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**Members**

Mr Matthew Birmingham

Mr Neil Harvey

Mr Louis Jean

Mr Robert McDowall

Mr Graham McKinley

Mrs Norma Paris

Mr Steve Roberts

Mr Christopher Rowley

Mr Francis Simonet

Mr Ian Tugby

**Representative of the Lieutenant Governor:**

Colonel Colin Mason

**The Greffier of the Court**

Mrs Sarah Kelly

**Business transacted**

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## States of Alderney

*The States met at 5.28 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, 14th January 2015

### I. Opening of the States – Welcome to new Member, Mr McKinley

**The Greffier:** Sir, that concludes the opening of the annual meeting for the States.

**The President:** Thank you very much. Before you proceed to Item II, I would just like to welcome our new Member, Mr McKinley.

5 If you would like to proceed with Item II, please.

### II. Election Procedure – Verbal voting – Item approved

*Item II.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to decide whether the following elections should be by verbal vote, otherwise Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States Alderney, shall come into operation, ie., voting shall, unless the States otherwise resolves, be carried out by written ballot.*

10 **The Greffier:** Sir, Item II is the Election Procedure. The States is asked to decide whether the following elections should be by verbal vote, otherwise Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States Alderney, shall come into operation, i.e., voting shall, unless the States otherwise resolves, be carried out by written ballot.

15     **The President:** Thank you very much.  
Before we proceed, Mrs Paris, as Convener, do you have the report from the People's Meeting, please?

20     **Mrs Paris:** Mr President, at the People's Meeting held on 7th January, there were approximately 24 members of the public, two members of the *Press* and seven States' Members, excluding the Convener; the Convener, obviously, ably assisted by the Chief Executive, the interim States' engineer and the Treasurer.

25     **The President:** Thank you very much. Were there any comments on Item II?

**Mrs Paris:** No, there were not.

30     **The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Mr Rowley, I believe you wish to propose this?

**Mr Rowley:** Yes, that is right, sir, I would like to propose this be carried out verbally.

35     **The President:** Thank you.  
Mr Harvey, I believe you wish to second this.

**Mr Harvey:** I do, indeed, sir. Thank you.

40     **The President:** Thank you very much.  
Do any Members wish to speak on this? In that case, Madam Greffier, you can take it that we will be taking the votes verbally.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

**III. Vice President for 2015 –  
Mr Tugby elected**

*Item III.  
The States of Alderney is asked:  
to elect a Vice President for 2015.*

45     **The President:** We move to Item III, please.

**The Greffier:** Item III is the appointment of a Vice President. The States is asked to elect a Vice President for 2015.

50     **The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mrs Paris, as Convener, were there any comments at the People's Meeting?

55     **Mrs Paris:** Yes, Mr President, there were.  
There was a written question in part two, which the Chief Executive chose to answer at this point in part one, because he felt that was appropriate.

The question was to ask why the electorate were not empowered to elect the Vice President, as they did with President. The response was that, under the Alderney Government Law 2004,

the States shall elect one of their Members to Vice President at the States of Alderney, which obviously clarified the position.

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**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Members of the States, do we have anybody proposed for this position?

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**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Do I have a seconder, please?

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**Mr Harvey:** I would be delighted to second that, Mr President.

**The President:** Do you have any other propositions for the position of Vice President?  
Madam Greffier, we do not have anyone else being proposed.  
Congratulations, Mr Tugby.

#### **VI. Appointment of Auditors for 2015 – KPMG Channel Islands Limited appointed**

*Item VI.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to appoint KPMG Channel Islands Limited to be the States Auditors for 2015.*

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**The President:** Can we move to Item IV, please?

**The Greffier:** Sir, Item IV is the appointment of Auditors. The States is asked to appoint KPMG Channel Islands Limited to be the States' Auditors for 2015.

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**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mrs Paris, as Convener.

**Mrs Paris:** Mr President, there was a query on this. A member of the public asked why they had been appointed, with their high expenses.

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It was clarified by the States' Treasurer that KPMG were actually the successful applicants following an advertised tender process; and a comment was made from the public who stated that, although the firm is expensive, their costings are similar to other firms and their work is of a very high standard.

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**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Mr McDowall, I believe you wish to propose this?

**Mr McDowall:** Yes, Mr President, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you.  
Yes, I would like to propose that the States appoints KPMG Channel Islands Limited to be the States Auditors for 2015.

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I would just like to add a comment that one always has to have an accounting firm of considerable size to do an audit of the size of the States of Alderney. Small firms are way out of the game there, but anyway I propose KPMG.

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**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mr Roberts, I believe you wish to second this.

**Mr Roberts:** Yes, I would like to second this.

**The President:** Thank you very much.

105 Does any States' Member wish to comment on this? Madam Greffier, we will take that as KPMG have been appointed.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

**V. Policy and Finance Committee –  
Mandate approved**

*Item V.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to approve the mandate of the Policy and Finance Committee.*

**The President:** We move to Item V.

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**The Greffier:** Item V is the Policy and Finance Committee mandate.

