



States of Alderney
Office of the President

DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2022

STATES OF ALDERNEY

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FOR THE REMOTE STATES MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2022 AT 1430HRS

Present: Mr William Tate, President
Mr Bill Abel
Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Ian Carter
Mr Kevin Gentle
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Rhys Jenkins
Mr Boyd Kelly
Mr Graham McKinley OBE
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon

The Acting Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, Mr Richard McMahon, was in attendance.

The President, Mr William Tate, welcomed the Bailiff, Mr Richard McMahon to the meeting, attending in his role as Acting Lieutenant-Governor.

The President then advised that as the meeting was a remote meeting, he would give the statutory basis upon which this could occur. He explained that the Government of Alderney Law, 2004 was amended in 2020 with regard to the emergency procedure for holding remote meetings, and Section 55A.(1) provides that "This part shall only apply in the circumstances set out in subsection (2) and despite any other provisions of or under this Law.", and subsection (2) provides that "The circumstances are that the President has made a determination, upon representations from the Civil Contingencies Authority, in the light of circumstances prevailing in Alderney in relation to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 or another emergency, that it is appropriate for this Part to apply."

Further to this, the President advised that as per subsection (3) which provides that "Before isusing a determination under subsection (2), the President must seek the advice of Her Majesty's Procureur in relation to the appropriateness and proportionality of such a determination in relation to the emergency in question.", and that he had received advice from HM Procureur that it was both appropriate and proportionate to hold the meeting remotely.

As regards the People's Meeting, The President advised that no People's Meeting had taken place but that members of the public had been invited to write to a Member of the States with comments on the Billet. Mr Steve Roberts, the nominated States Member had confirmed that no comments had been received by him.

Item I **Opening of the States of Alderney Annual Meeting**

The Greffier opened the Annual January Meeting.

Item II **Election Procedure**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve that the following elections should be by verbal vote.

Proposed by Mr Abel and seconded by Mr Carter
Approved unanimously

Item III **Election of Vice President**

Mr Graham McKinley was elected Vice President for 2022.

Proposed by Mr Roberts and seconded by Mr Gentle
Approved unanimously

Item IV **Appointment of Auditors**

The States of Alderney resolved to appoint Grant Thornton Limited (Channel Islands) to be the States' Auditors for 2022.

Proposed by Mr Snowdon and seconded by Ms Burgess
Approved unanimously

Item V **Appointment of Committee Chairmen**

The States resolved to appoint the Chairmen of the following Committees:-

Mr Bill Abel as Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee

Proposed by Mr Kelly and seconded by Mr Snowdon
Approved unanimously

Mr Boyd Kelly as Chairman of the General Services Committee

Proposed by Ms Burgess and seconded by Mr Gentle
Approved unanimously

Mr Kevin Gentle as Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee.

Proposed by Mr Harris and seconded by Ms Burgess
Approved unanimously

Item VI **Appointment of Members of the Policy and Finance Committee**

The States resolved to appoint the following eight Members to sit on the Policy and Finance Committee, in addition to the Chairman

**Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Ian Carter
Mr Kevin Gentle
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Boyd Kelly
Mr Graham McKinley
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon**

Proposed by Mr Abel and seconded by Mr Jenkins
Approved unanimously

Item VII **Appointment of Committee Members of other Committees**

The States resolved to appoint the members of the following Committees, in addition to the Chairmen:-

1. Four members to the General Services Committee:-

**Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Rhys Jenkins
Mr Graham McKinley
Mr Steve Roberts**

Proposed by Mr Kelly and seconded by Mr Abel
Approved unanimously

2. Four members to the Building and Development Control Committee

**Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Ian Carter
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Alex Snowdon**

Proposed by Mr Gentle and seconded by Mr Abel
Approved unanimously

Item VIII **Election of Alderney Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation**

Following the procedure as laid out in the Resolution of The States of Alderney dated 18th October 2006, and the Plebiscite election of 12th December 2020, the States of Alderney resolved:-

- (a) **To elect the following two members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2021:-**

**Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon**

Proposed by Mr Carter and seconded by Mr Abel
Approved unanimously

and

- (b) **To elect the following two members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives for 2021:-**

**Mr Kevin Gentle
Ms Annie Burgess**

Proposed by Mr Carter and seconded by Mr Abel
Approved unanimously

Item IX Other Appointments: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The States resolved to elect the following three members to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (the President being Ex-officio Chairman):-

**Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Ian Carter
Mr Graham McKinley**

Proposed by Mr Gentle and seconded by Mr Harris
Approved unanimously

Item X Other Appointments:- St Anne's School Management Committee

The States resolved to appoint Mr Rhys Jenkins as a Representative on the Management Committee of St Anne's School until the next Annual January Meeting of the States of Alderney.

Proposed by Mr Snowdon and seconded by Mr Harris
Approved unanimously

Item XI Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.13) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2021

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul "The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.13) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2021"

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Alex Snowdon
Approved unanimously

Item XII **Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation proceedings (Alderney) Law, 1964 Amendments**

The States of Alderney decided, after consideration of the Policy letter entitled “Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) Law, 1964, Amendments” dated 6th December 2021*, that they are of the opinion to:-

- i. **Direct the preparation of such legislation to give effect to the required amendments to the Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) Law, 1964, to align with the matrimonial causes reforms;**

and

- ii. **Note that the amendments to the Separation, Maintenance and Affiliation Proceedings (Alderney) Law, 1964 will be set out in a supplementary Policy Letter to the Matrimonial Causes Project.**

**Mr Abel advised that the original date of 17th December was incorrect and that this was a typographical error. The President agreed that this could be amended.*

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Kevin Gentle
Approved unanimously

Item XIII **Questions and Reports**

A report entitled ‘Strategic Island Plan’ was received from Mr Ian Carter and is attached to these Deliberations. The following context accompanies the Report:-

Island Plan report context

Building on the work of a range of meetings and a survey of the community, which elicited a large number of responses for consideration, an outline strategic plan for the island’s development has been formulated to help bring focus and some degree of prioritisation to the work of the States and Civil Service. The plan focusses on six themes and for each theme a series of goals for which detailed action plans with associated business cases where appropriate will now be devised, suitably debated and taken forward by the committees of the States with aligned civil service support in a timely and prioritised manner, reflecting the resources that are available to us.

Key to this plan is the development of the key drivers for encouraging business development and income generation in Alderney and our continued good relationship with Guernsey so that we can make an effective contribution to the Bailiwick. Equally important is the continued positive engagement with the community to ensure that we continue to reflect those issues that are priorities and will have greatest impact on the quality of life for islanders.

This plan is commended to the States of Alderney for consideration and noting. Progress reports will be made to the States of Alderney on half yearly basis in an attempt to resist the loss of momentum and relevance that previous plans have suffered and so inculcate a degree of accountability and dynamism into the plan.

Note:- The legislation referred to in these Deliberations may be viewed online at www.GuernseyLegalResources.gg and www.alderney.gov.gg

Meeting closed: 1522hrs