

# Rules for People's Meetings

## Government of Alderney Law 2004 (Clause 42)

1. Before every meeting of the States a meeting, open to the public (a "People's Meeting"), shall be held for the purpose of informing those present of the business to be transacted at that meeting of the States and giving any explanation required by the People's Meeting.
2. Only a member of the electorate may speak at a People's Meeting
3. The People's Meeting shall be called by a Member of the States nominated by the President as Convener of that meeting
4. The Convener of the People's Meeting
  - a. shall preside over and control the meeting
  - b. may require to leave the meeting any person whose conduct at the meeting appears to the Convener to be incompatible with an orderly meeting
  - c. may, in the event of disorder, adjourn and reconvene the meeting at his discretion
5. The Chief Executive shall attend the People's Meeting and assist the Convener
6. Members of the States and the President in exercising his casting vote, are not bound to vote at a meeting of the States in accordance with any view expressed at a People's Meeting

## Procedure

1. The dates of the People's Meetings are set in the annual calendar
2. The president nominates a Convener at the same time as the Billet is published
3. Whenever possible the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or a member of each of those Committees proposing items should attend
4. After presentation of each proposal by the Chief Executive Officer, the Convener or the relevant Committee representative should inform the meeting of the nature and purpose of the proposal with, if necessary, the assistance of the CEO.
5. In responding to the people's comments and questions, which must be related to the Billet, the Convener may ask the representative of the proposing committee for assistance. Both may describe the views of any committee concerning the subject under discussion provided they have been discussed, formulated and approved by the relevant committee. Neither should express their personal opinion on the subject.
6. All States members should strive to attend all People's Meetings but may not speak except at the request of the Convener
7. The Convener should prepare and circulate to all Members before the next States Meeting, a written report of those questions and concerns raised at the People's Meeting that will be presented to the next States Meeting for response by the relevant proposing Committee Chairman.