

General Services Committee Meeting
Anne French Room
Tuesday 2nd February 2016
0915

Mr I Tugby, Chairman
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr C Rowley
Mr G McKinley

Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer
Mrs S Pengilley Price, Executive Assistant
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary
Mr Aaron Bray, Technical Services Officer

Apologies: Mr W. Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive

In attendance: Harbour Master for item 03/2016, Planning Officer and Matt Birmingham for item 5.3

01/2016 Minutes of the previous meetings of 8th December 2015 were tabled and approved.

02/2016 Matters Arising

2.1 Annual Appointments – the following appointments were approved:

Deputy Chairman – Mrs Norma Paris

Member of the Council of the Maritime Trust – Mr Chris Rowley

The following areas of responsibility were allocated:

Traffic Matters	Mr Steve Roberts
Water and Sewerage	Mr Steve Roberts
Waste Disposal, Dumps and Derelicts	Mr Ian Tugby
Civil Emergency Working Party	Mr Ian Tugby
Fire Brigade and Cliff Rescue	Mr Chris Rowley
Police Liaison (Local)	Mr Graham McKinley
Transport – Roads and Railway	Mr Chris Rowley
Agriculture (and open areas) Environment Wildlife, Burhou etc.	Mr Steve Roberts
Harbour and Fisheries	Mr Chris Rowley & Mr Graham McKinley
Recreation, Campsite and Island Hall (functions)	Mrs Norma Paris
States Properties	Mr Chris Rowley & Mr Ian Tugby

2.2 St Anne's Church Update

The TSO reported that he is awaiting a quote from Vaudins which is to include the scaffolding costs. The Treasurer advised that at present £128k is remaining within the capital budget. TSO to update Committee once quotes received.

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2.3 Open Meetings

The Committee agreed by majority vote (Mr McKinley for) to reject the idea of open meetings using GSC as a trial Committee. It was noted that a more focused approach is required to persuade the wider public to attend the People's Meetings and States Meetings.

03/2016 Harbour and Fisheries

3.1 Capital Expenditure – Rock removal at Pontoon Area – For Ratification – Report from Deputy Harbour Master dated 21st December 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee ratified the approval of capital expenditure of £18,000 for rock removal at the pontoon area of the Harbour.

TREASURY

04/2016 General Works (including Agriculture)

The TSO reported that he is getting things moving with the SWD Team.

05/2016 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)

5.1 Estate Management Policy – Report from Technical Services Officer & Economic Development Officer dated 20th January 2016 tabled and noted.

The Committee discussed the importance of including the group forming to protect the wartime heritage sites across the island, as it is a very sensitive issue. TSO and GM to monitor and update when required.

The Committee approved:-

- a) **The Estate Management Policy as set out in the attached paper dated 20th January 2016; and**
- b) **Direct the Joint Working Group to develop and agree Management Plans for each of the key sites.**

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0930 Harbour Master joined meeting

03/2016 Harbour and Fisheries (Continued)

The following issues were noted from the Harbour Master Report:-

- There have been some technical issues with the crane, but these have been resolved.
- Tyre fenders are to be replaced like for like from Revenue.
- Harbour Showers - awaiting tenders, special meeting to be held once received.
- Restrictions on the capture of Bass – members to be kept up to date with any development.

Charter Vessels – the minute was circulated to members from November 2015 meeting with action points. GM to progress the matter. Harbour Master stated that there has been no pressure from Charter Vessel Skippers for this licence. Licence charges are in place. It was noted that it would be the Skipper's decision to apply for this licence.

Potential Sailing Club Steps – present design deemed a safety issue to the public. It was noted that the current design would retract from the decking area. The VIC Hub would be well situated at the top area of the pontoon landing, currently used for the bins. It was noted that display areas will be available outside the new shower block.

The Tanker was diverted to Jersey and then Guernsey over the course of 2 days due to bad weather conditions.

Pilots – 3 out of 5 Guernsey Pilots are supportive towards working in Alderney. Contracts are yet to be discussed.

A submission for new Yokohama fenders, as included within the capital budget, is to be submitted once prices are received.

