

General Services Committee Meeting
CE Boardroom
Tuesday 26th April 2016
0915

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

Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer
Mrs S Pengilley Price, Executive Assistant
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary
Mr A Bray, Technical Services Officer

Apologies: Mr W. Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive, Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer

In attendance: Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master for item 21/2016

19/2016 Minutes of the previous meetings of 22nd March 2016 were tabled and **approved.**

20/2016 Matters Arising

20.1 SWD Projects Update – Report from Technical Services Officer dated 15th April 2016 tabled and **noted**.

Tarmac – TSO in conversation with Guernsey Airport Director Colin Le Ray. Still awaiting costings from Ronez – will be circulated via email once received.

Clock Tower – works are underway.

Corblets Wall – works are underway.

Green Waste – trade waste is the major problem, and there is also fly tipping. TSO in conversation with Deputy Fire Chief on the topic of burning. Also looking at outsourcing options.

Asbestos Store – running out of space and it is difficult to police it regarding fly tipping. CE Office to check the legislation on fly tipping.

0930 Harbour Master joined meeting

21/2016 Harbour and Fisheries

Harbour Report – the Harbour Master stated that the showers are due for completion within the next week.

A PSE staff member has left, resulting in only two ground staff at this current time. Two positions for seasonal staff have been advertised.

Bumblebee made its first visit last week.

21.1 Hawkers Licence – Confidential Item – Report from Treasury dated 20th April 2016 tabled and noted. It was noted that the Harbour Master and Mainbrayce have voiced objection to this application as it is rarely open and is now taking 20m x 6m of potential boat space. The Harbour Master also stated that the other unit under the same applicant should not be based down at the Harbour – there is no need for two units.

The Committee agreed, as States landlord, to continue permitting the trading by Mrs Page from the Harbour subject to suitable restrictions being in place. Recommendations relating to adequate opening hours, restriction to area used and signage to be forwarded to P&F for consideration.

TREASURY/P&F

Removal of Rock at Pontoon – the Harbour Master reported that the divers were only able to drill 100mm into the blue granite which took over 4 hours. Other methods were being considered for the breaking up of the rocks. Funding to be retained within the CIEF.

Inner Harbour – Pointing – it was considered that the Haskonings Report had reiterated the information that was already known on the issue. It was noted that funds had been allocated within the CIEF. Harbour Master and TSO to discuss further.

HARBOUR MASTER/TSO

Power Supply Request – the Harbour Master advised that he had received a letter, together with part payment from a mooring holder, complaining about the lack of power points situated on the Crusher Site. The Committee noted that no discounts against mooring fees would be given. The Harbour Master advised that he was looking at additional services that could be provided and would table a costings report for the next meeting.

HARBOUR MASTER

0955 Harbour Master left meeting

20.1 SWD Projects Update - Continued

Tarmac – it was noted that the TSO has been invited to the UK to view the Asphalt Plant method. He stated that the current Ronez Plant is in the wrong place and that in his opinion the proposal for a new plant may be too big in the long term. It was suggested to the Committee that initially, a recycling machine would be useful for patch repairs, and would cost approx. £50k. TSO to produce financial report for next meeting, and discuss potential options and future usage with the Airport Committee.

TSO

Road Works Policy – Guernsey Roads Permit System tabled and discussed.

It was advised that this method would provide a guarantee period from the contractors, and provide a record for any future projects. Planning Office in favour for this policy, this can be dovetailed with the digimap system.

The Committee agreed that this application system would have great benefits and provide a guarantee for any projects with any contractors. STO to arrange adaptation and implementation with the Planning Office.

TSO/PLANNING OFFICE

20.2 Parking on Braye Common – Report from Norma Paris dated 18th April 2016 tabled and noted.

The Committee discussed that a complete island parking policy is needed.

The Committee agreed for a time restricted disc parking zone of 24 hours to be issued as a trial period anywhere where parking is permitted on Braye Common.

CE OFFICE

20.3 Corblets Quarry Lease

The Technical Services Officer advised that he and Mr Tugby had met with Mr Gates on site regarding the usage of Corblets Quarry. Mr Gates has asked to continue the lease and understands that there may be potential future use of the land surrounding the quarry for the green waste.

The Committee agreed for Mr Gates to be issued with a new lease for a further 5 year period, on similar terms and conditions as the current lease, to exclude the additional area as requested by Mr Gates, subject to RPIX increases. It was further requested that an additional clause be included to state that if required, the States would have the right to withdraw the use of part of the area by Mr Gates for any potential green waste area. The

committee also agreed for Mr Gates to place gates at the entrance of the quarry to prevent trespassing, subject to any necessary planning permissions.

