

**General Services Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
**Anne French Room**  
**1030 hours**

Mr G McKinley, Chairman  
Mr K Gentle  
Mr M Dean  
Ms A Burgess  
Mr C Harris  
Mr S Roberts

Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer  
Mr A Muter, Chief Executive  
Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance

**Apologies: Mrs L Baines, Committee Secretary; Mr A Bray, Technical Services Officer**

**In Attendance: K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects Co-ordinator, for item 39/2019; Mr Michael Fitton for item 41.2;**

**39/2019 Capital Projects**

**39.1 Capital Projects Update** – Report from Capital Projects Co-ordinator dated June 2019 tabled and **noted**.

**The Committee agreed to approve researching the installation of water bottle refill station(s) in Victoria Street.**

**40/2019 Technical Services Officer Report** – Report from Technical Services Officer dated June 2019 tabled and **noted**.

**School Crossing** – awaiting ARUP report. **Noted**.

**41/2019 Harbour and Fisheries**

**41.1 Harbour Monthly Report** – Report dated May 2019 tabled and **noted**.

**41.2 Mainbrayce – Mr Fitton in attendance** - Letter from Mr Fitton tabled and noted.

**Water Tax** – It was noted that prior to consideration of any States subsidy more detailed accounts and supporting information in relation to the operation of the service would be required.

**The Committee agreed that full audited accounts would be required for the States Strategic Financial Advisor to complete due diligence upon prior to a subsidy being considered.**

CE

**Laundrette** – The Committee agreed that an evidence trail is needed regarding the dryers, and that a review of the premises should be completed by the TSO before any refunds/concessions can be considered. TSO to report to the next meeting.

TSO

**42/2019 Recreation, Welfare and Environment**

**42.1 Dogs on Beaches Restrictions** – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to trial one of the methods from the results of the 2015 consultation for the year 2020; and to consult with AWT/AAWS on a preferred option i.e. of either month/times.

CE OFFICE

**42.2 Extension of Landlord's Permission Power Station Quarry Site** – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to approve the proposals for further survey and retrieval work at the Quarry.

CE OFFICE

**42.3 a) ABO – Request for Daytime Ringing on Burhou** – Helen McGregor, Chair of ABO Committee and John Horton, ABO Warden in attendance.

The General Services Committee agreed that:

- A single complete proposal for ringing should be supplied to the Committee going forwards;
- Due to a range of governance issues, the licence for each ringer will take into consideration the States Veterinary Officer's advice;
- Ramsar site works/ role management of the site to be taken into consideration as part of the process.

It was noted that these ringing works were not included within the original ringing plan, hence this application.

CE

**42.3 b) Alderney Bird Observatory** – Report from Chief Executive dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to:-

- Continue its support to the ABO to attract visitors to the island;
- Financial support in 2019 and 2020 as follows:
  1. Meet the cost of ABO Warden's salary and social security to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 through continuing employment (£9,600 in each year);
  2. Instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a formal secondment agreement to enable the ABO to assume management responsibility for the Warden with immediate effect;
  3. Recommend to the Finance Committee that a start-up grant of £3000 be awarded for 2019;
  4. Prepare a licence at a peppercorn rent to enable the Nunnery to be used as accommodation at no cost to the ABO and, until a licence is available, permit the ABO to operate on the basis of the rolling lease which was in place last year for the ABO elements of the Nunnery site only;
  5. Support the continued intention to target the hostel towards wildlife, birdlife, environmental and heritage interests; and
  6. By agreeing some support, in common with other visitor services, from the Tourism and Marketing Team.
- Request that the ABO provide a 3 year financial forecast to demonstrate viability without the need for ongoing States support.

CE

**42.4 Site Access to Northern Ramparts Fort Corblets** – Letter from SOUP Architects Ltd dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed for site access works, as specified in the letter, to commence no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, and that waste is to be disposed of by other

means to filling the existing pit. The retaining wall is to be replaced in a timely manner once works are completed, subject to BDCC approval.

CE OFFICE/BDCC

**42.5 Request for Drone Flying – FOR RATIFICATION** – Report tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee approved to ratify the decision to approve the drone flying by the BBC, subject to the conditions as specified by the States Veterinary Officer.

**42.6 Air Alderney Ltd – Lease for Portacabin** – Report from Treasury dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to (Mr Roberts abstained):

- Offer a new lease to Air Alderney Ltd for a term of 2 years under similar lease terms as per the current arrangement;
- Request that the Finance Committee review the rental arrangements for this property and authorise Treasury to set a fair rental based on the Finance Committee's recommendations.

TREASURY

**42.7 The Odeon** – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to approve the following steps:

- That further work is carried out with the AWT to return the Odeon to the States;
- That consultation with the CfED and key partners (including the AWT and the Alderney Society) is carried out to consider how the Odeon could be incorporated into a broader strategy to access and interpret island heritage; and
- That specialist advice is obtained regarding the specific repairs and improvements necessary to allow public access to the Odeon and that costed proposals are brought back to the General Services Committee when this has been done.

CE

**42.8 Gravel Co Royalties 2019** – Report from Treasury dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to:-

- Authorise the Head of Estates and Infrastructure to meet with representatives of the Company on site to establish mutually agreeable boundaries and to make enquiries with them in regard to future extraction proposals; and
- Refer the outcome of the site visit to the Finance Committee to enable consideration of a rent and royalty extraction rate review. Road maintenance to be included in the terms.

TREASURY/TSO

## 43/2019 Roads and Transport

### 43.1 Traffic Matters

- **Butes Update** – verbal update noted
- **Methodist Church Request** – the Committee agreed that the designated taxi drop off point at the bottom of Victoria Street can be used by the Methodist Church.

**44/2019 Any Other Business**

- **Island Identification on Driving Licences** – verbal update noted. GBG stickers noted for future.
- **Extension to Old Forge – Mannez Quarry** – The General Services Committee approved (Mr Dean & Mr Gentle abstained) the proposed extension works to the Old Forge for use as an additional coach shed for the Miniature Railway, subject to BDCC approval.
- **Telegraph Tower** – verbal update noted.
- **Platte Saline Sign re Hedge** – queried if included in the management plan with AWT. To be confirmed for next meeting.

**38/2019 For Information & Noting**

**The following reports were tabled and noted:**

- **Harbour Monthly Report – May 2019**

**Meeting Closed: 1.15pm**

**Signed: Graham McKinley**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019**