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POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting 27th May 2014: key messages

The States of Alderney Policy and Finance Committee¹ held its meeting on 27th May 2014. The full minutes will be published as soon as possible but the following matters are worthy of note.

Marine Park Proposal

The Committee considered a proposal from Plymouth University in relation to creation of a 'Marine Park' and the social, environmental and economic benefits that this might bring to the island. The Committee agreed that further consultation and an initial feasibility study would be helpful to clearly understand the benefits and opportunities. It was also agreed that this needed to be considered alongside existing priorities and initiatives. The Committee therefore decided to defer any further work on this proposal until next year.

New Connaught Care Home

The Committee agreed a grant request from the New Connaught and Jubilee Care Home for a contribution of £5,000 which will enable the New Connaught Care Home to help fund the security adaptations necessary for full dementia care registration. Francis Simonet, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee said: "The New Connaught Care Home has prepared a business plan based on an enhanced service which includes provision for a small number of residents requiring dementia care. A large part of the funding has already been raised through Milly's Foundation and the Committee agreed the grant to enable the care home to progress the works as soon as possible".

Marina proposal

The Committee received a report from an independent adviser on the proposed Marina Development. It was agreed that further analysis and detail was required from the potential developer for the Committee to make a decision on next steps. Francis Simonet, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee said: "We remain committed to considering options for a marina development in the future. It is essential that such a complex project for the States stands up to scrutiny at every stage and therefore the Committee agreed that further details were required for consideration before a decision can be taken." Discussions will continue with the potential developer with a view to collating further information by the end of July.

Trislander replacement

The Committee discussed the forthcoming debate on potential Trislander replacements which will take place at Guernsey States of Deliberation on 28 May. The Guernsey representatives from the States will attend to join the debate and present the States case in support of introducing Dornier aircraft on the Alderney route.

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