

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
22nd JULY 2013**

0915 hours

Mr F Simonet, Chairman
Mr M Birmingham
Mr N Harvey
Mr L Jean
Mr R McDowall

Mr R Burke, Chief Executive
Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, EA to the Chief Executive
Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary

In attendance: Mr P Arditti and Mr S Roberts

ACTION

68/2013 **Minutes of the previous meeting** of the 24th June 2013 circulated to Members by email at the meeting. The minutes were **approved** subject to the following amendment:- Item 63.3 – Alderney Community Sport Centre Swimming Pool proposal – “The Committee approved *by a majority (Mr Jean against)* to support...”

Minutes of the 28th May meeting – It was noted that following the last meeting of the Committee the minutes were circulated to Mr Jean for further review. Mr Jean wished to register that he was not in agreement with the minutes of the May meeting. The Chairman stated that the minutes had been checked and confirmed to be accurate, and have been approved by the majority of the Committee.

Notes from the Finance Committee meeting of 11th July 2013 and the notes from the Business Development, Tourism and Marketing Committee (BDTM) meeting of 8th July 2013 to be circulated by email.

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69/2013 **Matters Arising**

69.1 Matters arising from the minutes

69.1.1 BDCC Law Review – See Confidential Annexure.

69.1.2 Appointments – AeGL Board Member Paper from the Chief Executive's Office dated 17th July 2013 tabled and discussed. It was noted that the Chairman was currently the sole States appointed director following the resignation of Mr Llewellyn as a States Member in April 2013 and the resignation of Mr Arditti as board member.

The Committee (Mr Jean abstained) appointed Mr Birmingham and Mr Harvey as directors to the Board of Alderney eGambling Limited.

69.1.3 New Connaught Care Home – See Confidential Annexure.

69.2 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC and ESC) and Guernsey Representatives

BDCC – A brief report from Mr Birmingham, Chairman, on matters discussed at the recent meeting of the Committee which included development at the Campsite. It was noted that works on the café/shop was approved however the proposed works for a replacement laundry/wet weather facility and wardens accommodation were deferred pending legal advice.

ESC – nothing to report.

Guernsey Representatives Mr Jean advised that the July meeting has been extended by a day (30th Jul to 1st Aug) due to a significant amount of items on the Billet d'État. **Noted.**

69/2013 **Matters Arising (continue)**

69.1 Matters arising from the minutes (continue)

69.1.3 New Connaught Care Home – See Confidential Annexure.

69.3 Employment Permit Report – July tabled and **noted**. Members queried whether the report reflects any refusals of work permits and the Executive Assistant advised that this information can be included for future reports.

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69.3.1 Employment Permit - Confidential Item

70/2013

Budgetary Matters

70.1 Management Accounts – June tabled and **noted**.

70.2 Revenue Account Deficit monthly report tabled and the Assistant Treasurer advised that in future, any bad debtors over £10K will be included in a separate report for Committee information purposes only. It was also noted that following negotiations the 2013 insurance premium had been held at similar levels to 2012, however the aggregate deductible level increased as reported. **Noted**.

70.3 Longis Bay Toilets Paper from the Superintendent of Works, States Works Department, dated 16th July 2013 tabled and considered. The Chief Executive reported that the project was on time and on budget. **Noted**.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the project to be retrospectively funded from the Capital account for an amount not exceeding the revised budget of £33,300.

TREASURY

70.4 St John's Alderney Ambulance – See Confidential Annexure.

71/2013

Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Matters

71.1 a) Business Development Relocation Officer Mr Harvey reported that following discussions with the Chief Executive it is recommended to appoint Mrs Elanja O'Toole in the role of Relocation Officer to act as first point of contact for all inward enquiries relating to business and residential relocation to the island. **The Committee approved.**

It was noted that costs associated with Business Development will be brought to the Committee for consideration. **Noted**.

b) Extension of Marketing Contract Paper from Mr Harvey, Chairman of Business Development, Tourism and Marketing Committee, dated 19th July 2013 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to extend the marketing contract with Be A Tiger for a further six months at a cost of £40,800 (£2K per month for tourism/marketing & £4,8K per month for economic development), based on a deferred payment scheme should funds be raised for any initiatives agreed within the plan.

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71.2 Jersey Flights Paper from Mr Harvey, Chairman of Business Development, Tourism and Marketing Committee, dated 19th July 2013 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to agree to underwrite the costs of chartering flights with Aurigny Air Services to and from Jersey for a limited period of 6 weeks.

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71.3 Living Islands – appointment of States Director Paper from Mr Harvey, Chairman of Business Development, Tourism and Marketing Committee, dated 19th July 2013 tabled and considered. It was noted that Living Islands Limited, a soon to be formed company, will be a charitable trust as well as a public company limited by guarantee with no share capital. **Noted**.

