

General Services Committee Meeting
Anne French Room
Tuesday 14th February 2012
0915

Mr W Walden, Chairman
Mr P Allen
Mr J Beaman
Mr R Berry
Mr B Kelly
Mr I Tugby

Mr R Burke, Chief Executive
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer
Ms J Turner, States Engineer
Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary

Apologies: Mr P Arditti

11/2012 **Minutes of the previous meeting** of 17th January 2012 were tabled and approved subject to the following item being moved from the Confidential Annexure to the published minutes:-
- Item 6.2 Bailiwick Fisheries Legislation
and the following amendment made to the minutes of the 18th January 2012:-
Item 10/2012 – amend the resolution to read “1) *The current level of service is maintained; and...*”

12/2012 **Matters Arising**

12.1 Steel Sections at Mannez - For Ratification Emails from the Engineer to Members dated 2nd February 2012, with responses tabled for ratification. Decision was approved by a majority of the Committee by e-mail.

RESOLVED unanimously to agree to ratify the decision to loan the Steel Sections from the Commercial Quay project, currently stored at Mannez Quarry to a Guernsey company for a period of 6 months for the sum of £3,000.

12.2 St Anne's Church The Engineer advised work on the church has not yet started as the contractor is querying various issues and technical details with the consultants Lovell Ozanne. Work is likely to commence the first week of March. The Engineer was requested to investigate the delay and report back to the Committee.

JBT

12.3 Braye Street Consultation Mr Kelly requested that this item is deferred until work on the revetment is completed. The Chairman agreed.

12.4 Fort Doyle The Engineer advised that the cause of the roof collapsing has been identified and will be fixed at low cost, without necessitating alternative accommodation for the Boxing club to be found. **Noted.**

12.5 Any Other Matters Arising from the Minutes None.

13/2011 **General Works (including Agriculture)**

13.1 Superintendent of Works Report for period 6th January to 3rd February 2012 tabled and noted. Queries were raised by a member regarding the operatives working hours. The Engineer was requested to investigate and resolve.

JBT

13.2 Green Waste Shredder Discussion Paper from the Superintendent for the Waste Advisory Group (WAG) meeting held on the 9th February 2012 tabled and discussed. Mr Tugby, Chairman of WAG, advised that the Group wishes to investigate the possibility of a 3rd party taking on the process on behalf of the States. The Chairman requested WAG to progress the proposal and report back to the Committee.

WAG

10:10 Harbour Master joined the meeting

14/2011 **Harbour and Fisheries**

14.1 Monthly Report for January 2012 tabled and the following items were noted:-

- The Harbour Master advised that a letter of gratitude to ship crews, stevedores and crane drivers will be sent at the end of the winter season.
- Vedettes du Contentin have confirmed that they intend to run a scheduled service from/to Cherbourg, subject to minimum numbers on weekdays. They also confirmed that there will be a limited service to/from Dielette during the high season. A timetable for the service is not yet available.
- Significant research is being undertaken into a replacement main crane for the harbour and a full report will be submitted for the March meeting of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM

- Alderney Angling advised that it is not renewing the hawkers licence therefore the old library bus which was used as the outlet at the Harbour will be removed and disposed of off Island.
- The tidying and removal of old trailers from Braye Common has continued. Consolidation of the remaining boats into a more compact storage area has yet to be completed.
- Diving operations have commenced for the servicing of all moorings.

14.2 Shipping Container Storage Charges The Harbour Master requested that this item is deferred until works on the revetment is completed. The Chairman agreed.

14.3 Harbour Services - Cargo discharge The Harbour Master requested that this item is deferred until works on the revetment is completed. The Chairman agreed.

14.4 Harbour Water Taxi Service Letter from Mainbrayce Ltd dated 2nd February 2012 tabled and considered. Mainbrayce has offered, if successful in their application to operate the Water Taxi Service, to collect mooring fees from visiting yachts during times the Harbour Office is not open. The Harbour Master advised that various issues would need to be taken into consideration pending a full review of harbour operations planned.

The Harbour Master was requested to liaise with Mainbrayce to identify ways the operation could work in conjunction with the Harbour Office.

SS

14.5 The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution: Substances other than Oil) Intervention) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Order 2012 tabled, approved and would be signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

14.6 Vedettes du Cotentin – Proposed services 2012 As discussed under item 14.1.

14.7 Any Other Business Relating to Harbour and Fisheries

- The Harbour Master advised that Mainbrayce were the only applicants for the Water Taxi Service. He advised that he would circulate an email to Members to approve the decision to award Mainbrayce the contract to operate the service which will be ratified at the next meeting of the Committee.

SS/AGENDA ITEM

10:00 Harbour Master left the meeting

13/2011 General Works (continue)

13.3 Vehicle Replacement Programme 2012 Paper from the Superintendent of Works dated 7th February 2012 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to agree to approve the replacement of two vehicles in the States Works Department fleet with appropriate alternatives within the budgeted sum of £49k.

A fully costed proposal to be tabled at the February meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee.

TWB/P&F

13.4 Campsite Facilities Paper from Chief Executive's Office dated 9th February 2012 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to agree to approve the expenditure of £22,200, which includes a 15% contingency, for fixtures and fittings for the men's new shower block at the Campsite. Item to be tabled at the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting for further approval. Chief Executive's office to deal.

