

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Anne French Room

3rd November 2022 - 09.30 hours

OPEN Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

**Mr B Kelly, Chairman
Ms A Burgess, Deputy
Mr G McKinley**

IN ATTENDANCE:

**Ms K Jones, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs E Maurice, Head of Finance (HoF)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Head of
Government Support (HoGS)
Mr A Rose, Duty Harbour Master (DHM)
Item 3.1 Only
Ms Sally Ireland, Programme
Manager (PM)
Mr N Shaw, Deputy Harbour Master
(DHM) Item 3.1 Only
Mr R Phelan, Estates Environment &
Infrastructure Manager (EEIM)
Ms K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects
Co-Ordinator (CPC)
Mrs L Maurice, States Member (SM)
Mrs L Baines, Personal Assistant to the
Chief Executive (PA)
Ms A Bird, Minute Taker
Ms E Smith – Conservation Officer,
Animal Wildlife Trust – Item 2.3 Only.**

**Apologies: Mr S Roberts
Declarations of Interest: Nil**

AGENDA ITEM

ACTION

A01/11/2022 Minutes from previous meetings for approval

**A.1.1 Minutes from previous meeting held 4th October 2022 – Tabled and
Approved.**

**A02/11/2022 Matters arising unless tabled as an agenda item from the meeting held 4th
October 2022**

A.2.1 Water Tower – Report with update – Tabled and Noted

The Estates Environment & Infrastructure Manager advised the Water Tower will not be vacated by the Water Board until a new purpose built facility has been completed at the Battery Quarry. It was noted a study is currently underway, however the initial estimated costs for the new building at the Battery Quarry will be higher than expected and therefore a smaller facility may have to be considered. It was noted the Water Board may not be able to vacate the premises if the new

premises cannot accommodate their equipment. The Chair requested Visit Alderney are informed of the new information.

EEIM

A.2.2 Avian Flu – Verbal Update – Tabled and Noted.

The Head of Government Support informed the Committee that following a change in the risk levels and an increase in the number of detections of Avian Flu that the Chief Veterinary Officers from England, Scotland and Wales have declared an Avian Flu Prevention Zone across Great Britain to mitigate the risk of the disease spreading amongst poultry and captive bird. It was noted the number of cases on the island have reduced substantially.

A.2.3 Biodiversity Strategy – Verbal Update from the Alderney Wildlife Trust - Tabled and Noted.

Miss Smith gave an overview of the Biodiversity Strategy and Feedback to the Committee. The Chair and Ms Burgess thanked Miss Smith and the Wildlife Trust for all their hard work put into creating the feedback and Biodiversity Strategies. It was noted Ms Burgess would like to make an amendment to the Chair's last proposal which would see the Biodiversity Strategy go to the Policy & Finance Committee instead of The General Services Committee next year enabling it to go to the full States.

The Committee resolved to the Biodiversity Strategy going to the Policy & Finance Committee instead of the General Services Committee next year.

Unanimous - For

A03/11/2022 Harbour and General Works Reports

A.3.1 Harbour Capital Projects & General Works – Open Report – Tabled Noted.

Harbour General Works Update

Crane Service

The Duty Harbour Master informed the Committee that the first visit of their new service partner has been carried out and it is expected that their next visit will be when the machine is due its next service in line with manufacturers guidance.

Crane Drivers – Staff Operator Training

The DHM advised that 2 additional operators have been trained to operate the Harbour Crane which means the department will have a number of operators to call upon once the new drivers are suitably experienced.

A04/11/2022 States Works Department and Water Board Reports

A.4.1 States Capital Projects & General Works – Open Report – Tabled and Noted.

Capital Projects Update

Connaught Extension – The Programme Manager informed the Committee that the Connaught extension is now wind and watertight and an Otis lift is due to be built with delivery to follow soon after. The Mechanical Electrical and Ventilation Engineer has started, and internal fixtures and fittings quotes are coming in and the refinement of requirements are ongoing.

Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewer – Phase 2 – The EEIM advised further options are being appraised regarding the required proposed pump station which will discharge the effluent water to the Fort Doyle outlet. Revised final costings will then be submitted to the Committee for approval and if required States approval early 2023.