RESOLVED unanimously to appoint Mr Neil Harvey, Chairman of BDTM, as ex officio director of Living Islands Limited.

71.4 Transport Statistics – June 2013 tabled and **noted**.

It was also noted that the Alderney Liaison Group is scheduled to have a meeting with States of Guernsey representatives and Alderney Airport will be a topic of discussion. **Noted**.

72/2013

Legislation and Conventions

72.1 The Libya (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve 'The Libya (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2013', and this item to be placed on the September Billet for approval by the States of Alderney.

BILLET ITEM

72.2 Draft Road Traffic (Compulsory Third Party Insurance) (Commencement and Application of Provisions) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2013 circulated by email, tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the 'Road Traffic (Compulsory Third Party Insurance) (Commencement and Application of Provisions) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2013', and this item to be placed on the September Billet for approval by the States of Alderney.

BILLET ITEM

72.3 Guernsey Financial Services Commission – Consolidating and Revising the Supervisory Legislation circulated by email, tabled and considered.

Mr McDowall advised that he will be drafting a response to the consultation paper and will pass this to the Chief Executive for further comment. **Noted.**

RM

72.4 Financial Services Ombudsman – Draft States Report and letter from Deputy Kevin Stewart, Minister Commerce and Employment Department, dated 8th July 2013 tabled and **noted**. Mr McDowall advised that he had circulated his non contentious comments on the draft States report to the Chief Executive. **Noted.**

72.5 Draft Government of Alderney Law Amendment – Code of Conduct tabled and considered.

RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Jean against) to approve the amendment to the Government of Alderney Law to be placed on the September Billet for approval by the States of Alderney.

BILLET

72.6 Taxation Policies Paper from Mr McDowall dated 12th July 2013 and relevant draft policy proposals tabled and **noted**. Mr McDowall advised that further papers/proposals will be brought to the Committee for consideration at the September meeting. **Noted.**

RM/AGENDA ITEM

The Committee agreed Mr McDowall and Mr Jean to review current taxations imposed on Alderney.

RM/LJ

11:00am Mr Roberts left the meeting

73/2013 **Alderney Renewable Energy** – See Confidential Annexure.

74/2013 **Service Culture for States Employees** Paper from Mr McDowall tabled and **noted**. Mr McDowall recommended that the Chief Executive set out a plan for embedding a culture of service within the public sector. It was noted that a Customer Service Programme had already been integrated and the training was being delivered. **Noted.**

75/2013 **Alderney Forts – Fort Tourgis** It was noted that the Chief Executive had circulated a letter regarding a proposal from an interested party during 2012 to Members for their information. The Chief Executive advised that he had subsequently responded to the interested party and advised that the Committee agreed earlier in the year not to consider any proposals for sale of Fort Tourgis at that time. The Committee reaffirmed that decision but expressed the view that if a developer came with the right offer, the matter would be reconsidered. **Noted.**

76/2013 **Any Other Business**

76.1 Up Close and Personal (UCP) – See Confidential Annexure.

76.2 Alderney Island Games Association Letter from Mr Michael Ellen, Chairman of the Alderney Island Games Association (AIGA), dated 2nd July 2013 tabled and it was noted that the AIGA had requested a reduced grant towards the Island Games in Bermuda of £2K as opposed to the £7K budgeted.

The Committee agreed. Treasury to deal.

TREASURY

76.3 Justice Committee meeting – 5th September 2013 It was noted that the Justice Committee of the House of Commons will be visiting the Bailiwick from the 3rd to 5th September and Members were invited to forward agenda items as well as suggest an itinerary to the Chief Executive's office.

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76.4 Letter from Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy dated 3rd July 2013 tabled and it was noted that copies had been circulated to all Members prior to the July States meeting. **Noted.**

76.5 Alderney Duty Free Letter from Mr David Robilliard, Managing Director of Bucktrout and Company Limited, dated 2nd July 2013 circulated for information and the Chief Executive advised that he had responded and advised that the tendering for Alderney Duty Free concession had been widely advertised. **Noted.**

76.6 Guernsey States of Election Memo from the President dated 16th July 2013 tabled and the Committee agreed with the proposal to amend the membership of the States of Election to include representation from Alderney.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE/ AGENDA ITEM

77/2013 Alderney Housing Association – Business Plan It was noted that the presentation of the Alderney Housing Association Business Plan on the 5th July 2013 had been well received.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Alderney Housing Association Limited Business Plan 2014 to 2019.

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The Chairman and Members wished to express their condolences to Mr Tugby and his family following the loss of a family member.

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Meeting closed: 11:35pm

Signed: Mr F Simonet

Date: 24th September 2013