

General Services Committee Meeting
Anne French Room
Tuesday 18th October 2016
0915 hours

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

Mr A Bray, Technical Services Officer
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
Mr J Young, Planning Officer

Apologies: Mr W. Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive, Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary.

In attendance: Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master, and Mr C Morris, Sea Fisheries Officer for item 45/2016

Minutes from the previous meeting: dated 20th September 2016 tabled and approved.

44/2016 Matters Arising

44.1 Skate Park Update – Letter from Mr & Mrs N Tapley dated 1st October 2016 tabled and considered. TSO reported on a meeting held with complainants, Youth Centre and States Members. It was noted that there were two issues regarding the park, namely noise and the behaviour of those who use it. It was noted that not all the soundproofing was in place as yet, works would continue shortly, and that the behaviour issue was a police matter.

The Committee agreed:

- a. that a strong letter be drafted and sent to the Guernsey Police with regards the lack of regular policing in the Park area;
- b. the situation to be further monitored until the end of March 2017 and if there is no improvement by this period then the facility will be closed; and
- c. a press release be drafted to be circulated to Committee members prior to release (Mrs Paris and Mr Rowley to action) of the actions agreed at Committee.

CR/NP

44.4 Sand Extraction – John Young Planning Officer gave a historical view of the issues to date in the area named as the Scramble Track. It was noted that the sand extraction had now ceased and the resulting hole could be utilised to create an environment for Sand Martins and other species of birds. It was advised that a planning application had been received from AEL to further extract sand from this area and this is in due process with BDCC, it was noted that measures were to be taken with regards remediation and reinstatement of the area. Query was raised as to if the excavation was allowed to be carried out, as to whether there would be a reduction in the loan granted to AEL, as the expense for the provision of sand would have been factored into the calculation. Treasury to clarify.

RESOLVED by a majority (Mr McKinley against) to support (as States Landlords) the extraction of approximately 1000 tons of sand from the area known as the Scramble Track with a caveat that the land be reinstated to a good standard.

JY

47/2016 Recreation, Welfare and Environment

47.2 Mannez Quarry Letter from Mr D Gaudion, Director of ARE Limited dated 12.10.2016 tabled and considered. Mr Young advised of the process for the LUP enquiry and that the call for sites was the preliminary stage of this process.

RESOLVED that ARE should make a submission, independently of the States, for a change to the zoning of the area of Mannez Quarry for the LUP enquiry, the Committee would however appreciate sight of the plans once submitted. Planning Officer to deal.

JY

10.15am Mr Young left the meeting, Harbour Master and Mr C Morris, Fisheries Officer joined the meeting.

45/2016 Harbour and Fisheries

45.1 Sea Fisheries Update – Briefing Papers entitled “Consultation on Quota Management Arrangements” and “Update on Conservation Measures for Sea Bass” dated 18th October from Mr Morris tabled and considered.

Mr Morris gave a brief history on the subject and the judgement received from the High Court. It was noted that there was no choice in the matter and that Bailiwick Fishermen will have to comply with the UK requirements. The process will be a two phased process with the licence changes, requiring all vessel owners to comply with catch limits set in accordance with the licence granted to the vessel from the Marine Management Organisation, applying to vessels over 10 metres in the first instance (1st January 2017). Discussions will commence, regarding quotas for vessels under 10 metres, between DEFRA and the States of Guernsey in 2017. **The Committee noted the Consultation paper on Changes to Quota Management which has been released to all Bailiwick fishermen throughout the Islands.** It was noted that any feedback from the Alderney fishermen would be appreciated.

A background was given on the conservation measures taken to protect Sea Bass.; it was noted that on 11th July the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) published advice to the EU that as a precautionary measure there should be a zero catch (commercial and recreational) for Bass in 2017. The possible options available were discussed. **The Committee noted the current ICES advisory recommending a zero catch for sea bass for both commercial and recreational fishing for 2017; and that the Committees British Sea Fishery Officers are unable to enforce any controls regarding recreational fishing for sea bass from the shore around Alderney which may be ratified by the EU Commission in December 2016 and enacted in January 2017.**

45.2 Hawkers Licence Treasurer advised with regards a change in ownership of a business at the Harbour. It was noted that the container which was part of the original business is not required by the new owner and as it is within the Harbour working area, the Harbour Master had requested its removal with notice to be served shortly. **Noted.**

10.50 Harbour Master and Mr Morris left the meeting

44/2016 Matters Arising (continued)

44.2 Church Update – Verbal update given on the project to date from the TSO. It was noted that weather permitting the works should be completed April/May 2017 and that Mr Fulford had negotiated very well on this project, on behalf of the States, to reduce costs considerably. A query was raised with regards to scaffolding costs and it was advised that the costs were due to the complicated structure that was required to scaffold the tower area and that specialised scaffold had to be designed and utilised. **Noted.**

44.3 Pest Control Report from Grounds Maintenance Team Leader, Mr J Laband dated 05.10.2016 tabled and considered and letter from Mr P Bunn, Alderney Airport Duty Manager also taken into consideration.

RESOLVED for Mr Roberts to meet with Mr Woodnutt to discuss the recommendations outlined in the report from Mr Laband and insure that in future the bins are covered to prevent bird activity that could lead to bird strike incidents at the Airport. Mr Roberts to deal.

SR

44.4 Committee Mandate Present Committee mandate tabled and considered.

RESOLVED for the following amendments to be made:

- a. After “ to be responsible for refuse collection *Insert ‘Recycling and Green waste’....”;*
- b. After “To be responsible for all matters relating to the allocation of States *Insert ‘Key Worker’...housing”;* and
- c. **Make necessary amendments to the membership of the Civil Emergency Working Party to update new officer etc. posts.**

Chief Executive's office to deal.

CE Office

46/2016 General Works

46.1 Green Waste update TSO advised that there was no further update this month, Item to be included on the agenda for the next meeting. **Noted.**

AGENDA ITEM

47/2016 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (continued)

47.1 Land for Rent Report from Chief Executive's office dated 10.10.2016 plus map of area concerned, tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the request to lease the area of land (part AY1433) on a yearly basis for a nominal agricultural lease ground rent. Chief Executive's office to deal.

CE Office

47.3 Ramsar & Longis Reserves Plan – 5 year Strategies Letter from Roland Gauvain, Trust Manager dated 13.10.2016 plus accompanying documents 'Alderney West Coast and Burhou Islands Ramsar Site Management Strategy 2017-21' and 'Longis Nature Reserve and Management Plan 2017-21' tabled and considered.

RESOLVED that the Committee considered that it would be beneficial to receive a report on what the Trust has achieved during the last 5 years and for one of the Members of the Trust to give a presentation on this report to the Committee, prior to these documents being made public.

48/2016 Roads and Transport

48.5 Road Surfacing – Future of road surfacing discussed, as to whether tar and chippings surface possible and more financially worthwhile than tarmac. TSO to investigate this option further.

49/2016 Press Releases – Skate Board Park.

50/2016 For Information

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- Harbour Monthly Report – September 2016
- GA Data

Meeting closed: 12.55pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 6th DECEMBER 2016.

Signed: Ian Tugby

Date: 7th November 2016