A.4.1.1 Old Steam Crane – Mannez – Tabled and Noted

The PM advised that since the last update in June 2022 the States of Guernsey advised that the standard procurement process is being followed to enable the dismantling and disposal of the Old Steam Crane at Mannez. It was noted that several expressions of interest and pre-qualification questionnaire have been received. The removal is anticipated to be Q2 2023.

A.4.1.2 Gas Safe Registered Service Provider Review – Tabled and Considered.

The PM advised the current Gas Safe Registered agreement ends at the end of 2022 and highlighted that the costs for the past 6 months have been under what was budgeted for therefore recommends continuing a further 12-month agreement with the same GAS Safe registered provider.

The General Services Committee resolved to continue for a further 12 months with the same Gas Safe registered provider arrangements to cover 2023.

Unanimous - For

A4.2 Water Board – Capital Projects & General Works – OPEN Report – Tabled and Noted.

Capital Projects Update

Mannez to Longis – Phase 23 - The EEIM informed the Committee that works have now been completed.

Water Board – General Works Update

The EEIM notified the Committee that the Memcor/Dupont undertook their annual audit of the Filtration Plant with the results from their report resulting in only minor observations of necessary remedial works being identified all of which have already been completed. The EEIM also advised that the KGN Pillenger are scheduled to visit this month to undertake annual pump maintenance.

A5/11/2022

Any Other Business

A5.1 Braye Road Speed Limit – Report - Tabled and Considered.

The Chair of the Committee had received an email of concern from a member of the public requesting the current speed limit of Braye Road be lowered to 15mph. The Chair sought advice from the local Police of which they commented they would be happy to see the speed limit lowered to 15mph. The Committee agreed the lower speed limit would be more effective if it was to start from the junction of the cutting, Route de Crabby junction, and end at the Route de Beaumont junction. The HoGS advised this would need to be advertised for 7-14 days and trialled before it went to Full States. The Chair requested the Civil Service continue the process to enable the change at the States meeting in December 2022.

The Committee resolved to change the Road Traffic Regulations to reflect the new 15mph speed limit being put in place from the junction at Route de Crabby, down Braye Street and finishing at Route de Beaumont. This will be presented at the December States Members.

Unanimous – For

HoGS

A5.2 Bonne Terre Watermill Project – Report – Tabled and Considered.

The EEIM advised the building is now complete and received interest from The Alderney Society who would like to run the wheel using the supply from the millpond. It was noted the most cost-effective method of doing this was to connect to the electricity supply at Bonne Terre which projected a cost of £91,25 to run the pump for 30 minutes a day. The costs will be met by The Alderney Society.

The Committee resolved to agree to:

- **the requested sub-main connection and landlord meter installation and;**
- **to invoice the Alderney Society for electricity on a quarterly basis.**

Unanimous - For

A5.3 Fort Tourgis clearance – Tabled and Noted.

The Committee thanked the Alderney Society for all their hard work on the project.

A.5.4 Committee meeting dates 2023 – Tabled and Considered.

The HoGS advised the proposed dates will be going to the Policy & Finance Committee for the final decision to be made. Messr McKinley raised his concerns that the new proposed dates would clash with the States of Deliberation and agreed with Messr Kelly and Ms Burgess that the General Services Committee meeting should take place monthly.

The Committee resolved to take the proposed dates to the Policy & Finance Committee.

A.5.5 Hawkers Licence – For Noting

The Committee discussed the current Hawkets Licence received from LV Hotel Limited and commented that the proposed area and

premises to be used section should state only the below locations for the applicant to be located and not be granted for Island wide;

- Braye Common Carpark
- Butes
- Carpark by gun emplacement at Fort Albert
- Raz Causeway Car Park (landside of Tank Wall)
- Platte Saline Carpark (Tourgis end)

The Committee resolved to recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee to grant the LV Hotel Limited Hawkers Licence for the locations listed above.

Unanimous - For

A.5.5 Historic Shipwreck

The HoGS informed the Committee that an email had been received from a representative at The Henry Euler Trust with regards to a recently found shipwreck. The HoGS informed the Committee that the shipwreck was thought to be a historic wreck dating 1882 but had not yet been licensed. The Chair requested the Deputy Receiver of Wrecks contact the diver who discovered the wreck to find more information about the location and if it had been disturbed. The HoGS advised a meeting with the diver is due to be held next week and will report back to the Committee with more information.

HoGS

Meeting Closed: 09:55

Date: 3rd November 2022

Signed: Boyd Kelly