**The President:** Thank you.

Mrs Paris, as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

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**Mrs Paris:** Yes, there were.

It was a more general comment which involved both the General Services Committee mandate and the Building and Development Control Committee mandate – simply to ask is there no-one appointed for negotiations with Aurigny?

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It was clarified that negotiations with Aurigny are currently being reviewed and dealt with by the Business Development and Tourism Marketing Committee and also the Alderney Liaison Group.

**The President:** Thank you very much, Mrs Paris.

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Mr Birmingham, I believe you wish to propose this.

**Mr Birmingham:** Yes, thank you, Mr President.

I would be glad to propose the Policy and Finance (**Mr Jean:** Sir – ) Committee mandate. This is a fairly standard mandate that we have most years.

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**The President:** Mr Jean.

**Mr Jean:** Are we debating the Item of the mandated Finance Committee?

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**The President:** We have not got there yet. We have not had it seconded yet. (**Mr Jean:** Okay.) When it has been seconded (**Mr Jean:** Fine, thank you.) I will ask the States' Members if they wish to make a comment.

**Mr Jean:** Apologies.

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**The President:** Mr Rowley, I believe you wish to second this.

**Mr Rowley:** Yes, that is right, sir, I would like to second this.



145 **The President:** Thank you very much.  
I believe you probably wish to say something.

**Mr Jean:** I do.

150 I would like to point out to the Members that under the Government of Alderney Law – and I believe, especially for the new Member, you need to know this – the Members, when debating or making views known within the Policy Committee, do have a situation where they have parliamentary privilege.

That does not mean that you can abuse parliamentary privilege but I myself did have a situation earlier in the year when I needed the parliamentary privilege –

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**The President:** Mr Jean, can I just get the Greffier to point out something? You do not have... You have a thing called ‘qualified privilege’ –

**Mr Jean:** Qualified privilege, indeed.

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**The President:** – which is not the same as parliamentary privilege.

165 **Mr Jean:** No, but it is qualified. That is fine. I will accept that. I accept that perfectly but what I want to say is I had a situation where lawyers’ letters were sent to my home after a meeting, where I do have this qualified privilege – and I want you to know this – and I had nowhere to go with the particular Item. I was not at all happy. Those letters came from the Chairman of that Committee.

170 **The President:** Thank you, Mr Jean. I am not quite sure what that has to do with the mandate but you have made your point.

**Mr Jean:** Well, I am affording protection for the new Member and for others, so that they know that there is qualified privilege.

175 **The President:** Thank you.

Does any other Member wish to make any comment with regard to the *mandate* of the Policy and Finance Committee?

Mr Harvey.

180 **Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir.

I think, in discussions with a number of my colleagues, although we have no general desire to change the mandate on this particular occasion, there is a feeling that perhaps the Committees and their mandates need a more serious overhaul.

185 Let me give you one example. Nowhere in these mandates is there – as the questioner picked up in the public meeting – any responsibility for our services. Now, insofar as they are owned by the State of Guernsey, one could argue they are not our responsibility, but that would also be abdication of the needs of this Island, because quite clearly the air services are critical to this Island and yet nowhere in these Committee mandates is there any responsibility to do anything about them.

190 I am relieved, of course, the GSC has responsibility for the railway. They do a wonderful job but that really is not the answer to our transportation problem.

So I would urge Members, during the course of the next year, to look very seriously at whether we need a review of these mandates, the Committees and I appreciate that some of those reviews may involve changes in the Law.

195 Thank you.

**The President:** Thank you very much.

Does any other Member wish to speak on the mandate of the Policy and Finance Committee?

Mr Birmingham, do you wish to sum up, seeing as Members have spoken?

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**Mr Birmingham:** No, thank you.

**The President:** Thank you. Madam Greffier, if you would call a vote on this, please.

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**The Greffier:** Yes, sir.

*A vote was taken and the results were as follows:*

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>
Mr Tugby	None	None
Mr Birmingham		
Mr Jean		
Mr Harvey		
Mr Simonet		
Mr McDowall		
Mr Rowley		
Mr Roberts		
Mrs Paris		
Mr McKinley		

**The Greffier:** Thank you.

#### **VI. General Services Committee – Mandate approved**

*Item VI.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to approve the mandate of the General Services Committee.*

**The President:** We move to the next Item, please, Madam Greffier.

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**The Greffier:** Sir, Item VI is the General Services Committee mandate.

**The President:** Thank you.

Mrs Paris, as Convener, were there any particular comments with regard to general services?

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**Mrs Paris:** No. The only comment was, as I said before, about Aurigny.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed. Mrs Paris, I believe you wish to propose this?

