

**General Services Committee Meeting**  
**Anne French Room**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012**  
**0915**

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

Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Assistant  
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer  
Ms J Turner, States Engineer  
Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary

**Apologies: Mr R Burke, Chief Executive**

**In attendance: Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master – for item 53/2012 only**

**49/2012 Minutes of the previous meeting** of 12<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 tabled and approved subject to the following amendments made to the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012:-  
Items 47/2012 and 48/2012 amend to read “The States Engineer advised that *four* sets of tender documents...”

**50/2012 Matters Arising**

**50.1 Chairmanship of Committee** The Chairman reported of a letter from Mr Arditti that was published in a local publication requesting him (Mr Walden) to resign as Chairman of the Committee following the outcome of a recent court case in which the Committee was unsuccessful.

The Chairman further stated that Mr Arditti should have brought this issue forward through the appropriate channels i.e. a motion of confidence in the Chairman. Mr Arditti wished to correct the Chairman and advised that he sent an email on this subject requesting this matter to be tabled, which was rejected. The Chairman advised that the email Mr Arditti was referring to requested an inquest into the court case and did not mention that the Chairman should resign nor did it raise a motion of confidence.

**The Committee by a majority (Mr Arditti against) indicated that they had confidence in Mr Walden as Chairman of the Committee.**

The Chairman requested that Mr Arditti should consider his continued membership of the Committee; Mr Arditti advised that he was content to remain on the Committee.

**50.2 St Anne's Church** The States Engineer advised that all the necessary approvals are in place and it is likely that the scaffolding will be erected during August with works commencing at the end of August. **Noted.**

**50.3 Water Lane - CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

*09:20 Mr Arditti left the meeting*

See Confidential Annexure.

*09:40 Mr Arditti rejoined the meeting*

**50.4 Any Other Matters Arising from the Minutes** None.

**51/2012 General Works (including Agriculture)**

**51.1 Superintendent of Works Report – June** The States Engineer advised that due to computer problems the Superintendent was unable to submit the monthly report. The Chairman requested that the report be circulated when available.

**ENGINEER**

**51.2 Referral from/to BDCC (Landlord's Approval)**

**a) Refurbishment of Public Toilets at Longis Bay** Planning application tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve, as landlords, the removal of the existing temporary toilet block at Longis Bay and the construction of a new unit with male, female and disabled toilet facilities in the same location subject to planning approval.**

**ENGINEER/BDCC**

**51.3 New Slaughterhouse Visit** The Chairman requested that a visit is arranged to view the new equipment in the slaughterhouse. Mr Beaman requested that the invitation be extended to all States Members. Chief Executives Office to deal.

CE OFFICE

**51.4 Any Other Business Relating to General Work** None.

**52/2012 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)**

**52.1 1<sup>st</sup> Alderney Scouts - New Lease - Confidential Item** Paper from Treasury dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to agree to approve the following:-**

1. To grant the 1<sup>st</sup> Alderney Scouts a new lease for a period of ten years with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012;
2. To combine the licence to use the adjacent land with the lease; and
3. To charge a minimum rental of £20 per annum with RPIX increase every 5 years in addition to the lease preparation.

Treasury/Chief Executive's office to deal.

TREASURY/CE OFFICE

09:45 Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master, joined the meeting.

**53/2011 Harbour and Fisheries**

**53.1 Monthly Report** for June 2012 tabled and the following items were noted:-

- Vedettes du Cotentin have purchased a 43' Landing Craft and are proposing to offer a freight service between Dielette and Alderney. The vessel has the capacity to carry up to 14 pallets to a maximum of 6 tons and is also capable of carrying one to two cars and a minimum amount of passengers. Vedettes du Cotentin has also requested permission to operate a passenger service between Alderney and Sark for which they will require approval from Sark and the Lieutenant Governor's Office. The Harbour Master advised that this service will not be subject to harbour dues and pilotage fees as passenger dues are charged instead.
- The Harbour Master attended the Anglo French Accident Technical Group meeting in Southampton and various issues were discussed.
- The removal of the old crane shed has been completed. Mr Arditti queried when the last remaining boats will be removed from Braye Common; the Harbour Master advised that the final clearance of the old crane shed has now provided space for the boats to be moved. It is anticipated that the works should not take longer than 2 to 3 weeks. **Noted.**
- Due to internal promotions a full time Boatman/Crane Driver position became available and the position has been filled by one of the seasonal Boatmen.
- Confirmation has been received from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) that the Sea Fish Licensing Law has now been signed off by the Secretary of State and will be with the Privy Council for the 10<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

Mr Beaman requested that the Bumblebee ferry services figures are included in the report every month.

