contingency plan, should there be an outbreak of bird flu. The President suggested that those people who owned poultry should give some consideration to how they would house them in such an event and stated that children should be advised not touch or handle dead birds, reports of which should be made to the States Agricultural Department or the States Vet.

Meeting ended 19:15

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