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**Mrs Paris:** I do wish to propose it. I would say I do agree with Mr Harvey that at some point I think we should look through some of these things which perhaps are not quite as up-to-date as they could be, but as it stands, obviously, I will propose it.

**The President:** Thank you very much.

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Mr Tugby, I believe you wish to second this.

**Mr Tugby:** Yes, sir, I do. I wish to second.

**The President:** Thank you very much.

230 Does any Member wish to speak on the mandate with regard to the mandate of the General Services Committee? No.

Madam Greffier, you can take the mandate as being approved.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

**VII. Building and Development Control Committee –  
Mandate approved**

*Item VII.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to approve the mandate of the Building and Development Control Committee.*

235 **The President:** We move to Item VII, please.

**The Greffier:** Which is the Building and Development Control Committee mandate.

**The President:** Thank you.

240 Mrs Paris, as Convener, were there any comments on this Item at the People's Meeting?

**Mrs Paris:** Only the one I have already mentioned.

**The President:** Thank you, Mrs Paris.

245 Mr Roberts, I believe you wish to propose this?

**Mr Roberts:** Yes, I would like to propose the Building and Development Control Committee mandate, please, in its entirety.

250 **The President:** Thank you very much.

Mr Birmingham, I believe you wish to second this.

**Mr Birmingham:** Yes, thank you, Mr President. I will.

255 I would just quickly like to echo, actually, the points previously made about the two mandates from the other Committees, but specifically in the case of the Building and Development Control Committee. Obviously, in the last year we have had the Arup review which has made quite a number of suggestions perhaps for the future way that we undertake planning on the Island, which I believe will have some effect on the mandate.

260 There are particular areas in here, one which is responsibility for the Banquage Housing Scheme which obviously, to a certain extent – I want to use the word 'defunct', but it has developed from where it used to be now that the AHA are formed; and, of course, there is also the responsibility for preparation of a strategy for environmental conservation and ecology.

265 Obviously, there is some crossover here between the mandate of the BDCC and actually some of the responsibilities of the GSC as well. So, obviously, I think that is something that we have to look at over the year for the development of a new mandate that fits both Committees.

**The President:** Thank you.

270 I would just point out to everybody that there are specific responsibilities under Law for which the Building and Development Committee is responsible and if you wanted to change that that would necessitate a change in the primary Law.

**Mr Birmingham:** Correct.

**The President:** Does any other Member wish to speak on this subject? Mr Jean.

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**Mr Jean:** Mr Birmingham, the outgoing Chairman, possibly to be elected, I would like to raise the point, as I have had no response – and I know that we had the New Year and the Christmas holiday – I address both of you with a concern of mine regarding the Arup report, that it had not been put on the Billet for the debate by the Members and it had not been put to the public for their opinions after –

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**The President:** Mr Jean, I must say this Item that we are debating is to do with the mandate for the Building –

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**Mr Jean:** Yes, well the Arup report has been brought up and that is why I want to ask: has anybody taken on board my point and is anything going to be done about it?

**The President:** With all due respect, Mr Jean –

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**Mr Jean:** Fine, I will apologise.

**The President:** – that has nothing to do with the mandate.

**Mr Jean:** Fine, I will apologise, but I have got my point through. I apologise.

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**The President:** Thank you.

Does anybody else wish to speak on the *mandate* of the Building and Development Control Committee? Seeing as we have had somebody speaking on this issue, Madam Greffier, would you please call the vote?

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**The Greffier:** Yes, sir.

*A vote was taken and the results were as follows:*

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>
Mr Tugby	None	None
Mr Birmingham		
Mr Jean		
Mr Harvey		
Mr Simonet		
Mr McDowall		
Mr Rowley		
Mr Roberts		
Mrs Paris		
Mr McKinley		

**The Greffier:** Thank you.

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**The President:** Thank you very much.

**VIII. Appointment of Committee Chairmen –  
Mr Harvey, Mr Tugby and Mr Birmingham appointed**

*Item VIII.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:  
to approve the Appointment of Committee Chairmen.*

**The President:** We will move to the next Item, please.

**The Greffier:** Sir, the next Item is Appointment of Committee Chairmen and this is in three parts. First of all, the States is asked to elect a Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee.

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**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mrs Paris, as Convener, were there any comments on the subject?

**Mrs Paris:** There were no comments on any part of this Item.

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**The President:** Neither parts 1, 2 or 3 – none of them?

**Mrs Paris:** That is correct.

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**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Do we have anybody proposed for the position of Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee?  
Mr McDowall.

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**Mr McDowall:** Yes, I would like to propose that Mr Simonet continues in this position, bringing continuity and stability. He has established a very effective and efficient working relationship with the new Chief Executive which I think needs to continue. He probably has a lot of faults but he is not vain! *(Laughter)*  
Thank you.

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**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Do I have a seconder?

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**Mr Roberts:** Mr President, I would just like to echo Mr McDowall's comments on this and, for continuity, I think, well, obviously, Mr Simonet.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Do we have anybody else proposed for this position?  
Mr Birmingham.

