

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE
18th DECEMBER 2012

0915hours

Mr J Beaman, Chairman	Mr R Burke, Chief Executive
Mr A Llewellyn, Deputy Chairman	Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer
Mr Arditti	Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary
Mr R Berry	Mrs D Allen, Assistant Treasurer
Mr M Birmingham	
Mr B Kelly	
Mr G Sargent	
Mr I Tugby	
Mr W Walden	

Apologies: Mr P Allen

ACTION

100/2012 **Minutes of the previous meeting** of 27th November 2012 tabled and **approved** subject to the following amendments made:

- Item 94.1(ii) Fort Albert – Proposed Use
Amend resolution to show Mr Walden against, not Mr Beaman.
- Item 94.10 AHA – Grant Funding for Social Housing units at the Grand Hotel Site
Amend resolution as follows: 'RESOLVED *by a majority* to approve...'

Members approved the following items being moved from the Confidential Annexure to the published minutes:

- Item 92.2 1(d) Marina Advisory Group
- Item 94.10 AHA – Grant Funding for Social Housing units at the Grand Hotel Site

101/2012 **Matters Arising**

101.1 Matters arising from the minutes Marina – Mr Kelly and Mr Walden stated that in light of the substantial changes to the approved plans by the Marina Developers, they trust the new States Members will reconsider both parties who expressed an interest for the project as it was a decision made by the current States. **Noted.**

The Chief Executive suggested that the matter should come back to the Committee in 2013 for a decision on how to progress. **Noted.**

101.1.1 Connaught Audit Procedure See Confidential Annexure.

101.1.2 Clonque Road Relocation Paper from the Chief Executive's Office dated 13th December 2012 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Arditti, Mr Tugby and Mr Berry against; Mr Sargent and Mr Beaman abstained) to approve an additional £2,000 for the relocation of the eastern end of Clonque Road further inland. Chief Executive to inform the States Engineer.

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101.2 Matters Arising from Finance Advisory Group The Treasurer advised that the FAG notes will follow shortly as the meeting was held yesterday 17th December.

See Confidential Annexure.

Mr Sargent requested that going forwards the reduction of the pension deficit should be made part of the budget process. **Noted.**

102/2012 **Standing Items**

102.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen

102.1.1 General Services Committee Mr Walden advised that the draft minutes of the December GSC and Water Board meetings have been published on the States of Alderney website. **Noted.**

102.1.2 Building and Development Control Committee Nothing to report.

102.1.2.1 Grand Hotel Site – Planning Agreement Paper from the Planning Office dated 11th December 2012 tabled and considered. Grand Hotel Developments Ltd was granted planning permission by BDCC on the 4th December 2012 for a housing development of 36 dwellings, comprising of 9 flats and 4 houses for social housing, and 16 flats and 7 houses for private sale.

Mr Walden and Mr Beaman wish for it to be recorded that they are not against the development of social housing however have been against development of the Grand Site from beginning.

RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Beaman and Mr Walden against) to approve the Grand Hotel Developments Ltd Development Programme for development of the Grand Site. Chief Executive to deal.

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102.1.3 Guernsey Representatives The following items were noted:

- The resignation of the Health and Social Services Board (HSSD) members and the newly appointed HSSD minister, Deputy Mark Dorey.
- The States of Guernsey budget was approved.

Mr Arditti advised that Mr Kelly received heartfelt appreciation from his colleagues in the States of Guernsey for his hard work over the past two years as Alderney Representative.

103/2012

Budgetary and Financial Matters

103.1 Home Help Review – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM See Confidential Annexure.

103.2 Campsite Facilities Paper from the Chief Executive's Office dated 13th December 2012 tabled and considered.

Members queried the overspend and delay with the completion of the toilet/shower blocks; the Chief Executive advised that incoming services and States Works (SWD) unable to be on site every day due to other commitments contributed to the length of time the project has taken. He further advised that a quantity surveyor assessed both units and was satisfied that the majority of the works had been carried out correctly however some remedial works are required on the floor levels of unit one and will be rectified by SWD. He said that the project methodology used on the project was not appropriate and would be revised for the next stage of the project.

It was noted that the total cost of completing the project will be £214k plus an estimated £5k for remedial works on the first block.

RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Kelly against) to:-

- i.) **approve the decision made by the General Services Committee that the 2013 capital allocation i.e. £65k plus and additional £9k (£74k made up of overspend from unit 1 and additional work required for unit 2) be allocated to the completion of the facilities in time for Easter 2013; and**
- ii.) **note the Campsite Operators proposed future development programme. Chief Executive to deal.**

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103.3 Key Worker Accommodation – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM See Confidential Annexure.

103.4 Pension Scheme – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM See Confidential Annexure.

104/2012

Legislation and Conventions

- 104.1 Amendment to Renewable Energy Ordinance** Paper from the Chief Executive's Office dated 13th December 2012 tabled and considered.
The Committee noted the proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy (Alderney) Ordinance 2008 and the Commencement Ordinance for The Renewable Energy (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2011. Chief Executives Office to deal.

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- 104.2 Items sent to the Legislation Select Committee** It was noted that the following items, which may be of interest to Alderney, will appear on the Billet of the February meeting of the States of Deliberation:
- The Control of Borrowing (Repeal) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance, 2013
Noted.

105/2012

Economic Planning, Tourism & Marketing

- 105.1 Tourism Report** Mr Birmingham advised that the new brochure has been agreed and is being printed.

The Chief Executive advised that following the meeting with various service providers (media suppliers, website designers etc) the States of Alderney will reconsider its Marketing Strategy for 2013. A proposal will come back to the Committee in due course. **Noted.**

- 105.2 Transport Statistics** November transport statistics tabled and **noted.**

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Any Other Business

- 106.1 ACRE Energy Policy** The Chairman advised that ACRE has produced an Energy Policy and he would circulate it to Members by email.

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- 106.2 Import Restrictions – Ash Dieback Disease** Import (Control) (Alderney) (Amendment No.3) Order, 2012 circulated by email, tabled and considered. The Chief Executive advised that it is an emergency measure to try to prevent the spread of Ash Dieback disease.
RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Import (Control) (Alderney) (Amendment No.3) Order, 2012 and for the Chairman to sign on the behalf of the Committee. Chief Executive's Office to deal.

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The Chairman thanked his fellow Members and the Civil Service for their assistance the past two years he served as Chairman. Members in turn thanked the Chairman and applauded him.

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Meeting closed: 10:45pm

Signed: Mr P Arditti

Date: 29th January 2013