

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLES MEETING – 7th January 2015
Island Hall – 19:00

Convenor – Mrs Norma Paris

Assisted by Chief Executive, Interim States Engineer and Treasurer

States Members x 7 (excluding the convenor)

Minute Secretary

Public – x 24

Press x 2

Item I – Opening of the States.

There were no comments on this item.

Item II - Election Procedure.

There were no comments on this item.

Item III – Appointment of Vice President.

Written question for Part 2 was addressed as part of the main meeting as follows:-

- How is it that States Members are empowered to elect a Vice President when the President was always elected by the electorate (the People) of Alderney. Surely this is not the democratic way? The election of the President was not connected to States Members Election. Or have the rules been changed without notice?

Response by Chief Executive:-

- Section 39(1) of the Government of Alderney Law, 2004, as amended, states “The States shall each year at the annual meeting held in accordance with section 41(2), elect one of their members to the Vice President of the States of Alderney...” . The President and States Members according to section 27(1) of the Government of Alderney Law are elected by secret ballot at an election held in accordance with this Law.

Item IV – Appointment of Auditors.

Queries on the item included:-

- Why have KPMG been appointed with their high expenses?

It was clarified that KPMG were the successful applicants, following the advertised tender process. A comment was also made from a previous KPMG Partner, who stated that the firm is expensive, but the costings are similar to other firms, and their work is of a high standard.

Item V – Policy and Finance Committee Mandate.

Item VI – General Services Committee Mandate.

Item VII – Building and Development Control Committee Mandate.

A query on the above three mandates included:-

- Is there no-one appointed for negotiations with Aurigny?

It was clarified that negotiations with Aurigny are being reviewed and dealt with by BDTM and ALG.

Item VIII – Appointment of Committee Chairmen.

There were no comments on this item.

Item IX – Appointment of Members of the Policy and Finance Committee.

Written question for Part 2 was addressed as part of the main meeting as follows:-

- As far as I am aware all the States Members are on the Policy and Finance Committee. Are States Members now electing themselves?

Response by Chief Executive:-

- Section 49(1) of the Government of Alderney Law provides for the States to appoint committees of the States, and to elect some or all of the members of the States to be members of such committees.

Item X – Appointment of Members of other Committees.

There were no comments on this item.

Item XI – Other Appointments:- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

There were no comments on this item.

Item XII – The States of Alderney Bank Accounts.

There were no comments on this item.

Item XIII – Election of Alderney Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation.

It was confirmed that Graham McKinley and Louis Jean have been put forward for the task.

Item XIV – The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2014.

There were no comments on this item.

Item XV – Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy: Appointment of Commissioner.

Nationality questioned, and it was confirmed that Mr Sharp is of British origin.

Item XVI – Questions and Reports.

There were no comments on this item.

Meeting Closed 19:10