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**Mr Birmingham:** Yes, thank you. I would like to propose my erstwhile colleague, Mr Harvey.

**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Do I have a seconder for this proposition?

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**Mrs Paris:** Yes, I would like to second Mr Harvey.

**The President:** Thank you very much. Just let me make a note of this.  
Do I have any other propositions for this position? No.

350       Okay, so we have two propositions for the Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee, in  
which case, I propose that, in the order in which they were proposed, I will give each of the  
Members a limited amount of time to explain to the other States' Members why they think they  
should hold that position.

Mr Simonet.

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**Mr Simonet:** Thank you, Mr President.

This is the first time we have done this – to promote ourselves – but I have a few words.

360       For the past two years, as Chairman of the Policy Committee, one of my prime objectives has  
been to keep all Members fully and directly involved in the decision-making process. Anyone  
who has observed the States over a long period of time will know that disagreements on policy  
have, in many cases, developed into personal animosity with the result that progress on  
important projects has been seriously hindered or not progressed at all.

365       Robust debate is a healthy part of the democratic process and in a small community like ours  
the margin between honest debate and what may be felt by some as a personal attack, can be  
very fine indeed. When this occurs it can have a corrosive effect on good governance.

For these reasons, I supported the change to the Policy Committee to include all States'  
Members. I have also encouraged different Members to be, what I call, lead politicians on the  
various projects and proposals that we have to deal with.

370       This has had the effect of keeping all Members fully engaged in the States' business of the  
day. It shares the workload and it shares the responsibilities. It also helps States' Members to  
appreciate the contributions made by other Members and promotes team spirit.

I also, as a matter policy, ensure that every Member has the opportunity to address the  
Committee on any agenda item without a time restriction. In my view, every Member has the  
same status and the same responsibilities.

375       We have made significant progress towards achieving our political and economic objectives  
over the past year, we expect to deliver some of these in 2015. I will name a few: the restructure  
of the financial arrangements with Guernsey, the security of our Airport and airline, the pilot  
scheme for KYC being promoted by Price Waterhouse, the Visa Investment Scheme, the  
restructuring of the Civil Service.

380       This progress has not been achieved solely by the efforts of any single individual, nor can it  
be. It has been achieved by the collective efforts of all the Members. It is the Policy Committee  
that decided which policies to support and which priorities it will name. It is the Policy  
Committee that has decided the terms and direction of all negotiations with Guernsey  
Committees and the various business proposals.

385       I think the Policy Committee has now established good working procedures, with every  
Member contributing substantially to the Billet, resulting in sound decisions made without  
unnecessary delay. Now, that I have been delighted to see.

I put my name forward for this post again, for continuity, consistency and stability.

Thank you, Mr President.

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**The President:** Thank you, Mr Simonet.

Mr Harvey, you have a limited amount of time to address your fellow Statesmen with the  
reasons why you believe you should take this position.

395       **Mr Harvey:** Thank you, Mr President, fellow States' Members.

I have considered at great length whether to put myself forward for the Chair of P&F and I  
know that some may feel any challenge to the *status quo* is divisive and will halt the good work  
the States has been doing over the last year or so. I utterly disagree with that concept.

400       A contest such as this, held in the public gaze and allowing you to make an informed choice,  
rather than anointing people behind closed doors, cannot be a bad thing for a States which  
professes to embrace transparency. Nor will such a legitimate election divide the States, unless

the protagonists allow it to and, so far as I am concerned, I have no intention of doing that, win or lose.

405 So why, given a period of relatively consensual Government, should I offer myself in this manner? Well, for two years I have chaired the Business Development, Tourism and Marketing Committee – the Committee whose name no one can quite remember.

410 During that period, my colleagues and I have achieved the following: a sustained improvement in our tourism business, with a coherent strategy about to be emulated by Guernsey; a successful trial of an Alderney-Jersey route, which we hope to capitalise upon once Aurigny have sorted out their aircraft; ground work for a business development project, to attract new businesses and employers; the creation of a young entrepreneurs' scheme, offering mentoring and grants to new businesses; and many more initiatives.

415 Increasingly, however, it is apparent that the really big wins for our economy can only come with the agreement and support from Guernsey and I have spent significant time there, having been fortunate to do so, both as one of your Alderney Representatives and a member of the Alderney Liaison Group.

420 Progress in Guernsey is always slow and I will not make undue claims of success, but I believe we are moving forwards and can draw attention to the following achievements: agreement for the Economic Development Fund for £300,000 per annum for three years – a partial problem to the solution that Guernsey will not allow us to spend what we consider our own monies; agreement by the States of Guernsey to a service level agreement with Aurigny, committing them for the first time to sensible frequencies and fares – this is something I have been pursuing for over a year and is now within our grasp; agreement to carry out significant improvements to our short prevailing wind runway to reduce loss of flights and delays brought by cross winds. The latter was agreed following an amendment I put to the full state of Guernsey last month which achieved unanimous support from the Deputies.