HARBOUR MASTER

**53.2 Health and Safety Report** - See Confidential Annexure.

**53.3 Harbour Office Redevelopment** Paper from the States Engineer dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 tabled and considered. The States Engineer advised that expressions of interest have been received from six on-island contractors and a project board is being formed. **Noted.**

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Replacement Harbour Office works is put out to tender to on-island contractors on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012. States Engineer to deal.**

ENGINEER

**53.4 Replacement Pilot Boat Engines** Item withdrawn from the Agenda. **Noted.**

**53.5 Replacement Harbour Crane** Paper from the Harbour Master regarding the specifications for a replacement crane, dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012, tabled and discussed. The Harbour Master advised that he is in the process of going out to tender to crane manufacturers for lease hire and purchase of a replacement wheel-based crane. **Noted.**

**53.6 Any Other Business Relating to Harbour and Fisheries** – None.

10:15 Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master, left the meeting.

**52/2012 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land) - Continued**

**52.2 Alderney Snooker Club Extension of lease - Confidential Item** Paper from Treasury dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED by a majority to agree to approve the extension to the lease for the Alderney Snooker Club for a further period of 5 years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 as per the terms of the existing lease. Treasury/Chief Executive's office to deal.**

**TREASURY/CE OFFICE**

**52.3 Noise Abatement Permit - Alderney Riding Club** Application for a Noise Abatement Permit tabled and considered. Mr Walden declared an interest as a member of the Alderney Riding Club.

**RESOLVED unanimously to agree to authorise the Treasurer's Office to issue a Noise Abatement Licence to the Alderney Riding Club for an event scheduled at the fields off Courtil Liage and La Marette junction on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and to delegate the responsibility for issuing these annual permissions to the States Treasurers Office provided that there are no major changes to the content of the event.**

**Treasury to deal.**

**TREASURY**

**52.4 Future Clearance of Fort Albert** Paper from Mr Berry tabled and discussed. The States Engineer advised that the removal and subsequent storage of States Works Department materials and equipment currently kept at Fort Albert are already under consideration and discussions with the future developer are underway.

**ENGINEER**

**52.5 Airport - Hanger Proposal** Paper from the Chief Executive, letter from Mr C Le Ray, Airport Director, dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and letter from the interested party dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 tabled and discussed. A proposal has been put forward to construct an additional hangar at the Airport and the interested party has requested to lease the land from the States at a peppercorn rent.

Members stated that the proposal does not add to the airport, is too small and not enough information has been provided. It was also noted from Mr Le Ray's letter that the proposal does not fit in with the Airport Development Plan.

The Chairman stated that the Committee would be mindful to consider a different proposal with more detail. Chief Executive's Office to deal.

**CE OFFICE**

**52.6 Dogs on Beaches - Review of summer ban** Paper from Chief Executive's Office dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and letter from Mrs G Cleverly dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 tabled and considered. It was noted that Platte Saline beach and the small area of beach on eastern end of Longis beach, from the Raz Causeway, are not specified as a controlled area under the Control of Dogs (Alderney) Ordinance, 2002.

**The Committee was not in favour of amending the summer restrictions of dogs and horses on bathing beaches at this time. Chief Executive's Office to deal.**

**CE OFFICE**

**52.7 Ramsar Management Strategy 2012 - 2016 – Redrafted Changes** tabled and noted.

**52.8 Any Other Business Relating to Recreation, Welfare and Environment**

- **Ragwort** – Mr Allen advised that the Police have been visiting fields and informing owners to ensure ragwort is removed. The States Engineer advised that notices had been placed in the local press informing the public to ensure it is removed. The Committee agreed that this matter might be better dealt with by the Engineering Department and the Chairman requested that Mr Kelly, as Police liaison, to inform the Police to liaise with the States Engineer before approaching land owners.

