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Present:

Mr Stuart Trought, President

Members

Mr Raymond Berry

Mr Matthew Birmingham

Mr Neil Harvey

Mr Louis Jean

Mr Robert McDowall

Mrs Norma Paris

Mr Steve Roberts

Mr Chris Rowley

Mr Francis Simonet

Mr Ian Tugby

Representative of the Lieutenant Governor:

Colonel Colin Mason

The Greffier of the Court

Mrs Sarah Kelly

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States of Alderney

*The States met at 5.30 p.m. in the presence of
Colonel Colin Mason, a representative of His Excellency Air Marshal Peter Walker, C.B., C.B.E.
Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bailiwick of Guernsey*

[THE PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

PRAYERS

The Greffier

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

Billet d'État for Wednesday, 16th July 2014

I. The Merchant Shipping (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2014 – Approved

Item I

The States is asked:

to approve “The Merchant Shipping (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2014”.

The audio recording was unavailable due to technical difficulties.

Item I was proposed by Mr Tugby and seconded by Mr Roberts, and was approved unanimously.

II. Alderney Community Sports Centre – Grant Funding – Approved

Item II

The States is asked:

to approve awarding a grant to the Alderney Community Sports Centre of up to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds (£250,000) from the capital account towards the above project.

Item II was proposed by Mr Simonet and seconded by Mr Harvey. Mrs Paris and Mr Birmingham contributed to the debate.

Mr Jean: ... every word that Mr Harvey has said, and I was not going to raise it myself, but as Mrs Paris has already raised it, I did, and I do, have many concerns. One of those concerns is the fact that the papers were late before the States. I am unhappy about that, but I realise it was in a good cause.

5 So I have said I am actually going to accept that, and I am not going to say any more about it.

One of my other concerns is this Item, and possibly arriving at the same time as the Airfield Requête. That is a concern to me, because I do want the Airfield Requête to do as well as I and perhaps my colleague Mr Harvey can get it to do. That is a problem for me. So I have really been wrestling with that. I really had a problem with that.

10 But I also look at the 1,100 people who signed the petition and I know very well that that is a significant number of people on this Island. Therefore, I have decided tonight that despite all my concerns – and believe you me, I have really wrestled with this – I am actually going to vote for it. I am going to vote for it

and I say thank you to those people who did so much work in raising funds and cutting tiles and doing all those... And believe you me, I do know what has been involved and the effort that these people have gone to for Alderney. Actually if you look at it, the £250,000 from the States of Alderney does represent good value for money. There are also guarantees in place that they will not come back if this fails for the States of Alderney. So this gesture from the States of Alderney is a good one, and we should do it.

Thank you, sir.

The President: Thank you, Mr Jean.
Does any other Member...? Mr Tugby.

Mr Tugby: Sir, I fully support this swimming pool, but the most annoying part about it all is that even though if we vote for it tonight, we have still got to get permission from Guernsey. (**A Member:** Hear, hear.) That really is annoying because year in, year out, we come in on budget. It is a pity Guernsey did not do the same, basically, because then we would not have talk of GST. That was the annoying part.

We save our money and go short on certain things, so that we can keep within budget, and you hear different things that go on in Guernsey, and you even see some things that go on Alderney which Guernsey is in charge of, and it is so annoying that we are treated like second class citizens, in my book, that we are not allowed to spend our own money without getting permission from Big Brother.

All I can say is, if Big Brother had our Treasurer to help them sort out their problems, because she is quite strict on some items, I am sure they might not be in quite the mess that they are.

Several Members: Hear, hear.

The President: Thank you, Mr Tugby.
Does any other Member wish to comment on the Alderney community Sports Centre?
Mr Berry.

Mr Berry: What has been said, and what Mr Tugby has recently said, has my full support. The fact that when things need to be done on this Island, it is done by the community and groups of that community doing things. All the charitable organisations, the rescue services and everything else, do it voluntarily.

The kind-hearted and good spirit of this Island is manifested in this project, and if people coming to see the swimming pool are told this, they must know that this is not something which has been provided and run by the States of Alderney; it is by the generosity of spirit of the people who have made this thing work. They have come to us for the money, yes, and we are going to hopefully vote for them, yes, but if the work had not been done prior to this, we would not have anything to vote for.

Thank you, everybody who took part! It is a wonderful achievement. Alderney has got the means to do what it wants to do. We are a can-do community. I wish somebody down the way in Guernsey would realise that.

The President: Thank you, Mr Berry. Does any other States' Member wish to comment on this Item?
In that case, Mr Simonet, do you wish to sum up?

Mr Simonet: Yes, sir, just to thank all the States' Members for their contribution. Just to alight on the point that Mr Tugby made about the difficulties that we experience with Guernsey over our financial arrangements: I can assure him, we are in dialogue with Guernsey now to get some very welcome and necessary changes, and we hope to see that happening within the next 12 months.

As for the swimming pool project, I also endorse all the hard work that has gone in over many, many years, though I must say, once it is built and functioning, it will be a harder task for them to get me into the water! (*Laughter*) ...*[Inaudible]*

The President: Thank you very much, Mr Simonet.
Madam Greffier, would you like to call the vote, please?

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

FOR	AGAINST
Mr Tugby	None
Mr Birmingham	
Mr Berry	
Mr Jean	
Mr Harvey	
Mr Simonet	

Mr McDowall
Mr Rowley
Mr Roberts
Mrs Paris

**III. The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 –
Approved**

Item III

*The States of Alderney is asked:
to approve “The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014”*

The Greffier: Item III is the Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014. The States is asked to approve that Ordinance.

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The President: Thank you very much, Madam President, Greffier. Mr Harvey as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

Mr Harvey: Thank you, sir. There were no comments on this Item.

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The President: Thank you very much, Mr Harvey. Mr Simonet, I believe you wish to propose this Item.

Mr Simonet: Yes, sir, I do.

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This is one of the quite regular amendments that we get from the Gambling Commission from time to time. This is solely to strengthen the existing Ordinances, which keeps us well ahead of the game internationally.

Thank you.

The President: Thank you, Mr Simonet. Mr McDowall, I believe you wish to second this.

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Mr McDowall: Yes, Mr President. Thank you very much.

I second this. It does reflect the global trend in strengthening regulators’ powers, legal and regulatory compliance and it shows the information. I assume that trend will continue, but I support the measure.

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The President: Thank you very much, Mr McDowall. Does any other Member wish to comment on Item III? Mr Berry. No? Mr Simonet, do you wish to exercise your right to sum up?

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Mr Simonet: No, sir, nothing further to add. Madam Greffier, if you would take that as approved, please.

The Greffier: Thank you, sir.

IV. Questions and Reports

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The Greffier: Sir, Item IV is Questions or Reports, and I have received neither.

The President: I have received none either.

In which case that is the proceedings of today finished, and I will ask you to close the States of Alderney, please.

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PRAYERS
The Greffier

The Assembly adjourned at 5.50 p.m.