425 All of these ideas were initially rejected by Guernsey in 2013 but, by persistence and diplomacy, we have now been able to secure agreement to them. As has been said, no one person achieves these things. The Chief Executive has been most helpful in some of these things and they do broadly reflect the will of Policy and Finance but, when in Guernsey dealing with politicians, it is sometimes necessary to duck and weave, to cajole, to persuade and it is, unfortunately, not always possible to do that within a strict mandate.

430 So in the areas which really count – air services, the airfield and the economy – I believe the Alderney Liaison Group, after a slow start, is really becoming an important means of securing the revival we all desire; but much remains to be done. I strongly believe that, as Chairman of Policy and Finance, working with States' Members through the Liaison Group and more closely with the elected Alderney Representatives, we can continue to develop good relationships with Guernsey Ministers and politicians, to the benefit of Alderney.

435 So what do I offer the States, if elected as Chairman of P&F?

440 Firstly, I will continue to work as diligently as I have over the last two years, keeping the interests of Alderney ahead of any personal ones, engaging face-to-face with people who may be able to help us, wherever they are situated – Guernsey, Jersey, France or the UK.

445 Secondly, to continue acting in a democratic manner, encouraging all States' Members to express their views and accepting the majority verdict in every case, to continually inform and involve all States Members whilst recognising that there are meetings and there are situations where it is just not possible to have 10 people negotiating with or discussing.

Thirdly, to consult widely and regularly with the people we are here to serve.

450 Fourthly, whilst being sensitive to local issues in the Island's unique heritage, to continue pursuing the progressive agenda leading to better living standards, busy schools and successful businesses.

I entirely respect what Mr Simonet has done as Chairman, holding P&F together over a difficult period. He has controlled and run our Committee meetings well, but I believe that is only half the job and we cannot live in the past or in the comfort zone of where we are now.

455 Whoever you choose tonight as Chair of P&F needs to be receptive to new ideas and to be seen and heard in the corridors of power, in Guernsey or elsewhere. Only in that way can we ensure for Alderney that our dreams will turn to reality, our plans into substance and our States becomes more widely respected.

I ask you to vote for me so we can get on with the job.  
Thank you for listening to me.

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**The President:** Thank you, Mr Harvey.

Members of the States, you have heard the two people putting themselves forward for this position, Madam Greffier, would you like to call the vote, please?

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**The Greffier:** Yes, sir.

*A vote was taken and the results were as follows:*

<b>SIMONET</b>	<b>HARVEY</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>
Mr Tugby	Mr Birmingham	None
Mr Simonet	Mr Jean	
Mr McDowall	Mr Harvey	
Mr Roberts	Mr Rowley	
	Mrs Paris	
	Mr McKinley	

**The Greffier:** Mr Harvey carries that, sir, 6 votes to 4.

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**The President:** Thank you very much. Congratulations, Mr Harvey.

**Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir.

**The President:** Commiserations, Mr Simonet.

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We move to the second part now – the Chairman of the General Services Committee. Do I have anybody proposed for this position?

**Mr Roberts:** I would like to propose Mr Tugby, please.

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**The President:** Do I have a seconder for this?

**Mr McDowall:** Yes, I would like to second that, Mr President.

**The President:** Thank you very much. I will just make a note there.

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Do I have any other propositions for the position of Chairman of the General Services Committee? I have no other proposition for the Chairman of General Services Committee, is that correct?

In that case, congratulations, Mr Tubgy, you are the Chairman of the General Services Committee.

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We now move to part 3, which is the Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee. Do I have any proposals for this position, please?

**Mr Robert:** I would like to propose Mr Birmingham, sir.

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**The President:** Thank you. Do I have a seconder for this?

**Mr Rowley:** Yes, I would like to second that, Mr President.



**The President:** Thank you very much.

500 Do I have any other propositions for the position of Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee? Congratulations, Mr Birmingham.

**IX. Appointment of Members of the Policy and Finance Committee –  
All States Members elected**

*Item IX.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:  
to elect the Members of the Policy and Finance Committee.*

**The President:** We move to Item IX.

**The Greffier:** Sir, Item IX is the appointment of Members of the Policy and Finance Committee. The States is asked to elect the Members of the Policy and Finance Committee.  
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**The President:** Mrs Paris, as Convener, were there any comments on this at the People's Meeting?

510 **Mrs Paris:** Yes, there were.

There was the Written Question for part 2, which was addressed as part of the main meeting, asking: are the States' Members now electing themselves to the Policy and Finance Committee? The response was, by the Chief Executive, to quote the appropriate section of the Government of Alderney Law, which provides for the States to appoint Committees of the States and to elect  
515 Members of the States to be Members of such Committees.

