

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Anne French Room

26th September 2022 - 09.00 hours

OPEN Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Mr I Carter, Chairman
Mr W Abel (Via Teams)
Mr G McKinley
Mr K Gentle
Mr B Kelly
Ms A Burgess
Mr A Snowdon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms K Jones, Chief Executive (CE) (Via Teams)
Mrs E Maurice, Head of Finance (HoF)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Head of Govt Support (HoGS)
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Adviser (SFA) (Via Teams)
Mr J Laband, Project Support Officer (PSO-JL)

Apologies: Mr C Harris, Mr S Roberts

Declarations of Interest: Nil

AGENDA ITEM

ACTION

A01/09/2022 Minutes and Matters Arising

A1.1 Decision Progress Log – July Open Meeting - Tabled and Noted
No comments on the item

A1.2 Minutes from the meeting held 25th July 2022 – Tabled and Approved
Mr Kelly noted that he was recorded twice in the vote of resolution A of item A1.3.2. His vote was *for* and not *abstain* from that part of the vote - **Noted**
Mr Abel noted that the date under item A4.3 of those minutes should be 2022 and not 2020 – **Noted**

Amendments made and minutes finalised.

A1.3 Matters Arising
No comments on the item

A02/09/2022 Administrative Matters

A2.1 External Relations Update (Bailiwick Council/ALG/MOJ/Normandie)
Mr Carter noted that the Bailiwick Council Meeting of 19th September, had been postponed due to the Period of National Mourning and it had been rearranged to take place during October. Mr Carter noted that he would be attending the Normandy Summit in October.

A2.2 Finance (Grants and Subsidies)

Nothing to report

A2.3 Crown Dependency Network Funding Request – Report from The Greffier – Tabled and Considered

Note: This item was deferred to the Closed meeting due to the responsible officer's attendance being required for a separate item in that meeting.

Following a recent meeting of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association it was agreed to send delegates to represent Alderney at the Crown Dependency Network meeting in Guernsey. A request of £680 was tabled. The costs would be for travel, connections, and accommodation.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the funding for the travel and associated costs of the delegates.

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A2.4 Election of Member to the School Management Board – Verbal Update from Mr Carter – Tabled and Considered

Mr Gentle noted that it is not the “School Management Board” but the “School Management Committee” and that any nomination to that committee should take place in the States of Alderney assembly.

Ms Burgess declared a self-nomination for the position on that Committee.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to propose to the States that the election of a Member to the School Management Committee should occur at the next meeting of the States.

Proposer: BK

Secunder: KG

A2.5 Appointments – Reassignment of Mr Jenkin's Responsibilities – Verbal Update from Mr Carter – Tabled and Considered

2.5.1 Nomination for the Liaison to the Committee for Education, Sport, and Culture

Mr Gentle Nominated Ms Burgess to be the liaison to the Committee for Education, Sport, and Culture.

Ms Burgess accepted this nomination,

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to appoint Ms Burgess as the liaison to the Committee for Education, Sport, and Culture

Proposer: KG

Secunder: BK

A03/09/2022 Transport, Economy and Renewable Energy

B3.1. Air Transport

Nothing to Report.

A04/09/2022 Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance

A4.1. Update to Declaration of Interest 2023 – Report from Mr Snowdon – Tabled and Considered

Mr Snowdon suggested that Members should consider strengthening the current Declaration of Interests form in order to mitigate the risk of corruption and servicing self-interests while in public office.

It was raised that such declarations regarding just membership of clubs and societies are too wide reaching, and it may be difficult for any Member to declare interests as the criteria could be interpreted as a charity that donations are made to. It was suggested that the declaration should be for office holding only and not membership and should only apply to interests on-island.

Mr Kelly queried why the proposed declaration period was 5 years and suggested that 3 years should suffice.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved:

- **to agree for the 'Declaration of Interest' form to be updated to include any clubs, charities, foundations, trusts, or organisations which members may have associations or connections with during official office and include up to 5 years before prior to being elected as an Alderney States member;**
 - ***Subject to the following amendments;***
 - *Office holding only, not membership;*
 - *3 years prior to election not 5;*
 - *On-island only; and*
- **to submit the updated declaration of interest form to the States of Alderney Billet for approval by the States with changes coming into force in 2023.**

PSO-JL

A05/09/2022 Items for Development/Discussion

A5.1 Progress Report – Energy Group – Report from the Mr Abel – Tabled and discussed.

