States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2020

STATES OF ALDERNEY DELIBERATIONS FOR THE STATES MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2020 AT 1730HRS

Present: Mr William Tate, President

Ms Annie Burgess Mr Mike Dean Mr James Dent Mr David Earl Mr Kevin Gentle Mr Christian Harris Mr Louis Jean

Mr Graham McKinley, OBE

Mr Steve Roberts Mr Alex Snowdon

Lieutenant G T Workman RN (Rtd) represented His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting following the recent Covid-19 restrictions.

BILLET NO 1

<u>Item I</u> <u>The Speed Trials (Alderney) Ordinance, 2020</u>

The States of Alderney resolved to approve "The Speed Trials (Alderney) Ordinance, 2020"

Proposer: Mr McKinley Seconder: Mr Dean

Approved unanimously

Item II The Public Holiday ("Homecoming Day") (Alderney) Ordinance, 2005

The States of Alderney was asked to debate the item without resolution.

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Ms Burgess

The following amendment was received from Mr Dent:-

"To add the following resolution:

- 1. to abolish the Monday holiday if it occurs on a weekend, and confine celebrations to the 15th December irrespective of the day of the week this falls on; and if this fails
- 2. to celebrate always and only on the Monday following 15th December; and if this fails
- 3. to celebrate always and only on the Monday preceding 15th December; and if this fails
- 4. to continue as current practice"

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Ms Burgess

Amendment failed

The original item was then debated without resolution.

<u>Item III</u> <u>The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.3) Regulations, 2020</u>

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul "The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.3) Regulations, 2020"

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Mr Snowdon

Approved unanimously

<u>Item IV</u> <u>The Alderney Property Tax (Enabling Provisions) Law, 2020</u>

The States of Alderney resolved to approve the draft Projet de Loi entitled "The Alderney Property Tax (Enabling Provisions) Law, 2020", and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Mr Earl

Approved by a majority

FOR: Ms Burgess, Mr Dean, Mr Dent, Mr Earl, Mr Gentle, Mr Harris, Mr

McKinley, Mr Roberts, Mr Snowdon

AGAINST: Mr Jean

Item V The Appointment of States Auditors

The States of Alderney resolved to agree to the appointment of Grant Thornton Limited (Channel Islands) as the auditor of the States of Alderney and the States of Alderney Water Board for five years with effect from the 2020 accounts

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Mr Earl

Approved unanimously

Item VI Questions and Reports

Questions were received from:

- Alex Snowdon for Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee:-
 - 1. Could the Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee update members with the progress being made by the Good Governance Group?
 - 2. Discussions took place at the last Policy & Finance Meeting with a need to increase revenue streams as we see the gambling funds decreasing, can the Chairman explain the different areas Tourism and Economic Development Committee and Finance Committee are exploring to create new revenue streams for the States of Alderney?
 - 3. Following the transfer of a lease on the French side to develop a 12MW tidal power project in Raz Blanchard, could the Chairman explain what progress the project is making with Alderney, as the island may connect into the Atlantis/Normandie Hydroliennes project?
 - 4. Can the Chairman outline any updates with air and sea transport links and his thoughts about the Aurigny 2019 accounts stating £9.7m losses with apparently £2.8m lost on Alderney routes?
- Alex Snowdon for Chairman of General Services Committee: Could the Chairman of General Services Committee confirm when a public presentation will take place with the Marina proposal?
- James Dent for Alderney Representatives in the States of Deliberation:-Would our two Alderney Representatives briefly summarise their activities in the States of Guernsey since the last meeting of the States of Alderney?

Responses to each of the questions above were given verbally by the respective States Members and will be available in due course on the Hansard Report for this meeting.

BILLET NO 2

<u>Item I The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.3) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020</u>

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul "The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.3) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020"

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Mr Dean

<u>Item II</u> <u>The Government of Alderney (Amendment) Law, 2020</u>

The States is asked to approve the Projet de Loi entitled "The Government of Alderney (Amendment) Law, 2020" and to request the President to seek the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council for it to have the force of Law in the Island of Alderney.

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Ms Burgess

The following amendment was received from Mr Dent:-

"Motion to Defer

Explanation:

Policy and Finance Committee at its last meeting requested that the Law Officers incorporated text into the Emergency Provisions section to allow full postal voting and deferred elections in specific emergency situations."

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Mr Harris

Amendment approved unanimously and the item was deferred.

Item III The Government of Alderney Law, 2004 (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

The States of Alderney resolved to approve The Government of Alderney Law 2004 (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.

Proposer: Mr Dent Seconder: Mr Gentle

Approved unanimously

Meeting Closed: 1932hrs

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