

General Services Committee Meeting
Meeting reconvened Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 10:20am

Present:

Mr W Walden – Chairman

Mr P Arditti

Mr J Beaman

Mr R Berry

Mr B Kelly

Mr I Tugby

Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer

Ms J Turner, States Engineer

Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary

Apologies: Mr R Burke, Chief Executive

20/2011 General Works (including Agriculture)

20.1 Dairy Farm Management Contract and Farm Management Plan tabled and discussed. The Treasurer advised that Mr R Gauvain of Alderney Wildlife Trust was unable to attend the meeting as requested as he was off Island for the day. Mr Berry raised a few queries which the Chairman was able to advise on and informed Mr Berry that the Alderney Wildlife Trust could always be consulted.

RESOLVED unanimously to agree to approve the renewal of the Dairy Farm Management Contract for 2011 to 2015 and to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the contract on behalf of the Committee.

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20.2 States Work Department Labour Report from Mr Berry regarding 'Maintenance of States owned buildings' tabled and discussed. Mr Berry raised concerns regarding the difficulties of maintaining of the Island Hall, the Court Building and the Museum with the existing staffing levels of the by the States Works Department. The Treasurer informed that with effect from the 1st April 2011 the States Works Department will have 52 properties less to maintain as these will be handed over to the Alderney Housing Association.

The Chairman felt that the issues raised by Mr Berry need to be addressed and buildings need to be maintained in a cost effective manner. Members felt a policy should be introduced to encourage young people on to a trainee/apprentice scheme especially with the amount of workers on the States Works Department nearing retirement age.

The Committee deferred the item as the Chief Executive with the Superintendent is currently drafting a works schedule for all sections of the States Works Department to define work items which will lead discussions on staffing levels.

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20.3 Any Other Business Relating to General Works Members raised a few matters for the attention of the States Engineer: -

- The bench at the bottom of the Zig-Zag is near the edge of the cliff that is eroding and therefore dangerous.
- With the plans from Alderney Renewable Energy set to go ahead, the equipment and pre war fire tender stored at Fort Albert would need to be relocated. The Chairman suggested an area in the Battery Quarry could be utilised to build a storage unit for equipment and the Chief Executive to liaise with the Public Services Department to utilise storage for the fire tender.

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- The scrap metal from the old shredder at the Butes could be sold and the Committee delegated the authority to the States Engineer to approve the scrapping of certain redundant items.

JBT

21/2011 Roads and Transport

21.1 The Alderney Road Traffic and Public Highways (Amendment) Regulations, 2011

Report from the Chief Executive dated 1st March 2011 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve The Alderney Road Traffic and Public Highways (Amendment) Regulations, 2011. Item to be place on the April Billet.

Billet Item

22/2011 **Any Other Business** Mr Berry reported that maintenance works is ongoing at the Clerks House.

Mr Kelly advised that the new fire tender is arriving in the next two weeks.

Mr Kelly further reported on the debrief with the emergency services in relation to the recent incident and an inquest is ongoing. Mr Kelly will be recommending to the Committee that the four firemen, who assisted in the cliff rescue, receive formal commendation from the States of Alderney.

Meeting closed 10:55

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12th April 2011

Signed: W Walden

Date: 12th April 2011