

DELIBERATIONS OF 24-10-2007

Date: 23rd October, 2007

DELIBERATIONS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th OCTOBER 2007 AT 17:30 HOURS

Present:

Sir Norman Browse

Mr R Cox

Mr B Pengilley

Mrs L Maurice

Mr R Willmott

Miss B Benfield

Mr B Walden

Mr C Williams

Mr I Tugby

Mrs E Bennett

His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon, KBE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey was in attendance.

Item I Budgets for 2008 and Expected Outturn 2007

The States resolved to accept the Revenue Budgets for 2008, the Capital Budgets for 2008 and the Water Board Budget for 2008.

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

(Approved unanimously.)

Item II The Alderney Road Traffic and Public Highways (Amendment) Regulations, 2007 and The Alderney Road Traffic and Public Highways (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2007

The States resolved not to annul "The Alderney Road Traffic and Public Highways (Amendment) Regulations, 2007" and "The Alderney Road Traffic and Public Highways (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2007".

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

(Approved unanimously.)

Item III By-Election

The States resolved to agree to hold an election to fill the current vacancy and to put in place the necessary arrangements as follows:-

That Nominations will be received

during the seven days ending at 4:00pm on Tuesday 20th November 2007

That Polling day be Saturday 1st December 2007

That the Polling Room be the Members' Room, Island Hall.

That the successful candidate will hold office until the remainder of Mr Main's term of office, which ends on 31 December 2008.

(Proposed by Mr Williams and seconded by Mr Cox.)

(Approved by a majority all in favour except Mr Willmott who abstained and Mr Walden who voted against.)

Item IV Questions and Reports

Mr Willmott reported on the recent visit to Alderney by Lord Faulkner of Worcester who had met with the President, States Members, Alderney Gambling Control Commission and Alderney Renewable Energy. The meeting had proven very worthwhile as subsequently Lord Faulkner had raised an oral question in the House of Lords regarding Alderney's tidal energy project and the possible landing of electricity in the UK. Mr Walden advised that two schemes for the Commercial Quay had been put forward to Becket Rankin for evaluation and, in liaison with the preferred tenderer Geomarine, the production of a final proposal. This would then be considered by the States and if approved, placed before the Guernsey States of Deliberation in January 2008.

Miss Benfield advised that over the next couple of days a Housing Needs Survey would be hand delivered to and collected from every householder on the island. Miss Benfield stressed the importance of completing and returning these forms as the information provided would be used by the Building and Development Control Committee to assess the current and future housing needs of the island.

The President reported that he had attended the official opening of the Health and Social Services Department's new CT and MRI Imaging suite at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital on 10th October. The President stated that islanders had contributed generously towards the new scanner, which would be a benefit to Alderney.

The President reported that he had attended the Annual Prize Giving at St Anne's School on 18th October, with good results being achieved by the students. The President advised that Head Teacher Mrs Locker was due to retire at the end of the year and he expressed his thanks, on behalf of the States, for all her hard work during the last four years in raising the standard of the school.

The President reported that Alderney Renewable Energy had been awarded the EAST award for Industry Commitment to Sustainability which was presented to members of the ARE Board at the House of Lords on 21st September.

It was noted that there would be a Public Meeting on Wednesday 7th November, at 7pm in the Island Hall, to discuss possible changes to the Government of Alderney Law, 2004. The meeting would be attended by all States Members, with the President and Mr Willmott as joint Chairmen. All members of the public were invited to attend and an agenda would be freely available from the States General Office, Island Hall.

Meeting ended: 18:15

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