

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
ANNE FRENCH ROOM  
23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

0915 hours

**Mr F Simonet, Chairman**  
**Mr R Berry**  
**Mr M Birmingham**  
**Mr N Harvey**  
**Mr L Jean**  
**Mr R McDowall**  
**Mrs N Paris**  
**Mr S Roberts**  
**Mr C Rowley**  
**Mr I Tugby**

**Mr W V Brownlees, Chief Executive**  
**Mr S Taylor, Interim Chief Executive**  
**Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer**  
**Mrs S Pengilly-Price, EA to the Chief Executive**

**ACTION**

**71/2014**      **Alderney Electricity Limited** – Mr James Lancaster, Managing Director, newly appointed, introduced himself to the Committee and gave a brief outline of his career to date and the proposed strategic aims for the Company.  
Noted that a proposal for essential remedial works will be submitted for the November Committee meeting.

**72/2014**      **Minutes of the previous meeting** of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 tabled and **approved** subject to one minor amendment.

**73/2014**      **Matters Arising****73.1 Matters arising from the minutes**

**73.1.1 Elections 2014** Paper from the Chief Executive's Office dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED to approve that the date for the 2014 Ordinary Election to be held is Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November with the Plebiscite being held on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December subject to the approval of the full States.**

BILLET ITEM

**73.1.2 Fort Albert Proposal** A revised proposal for the lease of the gallery at Fort Albert from Island Adventures tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED to approve in principle to grant a lease subject to confirmation that all safety and environmental controls and insurances are in place, and written confirmation of geographic area involved, and rental terms agreed.  
Chief Executive to deal.**

CE

**73.1.3 Revised Policing Proposals** The Committee considered a letter from Guernsey Police and Border Agency in relation to revised policing proposals. Details unable to be publicised whilst changes being implemented but Chief Executive confirmed that he was comfortable with proposals. Improved communication between the agencies and the States has been agreed through quarterly meetings.

**RESOLVED to note the new meeting arrangement and that the current policing arrangements are transitional. Committee would be kept advised as appointments made. Chief Executive to deal.**

CE

**73.1.4 Fort Tourgis update** Paper from the Interim Chief Executive regarding the possibility of resurrecting the potential development of Fort Tourgis, dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 tabled and considered. This was suggested in advance of agreeing a strategic approach to asset management next year.

**RESOLVED to agree in principle that the Fort Tourgis Development should now be resurrected with an updated planning brief and to approve to procure specialist advice to work with the States on all aspects of a development proposal.**

CE

**73.1.5 Alderney eGambling Limited RESOLVED to support the proposal of an additional Member to the Board (non States Member) subject to terms and conditions being agreed. Chief Executive and Treasurer to deal.**

CE/TREASURER

**73.1.6 FAB Link Verbal update given on progress with the potential agreement for an interconnector across the island. Advice received from Law Officers discussed. RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Jean had reservations) that private commercial and legal advice be sought to ensure that all issues were fully considered to the advantage of the States where appropriate. Mr Taylor and Chief Executive to deal.**

CE

**73.2 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC and GSC) and Guernsey Representatives Issues arising discussed. No items of major significance to be debated. **Noted****

**73.3 Employment permit report – September (to date) tabled and **noted**.**

#### **73.4 Quarterly Reports**

**73.4.1 Alderney Housing Association The Committee considered the quarterly report and discussed the need to progress the Housing Strategy as compiled by Cambridge University, to the next stage, in liaison with AHA.**

**RESOLVED that a separate meeting should be arranged with the Housing Association at a date to be decided, the Cambridge Housing report to be re-circulated prior to this meeting.**

CE/TREASURER

**73.4.2 ACRE report tabled and **noted**.**

## **74/2014**

### **Budgetary and Financial Matters**

**74.1 States of Alderney and Water Board Accounts Revised Budget 2014 and Budget 2015 tabled for ratification together with emails from the Treasurer dated 10<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 following the Budget meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September. **Ratified****

The Committee also agreed to further amendments relating to Revenue Budget (management fees increased to £35K for 2014 & onwards), together with reductions in the Capital Budget (to reflect the timing of the Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewer project Western Section (to 2016) and the reduction in estimate for Harbour Improvements to Visitor Facilities). No further amendments to the Water Board Revenue & Capital Budgets suggested.