P&F/CE

13.5 Referrals from/to BDCC for Landlord approval

a) Alfred Terrace/Platte Saline Road Letter from Mr and Mrs Drew dated 28th December 2011 and application for planning permission tabled and discussed.

The Committee was not in favour of stones/structures being placed on States land for the residents of Alfred Terrace/Platte Saline Road to block off the western end road.

BDCC

13.6 Any Other Business Relating to General Work None.

15/2012 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)

10:10am Chief Executive left the meeting

15.1 The Clerks House Paper from Treasurer dated 8th February 2012 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Finance Advisory Group and approve the following with regards to the rental of the Clerks House:-

- an RPIX increase of 2.8% (December 2011) wef 1st April 2012; and
- to delegate Treasury to automatically increase annually on 1st April by RPIX, using previous December figure, until such time as the Committee instructs otherwise.

Treasury to deal.

KAHG

10:12am Chief Executive rejoined the meeting

15.2 New Business Proposal Paper from Engineer dated 6th February 2012 and letter from Mr Wim Bruekers dated 6th February 2012 tabled and discussed. Mr Bruekers wishes to extend his existing business in Holland to Alderney.

See Confidential Annexure.

The Committee was very interested in the proposal and requested the Engineer invite Mr Bruekers to attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss matters further.

JBT

Letter from the Chamber of Commerce dated 10th February 2012 advising of their support for the proposal was noted.

15.3 Timber at Fort Albert The Engineer advised that a large amount of fire wood is currently stored in Fort Albert however the space is required for undercover storage of agricultural equipment. The Committee requested the Engineer liaise with Age Concern to collect wood and excess likely to be sold, at no cost to the States, with notices placed on the notice boards in town to advise the public.

JBT

15.4 Any Other Business Relating to Recreation, Welfare and Environment

- **Campsite Operator** Paper from Mr Tugby dated 13th February 2012 tabled and considered. The interview panel consisting of Mr Tugby, the Chief Executive, Mrs Maurice, Assistant Treasurer, and Mrs Capazario interviewed the two preferred applicants on the 10th February 2012.

The Chairman stated that the following must be carefully considered:-

- The operating cost of the campsite must be clearly identified in order to determine which costs are covered by the States and which cost are covered by the Operators;
- Prior to investigating the proposal of installing power points for campers, a demand for it must be proven;
- Public access to the campsite and dunes must be retained.

RESOLVED unanimously to agree to approve the appointment of Mr and Mrs Rowell as new campsite operators and relaxing the regulations with regards to the importations of camper vans and caravans however for campsite use only. Chief Executive's office to deal.

CE OFFICE

16/2012 Roads and Transport

16.1 Sprint and Hillclimb 2012 Letter from Mrs T Sargent, Secretary of The Guernsey Kart and Motor Club LBG, dated 31st January 2012 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the request to stage the Sprint meeting in Alderney on Friday 14th September 2012 and a Hillclimb on Saturday 15th September 2012 subject to approval by the full States; and to delegate the approval of future Annual Sprint and Hill Climb events to the Chief Executive's department with the dates of the event tabled for information.

Chief Executive's Office to deal.**CE OFFICE/BILLET ITEM****16.2 Clonque Road** Paper from Engineer dated 1st February 2012 tabled and discussed.

The Chairman stated that there will be cost associated with whatever methods are taken on Clonque road however to protect the foreshore and cost will be less costly than road realignment. The Engineer was requested to investigate the various options of coastal protection, including gabions, and provide costings. It was noted that an allocation of £30k was available in the CIEF for Coastal Protection works in 2012.

The Committee approved the following works are undertaken on Clonque road and subsequent costal protection:-

- a. Clonque road, between Tourgis car park and the cottage track, is closed without delay to heavy vehicles and diverted to the cottage track;
- b. Smaller vehicles are advised to use the alternative route along the cottage track;
- c. The cottage track be improved immediately with placing of a stone and better drainage to divert water from the track;
- d. The Engineer progresses designs and costs for coastal protection methods for Section A, the area west of Clonque Cottage;
- e. The Engineer further investigates a solution for Section B, south of Tourgis bunker, by coastal protection.
- f. That all of the above works is undertaken as part of the Clonque Coastal Protection capital project 2012.

Notices to be placed at the relevant points to advise vehicles to not make use of lower Clonque road between Tourgis and Clonque Cottage once the cottage track is upgraded. Engineer to deal

JBT**16.3 Any Other Business Relating to Roads and Transport**

- Compulsory Bike Test – Mr Allen raised an issue with regards to the rules and regulations placed on testing. The Chief Executive was requested to progress the matter.

CE**17/2012 Any Other Business**

17.1 HMS Affray Memorial Email from Hamon Architects dated 2nd February 2012 tabled and discussed. The Engineer advised that along with the memorial stone being built for the HMS Affray at Maggies Bay, there is a request to have two hardwood benches dedicated to the sub mariners. The two benches currently at Maggies Bay would require repositioning to a new seating area, north of their current position. The Committee agreed to the request subject to the cost being covered by Affray Submarine Memorial Trust. The decision was suspended and further investigations requested by the Chairman. Committee to meet and discuss once investigations and consultations are complete.

JBT**18/2012 Administration****18.1 GSC Press Notices**

- Royal Humane Society awards to Fire Brigade crew members – Mr Kelly
- New Campsite Operators – Chief Executive

Meeting closed 11:20**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13th March 2012****Signed: Mr W Walden****Date: 13th March 2012**