5.2 Alderney Bird Observatory – Report from Chief Executive’s Office dated 26th January 2016 tabled and noted.

The Committee approved that under the provision of article 5(a)ii authorise the CEO of the SoA is to issue a ‘certificate’ to allow for capture of birds to take place within the area of the ABO and potential other sites to be considered, under the authority and control of the ABO’s Warden ‘for such scientific, ecological or environmental purposes as may be approved by the Committee.’

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5.4 Coastal Erosion

The TSO reported that for the re-direction of the road at Clonque, only 10 x 3m of land is needed – less than originally calculated, valuation to be sought. Rock armour is to be placed under the cliff edge for further protection. The Land Mark Trust is to be approached for a potential contribution to the cost of the works. TSO to deal.

Corblets – the TSO advised that various options are being explored along with tidying up the area. TSO to enquire ARE’s requirements for the FAB Link. Major improvements are being made with the SWD Team.

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1015 Planning Officer & Matt Birmingham joined meeting

5.3 Call for Sites – Report from Planning Officer dated 27th January 2016 tabled and noted.

The call for sites proposals were discussed for a significant period of time.

The Committee stated that Housing Site 4 – York Hill, Lower Butes should be removed from the list, as this was a green area and seen impractical for the proposal.

NP stated that the Airport Zone should be included in phase 1 of the LUP as it is an urgent issue. It was advised that the amount of work can’t be done in the timescale for phase 1, hence why it is included in phase 2 of the LUP.

The Committee approved that the first three housing sites on the attached list be considered for inclusion in the current call for sites, together with a further site identified close to the Hospital, be published and formally considered for inclusion in the first phase of the land use plan due for publication in March 2016.

Also that the remaining proposals on the attached list, for economic and infrastructure development, be considered for inclusion in the second phase of the LUP which is due in the latter part of 2016, when more information is available.

IT to meet with CE and ARE to discuss Mannez Quarry site, to potentially place in phase one of the LUP.

PO/BDCC/IT

1135 Planning Officer & Matt Birmingham left the meeting

06/2016 Roads and Transport

6.1 Road Repair Contract 2012-2016 – Letter from Ronez dated 16th December 2015 tabled and noted. The TSO reported that Ronez have given notice on the current contract and sent a revised price / tender based on any further works. The TSO is now reviewing a number of options including asking the question do we need Tarmac?

The committee discussed the option of using concrete in replacement of tarmac, which could be done in-house and on island, cutting costs and providing a harder wearing road surface. The TSO also advised that the glass recycling waste could be crushed and used as part of the

concreting process, which could provide major benefits. TSO to investigate all options with pros and cons. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

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6.2 Taxi Service – Letter from Steven Woods, Harbour Lights Hotel, dated 21st January 2016 tabled and noted. It was noted that in the current economic climate another taxi firm would impact greatly on the business available, the Committee requested that the Chief Executive's office enquire as to whether the applicant required a courtesy vehicle for his business or a Public Services Licence and report back to the Committee.

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6.3 Driving Licences

SP advised that she was still awaiting a reply from the Law Officers. The Chairman is keen for there to be an Alderney Licence which could be placed in the Alderney Legislation. The States of Guernsey have rejected the proposal. CE Office to chase.

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07/2016 Any Other Business

Island Hall Kitchen – NP advised that the Head Chef of The Georgian has expressed concerns relating to the state of the Island Hall kitchen. He has collated a list of improvements that would benefit the States of Alderney by having the facilities to cater/host larger functions. The Treasurer advised that some funding has been included in the Capital Budget for renovations. NP to pursue.

NP

Meeting Dates – it was noted that a Special GSC meeting will be held for the further discussions on the Harbour Showers process.

Skate Park – CR and SR advised that the BDCC have concerns with the relocation of the Skate Park to York Hill. It was reported that there would be safety issues with the bunker. The Committee stated that these issues can be resolved.

UK Cargo Ferry – The Chairman stated that there could be the potential for a UK Cargo Ferry similar to the Isle of Scilly. It was noted that the Alderney Shipping contract is due for renewal end of 2017. Further options/ideas to be investigated.

AGENDA ITEM

08/2016 Press Releases

None.

09/2016 For Information

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- Harbour Monthly Report –December 2015 & January 2016
- Guernsey Kart & Motor Club LBG
- Imported, exported & Scrapped Vehicles - 2015

Meeting closed: 12.30pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 26th April 2016

Signed: Ian Tugby

Date: 22nd March 2016