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve final budgets for debate at the next States meeting in October.**

BILLET

**74.2 Aged Debtors Report Confidential report dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 tabled and **noted**.**

**74.3 Revenue Account Report – *Nothing to report***

**74.4 School Bus Contract RESOLVED unanimously to ratify the decision taken by email, to increase the school bus subsidy, as an interim measure for an additional school bus until the end of the October term at a cost of £468.00.**

TREASURER

**74.5 Alderney Wildlife Trust Paper from Interim Chief Executive dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 regarding a proposal for formalising and further developing the relationship between the States and the AWT, tabled and considered.**

**RESOLVED to approve in principle the options proposed towards a more structured working relationship with the Trust with a focus on shared vision and objectives for land management, and more efficient operation in future. Agreed that discussions should be**

**undertaken with the civil service and the Trust with a view to proposing a service level agreement.**

CE

**74.6 Financial Relationship with Guernsey** Paper from Mr McDowall, Chairman Finance Committee, on the agreement made with States of Guernsey for a detailed review of financial arrangements between the two islands and Terms of Reference, tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED to agree the Terms of Reference for a detailed review of the Financial Relationship with the States of Guernsey and approve that the Treasurer be nominated as the States of Alderney finance lead for the project commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October; and to recommend to the States of Guernsey independent support for the project.**

CE/TREASURER

**74.7 CONFIDENTIAL Item – Hawkers Licence** *See Confidential Annexure*

**74.8 Alderney Shipping Co Ltd** Application from Alderney Shipping Co Ltd dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 together with paper from Treasury dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, relating to notification of increase in fees wef 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, considered by Committee in accordance with contract conditions.

**RESOLVED by a majority to note the increase of 2.1% which was contractual.**

TREASURY/CE

**74.9 St John Alderney Ambulance** Paper from Mr McDowall, Finance Committee Chairman, dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 tabled and discuss. Following unsuccessful grant application by St John's Alderney to meet staffing costs, it was suggested that the States should facilitate a detailed review of governance and operational arrangements within the voluntary ambulance service. This would enable more informed consideration of funding support.

**RESOLVED unanimously to propose this to St Johns Ambulance with a resourcing offer.**

CE

**74.10 Referrals from GSC:-**

a) **Campsite** Paper from Interim Chief Executive dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 regarding a Capital expenditure request, tabled and considered.

**Decision deferred pending BDCC approval.**

DEFERRED/BDCC

b) **Survey of New Connaught Care Home & Jubilee Building** Paper from the Connaught Care Home Working Party dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 tabled and considered. Mr Jean declared an interest.

**RESOLVED to support recommendation of GSC to approve capital expenditure of up to £20K for the survey of the two buildings, subject to T&R approval.**

STATES ENGINEER/TREASURER

**74.11 Harbour Showers Refurbishment** The Committee noted the timing issue involved with this proposed project. Mr Jean declared an interest.

**RESOLVED to seek quotations from Chartered Surveyors to supply quotations for improvements & repairs.**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE/STATES ENGINEER

**74.12 Alderney Price Comparisons** Revised July 2014 Report from Island Analysis tabled & noted. It was agreed to request a reduced list of comparisons in future, in order to supply greater level of research and detail.

TREASURER

75/2014

**Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Matters**

**75.1 Marquee Proposal** Paper from Mr Birmingham, Deputy Chairman BDTM Committee, regarding a proposal for a community marquee dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014, tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED to take the proposal further by researching costs in more detail and identifying potential management responsibilities within the community.**

MB/CE

**75.2 Transport Statistics** Headline figures presented by Mr Birmingham. **Noted**

**75.3 Accommodation Permit Request for Surrender** Report from the Chief Executive's Office, and accompanying letters, dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve the surrender of the accommodation permit for Vent de Mer, Les Mouriaux with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.**

CE OFFICE

**75.4 Anaerobic Digester** Mrs Paris provided the Committee with an update following a visit to review a working anaerobic digester in the UK. The Committee discussed the risks and benefits to the island and decided that the technological and financial risks were too great at the present time to pursue this solution further.

