

States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019

STATES OF ALDERNEY
DELIBERATIONS FOR THE MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019 AT 17:30

Present: Mr Stuart Trought, President
Mr Louis Jean
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Graham McKinley
Mr James Dent
Mr Alex Snowdon
Mr Mike Dean
Mr Kevin Gentle
Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Christian Harris
Mr David Earl

His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey was in attendance.

The President welcomed His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, The Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Corder to the meeting.

No Apologies were received

Item I **The European Communities (Food and Feed Controls) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2019**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The European Communities (Food and Feed Controls) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2019”.

Proposer: Mr Dent

Seconder: Mr Earl

Approved unanimously

Item II **Questions and Reports**

The following questions were received:-

- 1. Question from Mr Dent for the two Alderney Representatives in the States of Guernsey, Mr Steve Roberts and Mr Alex Snowdon:-**

“Can you briefly summarise the matters of important to Alderney that were debated during the March Guernsey States of Deliberation meeting and any subsequent dealings with Guernsey politicians or officers?”

I would be particularly grateful if you would outline the outcome to the debate on the rights of children born in Alderney and Sark or brought to these islands as minors.”

2. Question from Mr Dent for the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, Mr David Earl:-

“Would the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee comment on the recent article in the Alderney Press concerning the alleged reductions in the grant awarded to the Baby and Toddlers Group.”

3. Question from Mr Gentle for the Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee, Mr James Dent:-

“It is now a year since the States debated and unanimously requested that the Law Officers progressed with the drafting of bespoke Partnership Law for Alderney. Can the Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee indicate any progress to date and any possible reasons as to why this may be stuck in limbo?”

4. Questions from Mr Jean for the Chairman of the General Services Committee, Mr Graham McKinley

“Would the Chairman agree with me that the coastal erosion under the Victorian wall at the Arsenal is in urgent need of repair?”

Would the Chairman agree with me that if repairs do not take place this summer, next year will be too late?

Would the Chairman agree with me that the recent decision taken regarding the Nunnery by the GSC should be declared null and void in the grounds that the rest of the States Members should be involved?

Would the Chairman agree with me that the whole States was involved at Policy and Finance level when the original terms for the Nunnery were agreed?

Would the Chairman agree with me that the Nunnery is of such importance to Alderney, as our roman fort, that the whole States and public are entitled to full involvement, and to give their opinions at all the new changes to the proposals for the Nunnery? Especially as those previous arrangements in which all States members were involved, as this was at the time dealt with by Policy and Finance Committee?”

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

Item I Retirement and Election of New President

The following amendment was received from Mr Dean:-

Replace the proposition (resolution) with the following:-

- (a) *is asked to appoint [22nd June 2019](#) as the day upon which there shall be held a presidential by-election to fill the vacancy occurring in the office of President following the resignation of Mr W Stuart Trought with effect [on 15th May 2019](#), and*

- (b) *requests the Returning Officer to make such arrangements as may be necessary for conducting the election on that date in accordance with the law as to elections in Alderney.*"

If the above proposition fails the States of Alderney is asked to consider substituting the following proposition:

The States of Alderney:-

- i. request the President of the States, Mr W Stuart Trought, to confirm that he wishes his resignation from office to take effect in any event from 15th May 2019, and*
- ii. subject to the President so confirming, directs the Policy and Finance Committee to revert to the States with proposals for a date for a presidential by-election to fill the vacancy occurring in the office of President following Mr Trought's resignation.*

Explanatory Note

The amendment is intended to provide additional time for potential candidates to consider standing for the office of President."

Amendment Proposer: Mr Dean

Amendment Seconder: Mr Snowdon

Approved by a majority

FOR: Mr Jean, Mr Roberts, Mr Snowdon, Mr Dean, Mr Gentle, Mr Harris and Ms Burgess

AGAINST: Mr Dent, Mr McKinley, Mr Earl

NB The amendment was made up of two parts, the second of which only came into play if the first failed. The first part (items (a) and (b)) was voted on and was successful. Therefore the second part (items i. and ii.) was not considered or voted on.

The item as amended was then voted on.

The States of Alderney resolved

- (a) to appoint 22nd June 2019 as the day upon which there shall be held a presidential by-election to fill the vacancy occurring in the office of President following the resignation of Mr W Stuart Trought with effect on 15th May 2019,**
and
- (b) to request the Returning Officer to make such arrangements as may be necessary for conducting the election on that date in accordance with the law as to elections in Alderney."**

Approved unanimously

Meeting Closed: 1830hrs

Issued: 23rd April 2019