**The President:** Right, thank you very much.  
Do we have any propositions?  
Mr Harvey.

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**Mr Harvey:** Thank you, Mr President. I would propose that all States' Members be elected to the Policy and Finance Committee.

**The President:** Do I have a seconder for this?

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**Mr Tugby:** I will second it, sir.

**The President:** Thank you.

530 Are there any States' Members who do not wish to be Members of the Policy and Finance Committee? Do I have any counterproposals at all with regard to the Policy and Finance?

It appears I do not, Madam Greffier, so as things stand at the moment, every States' Member becomes a Member of Policy and Finance.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

**X. Appointment of Committee Members of other Committees –  
Eight Members elected**

*Item X.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to appoint the members of the following committees:-*

- 1. Four members to the General Services Committee*
- 2. Four members to the Building and Development Control Committee.*

535 **The President:** We move to Item X please.

**The Greffier:** Sir, Item X is the appointment of Committee Members to other Committees. This is in two parts and the first part being four Members to the General Services Committee.

540 **The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mrs Paris, as Convener.

**Mrs Paris:** There were no comments on this at all.

545 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Do I have any proposition with regard to the four Members for appointment to the General Services Committee?

**Mr Roberts:** I would like to propose Mr McKinley, please.

550 **The President:** Right, do I have a seconder for Mr McKinley, please?

**Mr Rowley:** I will second.

555 **The President:** Thank you. Do I have any other –

**Mr Tugby:** I propose Mr Roberts.

**The President:** Mr Roberts. Do I have a seconder for Mr Roberts, please?

560 **Two Members:** I will second.

**The Greffier:** I have recorded Mr McDowall, sir. Is that right?

565 **The President:** I think two were at the same... so I think either are very good.

**The Greffier:** I have recorded Mr McDowall. *(Laughter)*

**The President:** Mr Harvey.

570 **Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir. I propose Mrs Paris for membership of GSC.

**The President:** Do I have a seconder for that position?

575 **Mr Rowley:** I will second that.

**The President:** Mr Rowley, you seconded that?

580 **Mr Rowley:** Yes, sir.

**The President:** Thank you.  
Do I have another proposition?

585 **Mrs Paris:** I propose Mr Rowley.

**The President:** Do I have a seconder for Mr Rowley, please?

**Mr Birmingham:** I will second Mr Rowley.

590 **The President:** Thank you.  
Do I have any other propositions for the four Members to the General Services Committee?

**Mr Rowley:** I would like to propose Mr Jean, actually, yes.

595 **Mr Jean:** No, I refuse, sir.

**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Do I have any other propositions for this position?

600 **Mr Tugby:** Sir, I do not know if Mr Simonet would...?

**Mr Simonet:** Not GSC, thank you.

605 **The President:** Do I have any other propositions for Members of the General Services Committee?

My understanding is that we have four people put forward, duly proposed and seconded. Is that your understanding, Madam Greffier?

610 **The Greffier:** Yes, sir. We have Mr Tugby, Mr Rowley, Mrs Paris and Mr McKinley.

**The President:** So, as there are no other propositions, those four people are Members of the General Services Committee.

We move to part 2, for four Members to the Building and Development Control Committee. Do I have any propositions for the BDCC, please?

615 Mr Harvey.

**Mr Harvey:** Sir, if he will accept it, I would nominate Mr Simonet for the BDCC.

620 **The President:** Do I have a seconder for that position?

**Mrs Paris:** I would second that, Mr President.

**The President:** Are you happy with that, Mr Simonet?

625 **Mr Simonet:** Yes.

**The President:** Do I have any further propositions for Members to the BDCC please?

630 **Mr Tugby:** I propose Mr Roberts.

**The President:** Do I have a seconder for Mr Roberts, please?

**Mr McDowall:** I will second that, Mr President.

635 **The President:** Thank you.  
Do I have any other propositions for the BDCC?

**Mr Rowley:** I would like to propose Mr Jean for that.

640 **Mr Jean:** I would refuse again because of my property interests.

**The President:** Thank you very much.

645 **Mr Birmingham:** I would like to propose Mr Rowley.

**The President:** Do I have a seconder for Mr Rowley, please?

**Mr Roberts:** I would like to second Mr Rowley.

650 **The President:** Do I have any other nominations for Members to the BDCC, please?

**Mr Roberts:** I would like to propose Mr McDowall.

655 **The President:** Do I have a seconder for Mr McDowall?

**Mr Rowley:** Yes, I will second that, sir.

**The President:** Do I have any other propositions for Members to the BDCC?  
Madam Greffier, I believe we have four people duly proposed and seconded.

660 **The Greffier:** We do sir. That is Mr Simonet, Mr McDowall, Mr Rowley and Mr Roberts.

**The President:** And there be no other people put forward, they are duly elected to become  
Members of the BDCC.

665 **The Greffier:** Yes, sir.