Mr Abel provided an update in relation the draft energy policy which was due for comments from the Policy & Finance Committee. There were a number of sections within the Energy Policy and the inclusion of a road map in terms of the development of energy efficiency.

Ms Burgess highlighted that she felt she would not support the encouragement of electric vehicles at this point in time due to the inability to recycle the lithium batteries they operate on. It was highlighted that electric vehicles were an aspiration as a medium-term goal and that by the time the aspiration may be a realisation, there may be provision to recycle the batteries.

It was raised that there should be further consideration for the utilisation of feed-in tariffs – the utilisation of alternative power sources where energy can be fed back into the central location (power station). It was highlighted that there were infrastructural issues with this approach and that too much energy could cause an energy surplus - more energy than can be reutilised. It would also require energy reform policies from AEL.

Mr Abel suggested that wind and solar sectors in the roadmap are in the hands of AEL and that the items are being progressed and that a meeting should take place between the AEL Board and the Policy and Finance Committee to obtain a commitment to progress those renewable energy sources on island.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the item and to calendar a meeting with AEL to progress the issues identified.

A06/09/2022 Proposed Items for Future Billet Submission

- The Matrimonial Causes (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2022
- The Bailiwick's further participation in UK Free Trade Agreements
- Beneficial Ownership and Companies (Amendment) (Alderney) Law, 2022 – Commencement Ordinance
- Election for the School Management Committee

A07/09/2022 Any Other Business – For Information & Noting

- 7.1. **The Channel Islands (Attachment of the Bailiwick of Guernsey to the Diocese of Salisbury) Order 2022** – Order in Council - Tabled and Noted
There were no further comments on the item.

A08/09/2022 Exception Reporting & Questions by Members

A8.1. General Services Committee (GSC)

Mr Kelly advised that the revised Biodiversity Strategy document will be circulated in October 2022 and will be discussed at GSC in November.

Mr Kelly noted that he was due to meet with the Harbour Office to discuss the provision of services relating to the embarking and disembarking of passengers from Ferries once the water taxi and the pontoon were no longer in service for the remainder of 2022.

A8.2. Building Development Control Committee (BDCC)

Mr Gentle advised that there is a Policy meeting on 7th October 2022.

A8.3. Finance Committee (FC)

Mr Carter noted that the budget was presented to the Policy & Finance Committee and has subsequently been submitted to the Billet for October.

A8.4. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Ms Burgess advised that the Committee is due to meet on 19th of October.

Mr Carter noted there is also a discussion being held this month with the Minister for Economic Development, Jersey to establish a point of contact.

A8.5. Good Governance Group (GGG)

Mr Gentle advised that there is further work to be done on the proposals in Liaison with the Law Officers.

A8.6. Energy Group
Nothing to report

A8.7 Island Plan Group
Mr Carter noted that there is due to be a review of the progress and an update on the island plan following the prioritisation meeting that took place in July 2022

A8.8 Housing Task Group
Nothing to report.

A09/09/2022 Reporting by Representatives

A9.1 Alderney Representatives for States of Guernsey – Update

Mr Snowdon highlighted that;

- discussions around modular housing was taking place in the States of Guernsey.
- the Discrimination Law is due to be discussed and would be a challenging debate. It was noted that the discrimination law? does not be apply to Alderney.

A9.2 AeGL Update
Nothing to report.

A9.3 AEL Update
Mr Gentle advised that total automation of the power station will be happening shortly. Once the power station is fully automated, and no longer has the need to house engines, it will become the largest enclosed workshop space in the Channel Islands with a 10-tonne crane above it.
AEL are the driving force being the Electrical Contractors Association work and training scheme ensuring quality of work and training to suitable levels of expertise and progression towards larger infrastructural projects.

A9.4 AHA Update
Ms Burgess highlighted that the Open Day had taken place and that it was not particularly well attended, However, there were encouraging comments about the work the AHA does.

A10/09/2022 Resolutions Made

As stated within the minutes above.

Open Meeting closed: 10:30

Signed: Ian Carter

Date: September 2022