TREASURY

22/2016 General Works (including Agriculture)

22.1 Capital Project – Refurbishment of Clock Tower – For Ratification – Report from Technical Services Officer dated 15th April 2016 tabled and noted.

The Committee ratified the request to award the contract to S.E. Phelan at £13,541, and vote capital expenditure of £20,000 to include scaffolding costs of £4,300 together with a contingency (rounded).

TREASURY/TSO

22.2 Capital Project – Corblets Wall Repairs – For Ratification – Report from Technical Services Officer dated 20th April 2016 tabled and noted.

The Committee ratified the request to award the contract to Tugby Contractors at £36,460, and vote capital expenditure of £40,000 to include supervision and a contingency (rounded).

TREASURY/TSO

22.3 Scrapping of Tyres – Report from Technical Services Officer dated 21st April 2016 tabled and noted. The Technical Services Officer reported that commercial tyres are the biggest problem.

The Committee agreed for an import duty to be place on the purchases of new tyres. CE Office to look at the current legislation.

CE OFFICE

23/2016 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)

23.1 Permission for Use of Braye Common – Letter from AWT tabled and noted.

The Committee approved for the Alderney Wildlife Trust to use Braye Common on the 28th August for their annual fayre. CE Office to deal.

23.2 Alderney Gravel Company - Royalties – Report from Treasury dated 7th March 2016 tabled and noted.

This matter was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting held on the 18th April 2016. At that meeting the Committee agreed to recommend an RPIX increase (now known to be 0.5%) wef 1st January 2017.

It was further recommended that prior to renewal of licence in 2018, an EIA be carried out. The Members also requested that consideration be given as to how the area may tie in with the Marine Park Programme and therefore asked that it be included in the Marine Planning Study. It was noted that the Economic Development Officer had made arrangements for it to be included in the Study..

The General Service Committee approved the increase in the royalty charge by RPIX, based on the March 2016 index of 0.5%, wef 1st January 2017. Treasury to deal.

TREASURY/PV

23.3 Ramsar Site Management Strategy 2017-2021 – Report from AWT Ramsar Officer dated 21st April 2016 tabled and noted.

Treasurer to meet with the Ramsar Officer for further discussions on the 2017-2021 Strategy with a few to a presentation being made to the Committee if deemed appropriate.

TREASURY

24/2016 Roads and Transport

24.1 Road Names – Email from Victor Levine dated 10th April 2016 tabled and noted.

The Technical Service Officer reported that one road sign roughly costs £75. It was advised that SWD have updated some railway signs this year at a high cost.

The Committee agreed for members to identify thoroughfares that do not have their name visibly displayed and to have signs made and put up accordingly.

MEMBERS/TSO

24.2 Driving Licences

Mr Tugby appointed Mrs Paris as Deputy Chairman to lead with this matter. It was advised that the Guernsey Law Officers have stated that there is no capability within the Alderney Government of Alderney Law to make the changes for a local HGV Licence.

Mrs Paris to liaise with IT and SPP to place a report on the Billet for the July States Meeting.

NP/IT/SPP

25/2016 Any Other Business

Woodland Heights – re divert water course – the TSO reported that Andrew Black has provided a quote of £2,800 to re instate Mr Weirgold's land. Minutes from GSC meeting on this item to be circulated to members for information.

TSO

Butes Lane – it was reported that the hedges in this area need cutting back substantially to enable adequate vehicle access for larger vehicles.

Fontaine David Public Land – it was noted that Technical Services Officer is to write to Mrs Willmott regarding the land issue.

TSO

1110 SPP left the meeting

Nunnery Lease – the Committee expressed their concerns that the lease between the AWT and the SoA has been approved for 6 months, without coming through GSC or P&F Committees for approval. Mr Tugby stated that it was not good practice to find this information through the Alderney Journal. Mr McKinley to report to the Committee whether a lease for a further two years has been agreed. CE Office to enquire who gave the authority for the lease with no inclusion of States Members.

CE OFFICE/GM

Key Worker Housing – Following an update on the housing needs of a key worker employed by the States of Alderney the Committee gave their support for the Education Department to be given notice on the property.

TREASURY

1120 SPP joined the meeting

26/2016 Press Releases - None.

27/2016 For Information

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- Harbour Monthly Report – April 2016
- GA Data

Meeting closed: 11.40am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st June 2016

Signed: Ian Tugby

Date: 5th May 2016