

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Anne French Room

6th September 2022 - 09.40 hours

OPEN Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

**Mr B Kelly, Chairman
Mr S Roberts
Ms A Burgess
Mr G McKinley**

IN ATTENDANCE:

**Ms K Jones, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs E Maurice, Head of Finance (HoF)
Mrs S Pengilly Price, Head of
Government Support (HoGS)
Mr R Phelan, Estates, Environment and
Infrastructure Manager (EEIM)
Mrs K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects
Co-Ordinator (CPC)
Mr A Rose, Duty Harbour Master (DHM)
Ms A Bird, Personal Assistant to the CE
(PA)**

Apologies: Ms Sally Ireland, Programme Manager (PM)

**Declarations of Interest: Messrs Kelly, McKinley and Ms A Burgess for Item 10.5 –
Harbour Rates Review.**

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
01/2022	<u>Minutes from previous meetings for approval. – Tabled and noted.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special General Services Committee Meeting, Wednesday 13th July 2022. Tabled and Approved.
02/2022	<u>Matters arising from Opening Meeting minutes 5th July 2022.</u> <p><u>2.1 - Longis Sewer Pipe</u> – Nil Report</p> <p><u>5.1 - Wall Maintenance</u> – It was noted the Estates, Environment and Infrastructure Manager (EEIM) had been in contact with the owners of the wall and are waiting on availability of contractors to carry out the repair works.</p> <p><u>5.2 - Miniature Railway</u> – The bench is now in place.</p> <p><u>3.1 - Crane Shed</u> – It was noted the crane shed is available to use and the availability of the individual with the appropriate driving licence qualifications with determine how frequently it is parked.</p> <p><u>3.2 States Works and Harbour Office Delegated Powers</u> – The Chair requested an update on the data sharing agreement in relation to other bodies in Guernsey. The Chief Executive advised it was in relation to one topic and will investigate if it can be expanded to other areas.</p>
03/2022	<u>Harbour and General Works Reports</u> – Item postponed to closed meeting due to The Duty Harbour Masters absence for operational reasons. <p><u>3.1 - Harbour Capital Projects & General Works Report</u> – deferred to the closed meeting</p> <p><u>3.1.1 – Replacement Pontoon</u> – Covered under Item 10.1.3</p> <p><u>3.1.2 – New Pontoon</u> – Covered under Item 10.1.4</p> <p><u>3.1.3 – Crane Shed Fort Grosnez</u> – Covered under Item 10.4</p>

3.2 Harbour Update (Capital and General Works Report August)

3.2.1 - Crane Service – Covered under Item 10.3

3.2.2 - Staff – Crane Operator training – Covered under Item 10.4

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States Works Department and Water Board Reports

4.1 - States Works Department Capital Projects and General Works Report

4.1.2 - Connaught Extension – Item deferred as the Programme Manger is absent.

4.1.3 - Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewerage Phase 2 - The Capital Projects Co-Ordinator advised The Subgroup are costing the project in Guernsey and will have a meeting to finalize the costings for the budget to enable it to go to The States before the end of the year. It was decided Mr Roberts would be the new Political Member for the Subgroup in replacement of Mr Jenkins.

4.1.4 - Jubilee Roof – The EEIM advised the planning application had been approved and work should commence next spring if funding is granted.

4.1.5 - Fire Brigade Expenditure – The Committee have been asked to approve the funding for a Telemetry System along with Thermal Imaging Equipment. The expenditure was not reflected in the original 2022 budget but on approval will be added to the 2022 revised budget. The equipment amounts to £13.5k (including discount), with the addition of initial staff training and contingency an amount of £15k is being requested.

The Committee approved the expenditure of £15K from the Capital budget to be spent on equipment.

4.1.6 - Upper School House - The EEIM advised substantial work had taken place at the property and it is now occupied. The Head Teacher of the School had been in contact with The Chair thanking Mr Phelan and his Team for all the work they had put in.

4.1.7 Fort Doyle - The EEIM advised the roof has been completed and the toilets are fully operational. All works carried out were kept within the Budget. The Chair advised a complaint had been lodged regarding sewerage and overfall signs had been removed. The EEIM informed the Committee that due to corrosion the original sign was not fit for use and due to sourcing issues a new one could not be obtained quickly, However, it has since been resolved and a new sign is now erected.

4.1.8 - Pavements - The EEIM advised ongoing work is being done to improve the pavements.

4.1.9 - Avian Flu – The Chair advised an email had been received from The Alderney Bird Observatory outlining the recent areas of which birds with tags have been affected. The email was forwarded the

RAMSAR group and The States Vet for information. The States Vet commented to The Chair that The Island had set the wheels in motion at the right time and The Committee would like to Thank all departments involved.

4.1.10 - Hornets - The EEIM advised that this month, two Hornets nests had been destroyed.

4.2 - Upper School House – Covered in Item 4.1.6

September Harbour Capital Projects and General Works Open Report
– Tabled and Approved

4.3 - Water Board Capita Projects & General Works Report

4.3.1 - Mannez to Longis – Phase 23 - The EEIM advised the project is progressing well and on target to finish at the end of the month. The project will be completed within budget.

4.4 - Water Consumption Report for August 2022 – Noted.

Water Board Capital Project and General Works OPEN Report –
Tabled and Approved

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Any Other Business

5.2 – Hill Climb and Sprint updated – The Economic Development Committee have approved the grant proposal and the event has been confirmed for 15th September 2022.

Mr McKinley asked if permission had been sought for the substantial cutting of the trees by the school. The EEIM advised The States of Guernsey are responsible for the trees surrounding the school.

Ms Burgess commented feedback had been received from the public drop-in regarding hedges but will speak with the Economic Development Committee to discuss further.

The Chairman advised he had an update regarding the draft Biodiversity Strategy. He advised The Open meeting had taken place on 12th August with a large amount of people attending. After this meeting, the consultation period would be extended, and the draft strategy amended to take in to account all feedback collated. It was noted the next drop-In will take place on the 21st September 2022.

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For Information & Noting

6.1 The Alderney Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Woodland – Inter Islands Environmental Meeting 2022 – FOR RATIFICATION – Ratified.

It was noted due to the absence of The Duty Harbour Master, All parties who attended the open meeting would be informed of relevant updates after the closed meeting had ended.

DHM

Meeting closed 09:30

Signed: Boyd Kelly

Date: 6th September 2022