

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
25th NOVEMBER 2014**

0915 hours

Mr F Simonet, Chairman
Mr R Berry
Mr M Birmingham
Mr N Harvey
Mr L Jean
Mr R McDowall (from 10:00)
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr C Rowley
Mr I Tugby

Mr W V Brownlees, Chief Executive (from 9:40)
Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer
Mr B Adams, Interim States Engineer
Mrs S Pengilly-Price, EA to the Chief Executive
Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary

Apologies: Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer

ACTION

89/2014 **Minutes of the previous meeting** of 28th October 2014 tabled and **approved** subject to minor amendments.

Mr Jean queried why his comments on items 80/2014 and 85/2014 were not included in the minutes; the Chairman clarified that the minutes are not a verbatim of discussion however a record of decisions made by the Committee.

Finance Committee – Notes from the meeting of the 17th November 2014 to be circulated by email.

Business Development, Tourism and Marketing Committee – Notes of the meeting of 3rd November 2014 to be circulated by email.

90/2014 **Matters Arising**

90.1 Matters arising from the minutes

90.1.1 GDP for Alderney It was noted that a letter on behalf of the Committee had been sent to Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq, Chief Minister. Mr Harvey advised that he had some additional information regarding economic multipliers that may be useful. Mr Harvey to forward detail to the Assistant Treasurer for forwarding to the Policy Council.

90.1.2 Breakwater It was noted that Mr Graham Falla, Project Services Manager States of Guernsey, visited maintenance operations at the breakwater on the 24th November however Members or Civil Service did not have adequate prior notification of his visit.

The Interim States Engineer advised that he had been advised that a visit was due in the near future however due to other pre-arranged commitments he had been unable to meet on that day. Interim States Engineer to arrange appointment with Mr Falla during his next visit.

90.1.3 Island Adventures – Fort Albert proposal Paper from the Chief Executive's office dated 20th November 2014 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the progress of the proposal thus far and, subject to insurances being in place, request that the Chief Executive progress this matter further with regards to negotiating rental terms and a lease.

90.2 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC and GSC) and Guernsey Representatives
BDCC – Nothing to report. Next meeting scheduled for the 2nd December 2014.

NH

GSC Mr Rowley gave a brief overview of matters discussed at the recent meeting, which included remedial works on the old Connaught and a dedicated disable parking bay outside Braye Beach Hotel. **Noted**

Guernsey Representatives Mr Harvey and Mr Jean advised that the 2015 Budget was passed at the October States of Deliberations meeting. It had also been agreed that £900K will be available over 3 years for the Economic Development Fund, and that AGCC gambling receipts could be retained to be used towards States Capital funding, for a further 3 years. **Noted**

90.3 Employment permit report – November (to date) tabled and **noted**.

Mr Tugby advised that a number of on island projects will be finishing in the new year which may leave the local contractors without work; the Chairman stated that States projects and maintenance of States buildings should be put out to tender/contract not only to aid the local contractors/building trade but to alleviate the pressures on SWD work force in terms of capability to deliver projects on the capital programme. **Noted**

The Chairman was also requested to have discussions with the AHA with regards to phasing of their projects.

CHAIRMAN

90.4 Quarterly report – AHA tabled and **noted**.

The Chief Executive advised that he had met with Mr John Weir, AHA Office Manager, recently and enquired as to the development of Platte Saline site and the future intentions of Whitegates. **Noted**

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Budgetary and Financial Matters

91.1 Management Accounts for October tabled and **noted**. It was noted that Royalties on Stamps revenue was due for 2013 and 2014 which will contribute to the approximate budget deficit of £71K. **Noted**

91.2 Aged Debtors Report See Confidential Annexure.

91.3 AHA – Confidential Item See Confidential Annexure.

91.4 AEL Share Transfer See Confidential Annexure.

91.5 Aurigny Postal Contract Paper from Mr McDowall tabled and noted. **Chief Executive to progress actions.**

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91.6 Capital Projects See Confidential Annexure.

91.7 Maintenance Programme The Interim States Engineer advised that the current programme is being carried out effectively. **Noted**

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Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Matters

92.1 Future Provision of AVGAS at Alderney Airport Papers from Mr Birmingham and Mrs Paris tabled and discussed. Members discussed at length the need to take the appropriate action to ensure that aviation fuel remains available on the island due to doubts being cast that the existing fuel bowser was in need of replacement, while Alderney Electricity and the States work together to provide a permanent solution.

The Committee was broadly supportive of the proposals in Mr Birmingham's paper and requested he redraft the resolution, taking into consideration the comments from Members, and circulate it by email for approval.

MB

92.2 Accommodation Permit Request for Surrender

a) **Bluestones, Longis Road** Report from the Chief Executive's Office, and accompanying letters, dated 28th October 2014 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the surrender of the accommodation permit for Bluestones, Longis Road with effect from 25th November 2014.

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b) **4 La Trigale** Report from the Chief Executive's Office, and accompanying letters, dated 5th November 2014 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the surrender of the accommodation permit for 4 La Trigale with effect from 25th November 2014.

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c) **Dolphin House, Ollivier Street** Report from the Chief Executive's Office, and accompanying letters, dated 5th November 2014 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the surrender of the accommodation permit for Dolphin House, Ollivier Street with effect from 25th November 2014.

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The Committee noted that Bell & Co Ltd had reviewed the standard of quality of their self-catering properties portfolio and currently only have half the amount of properties than this time last year. **Noted**

92.3 Lager Sylt Paper from Mr John Weigold and Mr Richard Kemp tabled and discussed.

The Committee requested the Chief Executive invite Mr Weigold to a meeting of the Committee to further discuss the proposals for Lager Sylt.

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Legislation, Conventions and Policy

93.1 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 January 2015 meetings of the States of Deliberation:-

- Income Tax (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2015
- The Income Tax (Guernsey) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance, 2014
- Income Tax (Guernsey) (Approval of Agreements with Macao) Ordinance, 2015
- Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014
- The Air Navigation (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Environmental Standards) Ordinance, 2015

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93.2 Insurance Business (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 – Proposed Amendments Paper from the Guernsey Financial Services Commission tabled and the Committee raised no objection to the draft amendment regulations.

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93.3 Regulations of Veterinary Medicines tabled and the Committee raised no objections to the proposed new legislation.

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Campsite Draft lease as prepared by the Law Officers Chambers tabled and agreed that, as per the resolution of the States of Alderney on the 7th July 1999 (item 6.4 of Billet d'Etat No.4 – the proposed lease to be of significant public interest), this item should be fully debated at the next meeting of the States.

The Assistant Treasurer advised that minor amendments with regards to financial arrangements will be made to the draft lease prior to submission on the Billet. **Noted**

Item to be placed on the Billet of the December meeting of the States.

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Any Other Business

95.1 Le Cocq's Stores – Query regarding shipping schedule See Confidential Annexure.

95.2 States in Committee It was noted that the President had requested a States in Committee meeting on the 30th December 2014 for the purpose of swearing in the new States Members. **Agreed**

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Press Releases

- **Future Provision of AVGAS at Alderney Airport**

CE/CHAIRMAN

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Meeting closed: 12.25pm

Signed: Mr F Simonet

Date: 16th December 2014