**XI. Other Appointments –  
Members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association –  
Mr Rowley, Mrs Paris and Mr McKinley elected**

*Item XI.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to elect three members to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of  
the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (the President being Ex-officio Chairman).*

**The President:** Could we move to Item IX, please?

670 **The Greffier:** Item XI, sir – (**Several Members:** XI.)

**The President:** Sorry, Item XI. My mistake. Item XI.

675 **The Greffier:** The other appointments, sir. That is the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The States is asked to elect three Members to sit on the Management Committee in the affairs of the Alderney Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (the President being ex-officio Chairman).

680 **The President:** Thank you very much.  
Does any Member wish to nominate anybody to the CPA?

**Mr McDowall:** Yes.

685 **The President:** Mr McDowall.

**Mr McDowall:** I would like to propose Mrs Paris.

**The President:** Do I have a seconder for Mrs Paris, please?

690 **Mr Rowley:** Yes, I will second that, sir.

**The President:** Thank you.  
Do I have any other nominations?

695 **Mrs Paris:** May I nominate Mr Rowley, please?

**The President:** Yes, do I have a seconder for Mr Rowley, please?

700 **Mr Harvey:** I will be happy to second Mr Rowley on that.

**The President:** Thank you.  
Do I have any other nominations for the CPA? We are one person short.

705 **Mr Rowley:** I nominate Mr Jean again.

**Mr Jean:** No, thank you, sir.

**Mr Birmingham:** I will nominate, Mr McKinley, if I may.

710 **The President:** Mr McKinley. Do I have a seconder for Mr McKinley?

**Mr McDowall:** I will second that, Mr President.

715 **The President:** Thank you.

**Mr McKinley:** I am not really sure I'm going to have that much time to do this. I do not know how often they meet, but I have –

720 **A Member:** About once a year.

**Mr McKinley:** Once a year?

**A Member:** Something like that! *(Laughter)*

725 **Mr McKinley:** Do they meet in far off countries or do they meet – *(Interjections)*

**A Member:** No, unfortunately!

730 **The President:** It depends how diligently you want to pursue it, Mr McKinley. *(Laughter)*

**Mr McKinley:** Okay, I will try it. Thank you very much.

**A Member:** Suck it and see.

735 **The President:** Do we have any other nominations for Members of the CPA?  
In that case, Madam Greffier, we have three Members duly proposed and seconded and we have no further nominations.

740 **The Greffier:** No, sir. Mr Rowley, Mrs Paris and Mr McKinley.

**The President:** Thank you very much.

**Mrs Paris:** Mr President, just for the sake of good order, could I just say there were no comments about this Item at the People's Meeting? *(Laughter)*

745 **The President:** You, can indeed! Thank you very much indeed.

**XII. States of Alderney Bank Accounts –  
Operational arrangements –  
Item approved**

*Item XII.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to make the following arrangements relating to the operation of the States of Alderney Bank Accounts:*

*1. To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy, or the Chief Executive and the States Treasurer or her deputy, to operate the States of Alderney Bank Accounts.*

*2. To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy, or the Chief Executive and the States Treasurer or her deputy, to operate the States of Alderney Water Board Bank Accounts.*

**The President:** Right, we will move to Item XII, please, Madam Greffier.

750 **The Greffier:** Sir, Item XII is the States of Alderney Bank Accounts. The States is asked to make the following arrangements relating to the operation of the States of Alderney Bank Accounts: (1) To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy, or the Chief Executive and the States Treasurer or her deputy, to operate the States of Alderney Bank Accounts. (2) To empower any one member of the Policy and Finance Committee with the States Treasurer or her deputy, or the Chief Executive and the States Treasurer or her deputy, to operate the States of Alderney Water Board Bank Accounts.

755 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
It is my intention to take both of these together, unless anybody has any objections.  
760 Mrs Paris, as Convener, would you care to make any comments?

**Mrs Paris:** There were no comments on this matter.

**The President:** Thank you.

765 Alright, Mr Harvey, I believe you wish to propose this.

**Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir.

770 This is a fairly straightforward measure that comes before us every year. It is a system that works. I believe it seeks to have adequate security, whilst being operationally functional, so I am pleased to propose it.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.

Mr Tugby, I believe you wish to second this.

775 **Mr Tugby:** Yes, sir, I would like to second it.

**The President:** Thank you.

Does any other Member of the States wish to comment on the States of Alderney Bank Accounts?

780 Mr Harvey, do you not wish to sum up?

**Mr Harvey:** I think there is nothing further to sum up.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.

785 Madam Greffier, you can take that as approved.

**XIII. Election of Alderney Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation –  
Mr McKinley and Mr Jean elected;  
and Mr Birmingham and Mr Rowley elected as Alternative Representatives**

*Item XIII.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*(a) To elect two members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2015, and*

*(b) To elect two other members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives for 2015.*

**The President:** We move to Item XIII, please.

790 **The Greffier:** Item XIII, sir, is the election of Alderney Representatives to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation. Following the procedure as laid out in the Resolution of The States of Alderney dated 18th October 2006 and the Plebiscite election of 6th December 2014, the States is asked: (a) To elect two members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation for 2015, and (b) To elect two other members to sit in the Guernsey States of Deliberation as Alternative Representatives for 2015.