**BK/ENGINEER**

**54/2012 Roads and Transport**

**54.1 Le Banquage Traffic Congestion Consultation** Paper from the Engineering Assistant dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 tabled and discussed. Mr Tugby, as Chairman of the Traffic Advisory Group, advised that TAG will bring a recommendation to the Committee following the consultation.

**AGENDA ITEM**

The Committee approved the consultation documents which will be sent to residents who are most affected including delivery vehicles and emergency services in order to determine the best way to resolve the traffic problems at the eastern end of the Banquage.

**ENGINEER**

**54.2 Clonque Road Cliff Erosion** The States Engineer advised that following the resolution by the Committee at the February meeting to undertake coastal protection works on Clonque Road, the cottage track was improved however those using the road advised that it was too stony therefore subsequent improvement works have been done. **Noted.**

The States Engineer further advised that an engineering firm, recommended by the States of Guernsey, have been approached to provide expert advice on potential coastal protection at this location and an engineer will be coming over for assessment shortly. **Noted.**

**54.3 Any Other Business Relating to Roads and Transport** None.**55/2012 Fire Services****55.1 Replacement of Alderney Fire Brigade Cliff Rescue Equipment & Associated Training**

Report from the Engineering Department and Fire Brigade tabled and considered.

The Treasurer advised that funding is allocated in the CIEF for replacement of the Fire Brigade equipment in 2012 at £26k. **Noted.**

**RESOLVED unanimously to agree to approve the replacement of cliff rescue equipment and training with SAR for the Alderney Fire Brigade at an estimated cost of £26,000 from the capital account. Item to be tabled at the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting for further approval. Engineering Department to deal.**

ENGINEER/P&amp;F

**55.2 Fire Services Improvement Notices** Report from Mr Kelly tabled and discussed. Mr Walden declared an interest and advised that he would not take part in the discussions. Mr Kelly, as deputy Chairman, assumed the Chair for the duration of the item.

Mr Kelly advised that written reports had been received from the Chief Fire Officer, Mr Paul Moore, concerning three premises with a request that improvement notices be served on the owners of the properties to impress the importance of works required. It was noted that the notices can be appealed and also cease to have effect when the works have been completed.

Mr Kelly further advised that he had received an email from Mr Derrick Williams, Fire Officer Alderney Fire Brigade, on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012 notifying that another inspection of Bonjour Guesthouse had taken place and the relevant improvement works had been carried out. Mr Williams, with the approval of the Chief Fire Officer has requested that the improvement notices for Bonjour Guesthouse be withdrawn.

**RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Walden abstained; Mr Arditti in favour of serving notices in September) agreed to approve that Improvement Notices are served to the owners of Aztec Cottage and Dolphin House. Mr Kelly signed the Notices on behalf of the Committee. Chief Executives Office to deal.**

BK

10:50am Mr Llewellyn joined the meeting

Mr Kelly requested that the information is kept confidential as it discloses local addresses; Mr Arditti stated that he thought it important that the information is made public as he doesn't believe a government should be serving notices in confidence and that information is made public of the properties who have not complied with fire regulations in recent years.

**The Committee by a majority (Mr Beaman and Mr Walden abstained) agreed the information to remain in the public domain.**

**55.3 Any Other Business Relating to Fire Services**

- Table Top Exercise – Mr Kelly advised that an emergency services table top exercise was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the Island Hall and he wished to thank Mrs Catherine Veron, Emergency Planning Officer from Guernsey, and all others who attended. **Noted.**

**56/2012 Any Other Business**

**56.1 Proposal to Operate Shooting Range** Letter from Mr M Smith, Alderney Marine Ltd dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 tabled and it was noted that the matter had been discussed at the recent Policy and Finance Committee meeting. The Committee was not in favour of the proposal and the Executive Assistant advised that a letter had already been sent to Mr Smith. **Noted.**

**56.2 Peace Garden** The States Engineer presented a wooden sign which the owners of the Peace Garden, near York Hill, have requested to be placed on a tree near the Braye Road entrance.

**The Committee approved for the sign to placed near to the entrance to the Peace Garden provided the tree is not damaged. States Engineer to deal.**

ENGINEER

Meeting closed 11:00am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Signed: Mr W Walden

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012