**Resolved to consider further long term options for waste management, including discussions with the other islands. Chief Executive to deal.**

CE

**75.5 Aurigny update** Verbal update by Mr Harvey on issue related to Aurigny. **Noted**

**75.6 Top Level Domain Names** Mr Harvey reported on some discussions he had been having with a third party with regard to development of an Alderney domain name.

**RESOLVED to continue discussions provided minimal or no cost to States.**

NH

**75.7 Lager Sylt** Deferred to the next meeting.

DEFERRED/AGENDA ITEM

**75.8 Filming on Alderney** Paper from the Marketing and Tourism Department regarding a proposal for an American film crew to film on the island, dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 tabled and the Committee considered the matter in accordance with policy.

**Noted and agreed.**

## 76/2014

### **Legislation, Conventions and Policy**

**76.1 Legislation Select Committee Items** It was noted that the following items, which may be of interest to Alderney, will appear on the Billet of the October, November and December meetings of the States of Deliberation:-

- Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014
- Social Insurance (Rates of Contributions and Benefits, etc) Ordinance, 2014
- Health Service (Benefit) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014
- Long-term Care Insurance (Guernsey) (Rates) Ordinance, 2014
- Supplementary Benefit (Implementation) (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance, 2014
- Supplementary Benefit (Guernsey) (Amendment) (No.2) Law, 2014
- Alderney (Application of Legislation) (Supplementary Benefit) (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance, 2014
- Severe Disability Benefit and Carer's Allowance Ordinance, 2014
- Severe Disability Benefit and Carer's Allowance (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2014
- Income Tax (Guernsey) (Approval of Agreements with Cyprus, Turks and Caicos and Uruguay) Ordinance, 2014
- Insurance Business (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014
- Health Service (Specialist Medical Benefit) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014

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**76.2 Sanctions – Russia** Draft legislation tabled for ratification.

**RESOLVED by a majority (Mr McDowall, Mr Roberts and Mr Tugby against) to ratify the decision reached by email to approve the implementation of new sanctions against Russia including an arms embargo.**

CE OFFICE

**76.3 Insurance Business Law Revisions** tabled for ratification.

**RESOLVED unanimously to ratify the decision reached by email to approve amendments to the Insurance Supervisory Legislation.**

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**76.4 The Public Function Transfer and Performance Bailiwick of Guernsey Law, 1991** Letter from the Law Officers dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve necessary amendments to The Public Function Transfer and Performance Bailiwick of Guernsey Law, 1991.**

CE OFFICE

**76.5 Import of Bees and Bee Keeping Equipment** Report from Mr Rowley dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to agree to prohibit the importation of any used or second hand bee-keeping equipment which could be contaminated with pests or diseases.**

**CE OFFICE**

**76.6 States of Alderney Interpretation Legislation** Proposal from Mr McDowall dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 tabled and consideration.

**RESOLVED unanimously to refer to Law Officers for drafting once agreed.**

**CE OFFICE**

**77/2014** **ACRE – Confidential Item** Letter from Mr M Wordsworth, Chairman of ACRE, dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 regarding the renewal of the contract for tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve the appointment of Captain Robert Barton as Commissioner for a further two year period. Chief Executive’s Office to deal.**

**CE OFFICE/BILLET ITEM**

**78/2014** **Marina Project Proposal** Committee considered a paper from the Interim Chief Executive as well as an independent evaluation of the proposed Marina development with the preferred bidder. This followed a separate and earlier presentation on the detail of the scheme. Committee noted the lack of progress in developing a viable business case together with no assurance on secured funding from the developer.

**Resolved to end the preferred bidder status with immediate effect and consider other options for a marina development.**

**CE OFFICE**

**79/2014** **Any Other Business** None

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**Meeting closed: 12.05pm**

**Signed: Mr F Simonet**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014**