795 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed.

Mrs Paris, as Convener, were there any comments on this Item?

**Mrs Paris:** Yes, there were and it was confirmed that Graham McKinley and Louis Jean would be put forward for this.

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**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.

Just to complete the procedure, we will do this in one go, could I have a proposer to appoint Mr McKinley and Mr Jean as the Alderney Representatives in Guernsey?

805 **Mr McDowall:** Yes, I would like to propose that, Mr President, but I would also like to make a couple of observations, with your indulgence, that I think the plebiscite process does need to be reviewed –

810 **The President:** Actually, it is very interesting, Mr McDowall, but that is not what we are here for this evening.

**Mr McDowall:** Thank you very much.

815 **The President:** Do I have a seconder for the two gentlemen you have just put forward?

**Mr Birmingham:** Yes, thank you, I would be delighted to second.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.

820 Does any Member wish to speak on this issue? Thank you very much, Madam Greffier, that confirms Mr McKinley and Mr Jean as the Alderney Representatives in the Guernsey States of Deliberation; and section (b) – the two other Members – as we know, it is normally the other people who were unsuccessful for being that, so could I have a proposer and a seconder for the two Alternative Members?

825 **Mr McDowall:** I should propose them, Mr President, but I will say no more.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed, Mr McDowall. *(Laughter)* You are a quick learner!

830 **Mr Harvey:** And I am happy to second them, sir.

**The President:** Thank you very much, Mr Harvey.  
In that case, can we just have the names, please, for the sake of the record?

835 **Mr McDowall:** Yes, indeed. It is Mr Birmingham and Mr Rowley.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
In that case, I presume there are no other nominations for this?  
Thank you very much. Madam Greffier, if you will record the Alternative Members, please.

#### **XIV. Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2014 – Not annulled**

*Item XIV.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to resolve that 'The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2014' not be annulled.*

840 **The President:** We move to Item XIV.



**The Greffier:** Item XIV is The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2014. The States is asked to resolve that those Regulations not be annulled.

845 **The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mrs Paris, as Convener.

**Mrs Paris:** There were no comments on this.

850 **The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Mr Simonet, do you wish to propose this?

**Mr Simonet:** Yes, Mr President, this is, as you know, one of our usual amendments that requires us not to annul the eGambling (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2014. These items  
855 come before us regularly and I certainly have no problem in proposing it.

**The President:** Thank you very much indeed.  
Mr Harvey, I believe you wish to second this.

860 **Mr Harvey:** Thank you, sir. I can only echo the comments of my colleague, Mr Simonet, on this and I would like to second.

**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Does any States' Member wish to comment on Item XIV? No.  
865 Madam Greffier, I can take it that the Alderney eGambling amendment is not to be annulled.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

#### **XV. Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy – Professor John V Sharp re-appointed as Commissioner**

*Item XV.*

*The States of Alderney is asked:*

*to approve, on the recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee and in accordance with section 6 of the Renewable Energy (Alderney) Law, 2007, the appointment for a further period of two years of Professor John V Sharp a Member of the Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy.*

**The President:** Move to Item XV, please.

870 **The Greffier:** Which is the Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy: Appointment of Commissioner. The States is asked to approve, on the recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee and in accordance with section 6 of the Renewable Energy (Alderney) Law, 2007, the appointment for a further period of two years of Professor John V Sharp as a Member of the Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy.

875 **The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mrs Paris, as Convener.

**Mrs Paris:** Yes, there were some comments about this. The nationality of the Commissioner  
880 was questioned and it was confirmed that Professor Sharp is of British origin.

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

885 **Mr Simonet:** Yes, I do, Mr President. As you know, Professor Sharp has already served the Committee extremely well and we are delighted that he actually is willing to continue.

**The President:** Thank you very much.  
Mr McDowall.

890 **Mr McDowall:** Yes, I would like to second this and the important point to make is that he is working within the more austere Budget – better Budget – that has been now operating by the new senior Commissioner.

895 **The President:** Thank you very much, Mr McDowall.  
Does any Member of the States wish to comment on Item XV?  
It appears that nobody does, Madam Greffier, so we can take it that Mr Sharp is approved.

**The Greffier:** Thank you, sir.

#### **XVI Questions and Reports**

900 **The President:** We move to Item XVI, please.

**The Greffier:** Sir, that is Questions and Reports. I have received neither.

905 **The President:** I have received none either. So I think we can move to close this States' meeting.  
Thank you very much.

#### **PRAYERS**

*The Greffier*

*The Assembly adjourned at 6.10 p.m.*