

General Services Committee Meeting
Anne French Room
Tuesday 14th April 2015
0915

Mr I Tugby, Chairman
Mr G McKinley
Mr S Roberts
Mr C Rowley

Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer
Mr B Adams, States Engineer
Miss L Gaudion, Minute Secretary

Apologies: Mr W. Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive, Mrs N Paris, Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer

In attendance: Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master (item 32/2015)

30/2015 Minutes of the previous meetings of 10th March 2015 were tabled and approved.

31/2015 Matters Arising

31.1 St Anne's Church Progress Update

Interim Engineer reported that the contractor is requiring specialist scaffolding for the Phase 2 work on the Tower, costing an additional £63K. The Committee agreed that there is no justification for this additional figure. Interim Engineer to review the contract with the original quote, and seek advice from the Law Officers.

INTERIM ENGINEER

31.2 Butes Play Park/Skate Park Update

Interim Engineer reported that a cost proposal has been received, which will be circulated to Committee Members via email. A project team is now in place, satisfying the Interim Engineer's requirements for health and safety etc. The fence, owned by the States of Alderney, which has been temporarily removed from the site, is to be re-erected once the works are completed. The Play Park had quoted a charge for £2K to the States, for the re-erection of the fence by the project team. This was rejected by the Committee, stating that the fence would be erected by SWD to save costs. **Noted.**

Interim Engineer advised that an agreement has been made with Evolution regarding the installation and supply of the materials for the acoustic issues. Work to commence in May. **Noted.**

INTERIM ENGINEER

31.3 Open Surface water channel, Woodland Heights - Quotation received from Workinstone dated 13th March 2015 tabled and noted.

Interim Engineer reported that he has requested a revised quote and detailed plan of materials to be used from Workinstone. The Committee requested that the Interim Engineer confirm States responsibility prior to proceeding any further with this matter via the Land Registry and confirm whether any Wayleaves are in place. If States responsibility is confirmed, suitable tender process to be adopted to assure best value for money.

INTERIM ENGINEER

31.4 Matters arising from the minutes

Mobile Catering UnitsThe Assistant Treasurer advised that this issue is being put to the Policy & Finance Committee next month for a resolution. **Noted.**

P&F

33/2015 General Works (including Agriculture)

33.1 SWD – Labour Costs to AWT / Living Islands

It was clarified to the Committee by the Interim Engineer that the work carried out over the Easter period for the Alderney Wildlife Trust was paid from the AWT fund. It was noted that SWD had not provided labour on the Bank Holidays, they had only delivered the digger for use by a volunteer. The Chairman was concerned with the SWD man hours provided to AWT/ Living Islands at the cost of the States, due to potential delays to other SWD work.

33.2 Green Waste - Costings

The Chairman reported that the current Green Waste Shredder is incorrect for the types of green waste and quantity needing to be destroyed. Interim Engineer to review the historic paperwork relating to the possibility of burning the waste that is unable to be shredded. The Committee approved the idea for burning the waste that cannot be shredded. Interim Engineer to investigate and deal.

INTERIM ENGINEER

34/2015 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)**34.1 Hedges and Trees**

The Committee agreed to a further advert being put in place stating that if hedges and trees are not cut back from road sides, action will be taken by the SWD. Interim Engineer to deal.

Interim Engineer

34.2 Ramsar Annual Action Programme 2015 – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 7th April 2015 tabled and noted.

RESOLVED; unanimously to approve the works as outlined in the Ramsar Annual Action Programme 2015. However, the Committee expressed some reservations over the need for a review of the legislations as included in the Plan and considered these a lower priority. .

34.3 Alderney Gravel Co – royalties – Report from Treasury dated 9th March 2015 tabled and noted.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the increase in the Gravel royalty charge by RPIX, based on the March 2015 index (not known at the time of compiling the paper), with effect from 1st January 2016. Treasury to deal.

TREASURY

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM -34.4 Braye Chippy – Report from Treasury dated 8th April 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to apply the rental as per the signed lease agreement and suggest to the applicants that they make representation to BDTM (under Young Entrepreneur Scheme) for a grant towards the rental costs. The Committee also suggested that they extend their opening hours to maximise their potential turnover. Treasury to deal.

TREASURY

10:00 Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master, joined the meeting

32/2015 Harbour and Fisheries

32.1 Mainbrayce Service Level Agreement – Report from Harbour Master dated 30th March 2015, and Service Level Agreement tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee noted the awarding of the contract for this limited service to Mainbrayce Ltd for the season commencing Easter weekend through April, May, June and September 2015.

32.2 Any other Business

- It was reported that the results from the Inner Harbour Quay Face Survey carried out on the Harbour in 2014 have still not been received. **Harbourmaster to make enquiries.**
- **Pilotage** – Following the Pilotage Board Meeting last month, the Harbour Master reported that a meeting will be arranged with the Chief Executive and the Treasurer to discuss further options. **Noted.**
- Mr McKinley raised the issue of the possible interest from the RNLI to provide a Training Centre on the Island. Mr Gaudion was not aware of this. Mr McKinley to look into the possibility of this issue. **Noted.**
- **Angling Charter Fishing Boats** – Mr McKinley raised concerns that an English angling charter boat have to bring their passengers from England, and that they cannot fly to the island then board the boat for fishing. Mr Gaudion explained this condition was put in place to protect the local charter boats and their business. However, there are no longer any local charter boats that operate at this current time. The Assistant Treasurer suggested that a permit could be issued by the Harbour Master for the English charter boats to operate with passengers who can fly to the island. CE Office to review legislation and liaise with the Harbourmaster.

CE OFFICE*10:20 Harbour Master left the meeting***35/2015 Roads and Transport****35.1 Driving Licences**

The Committee agreed to take the issue of introducing a local Alderney HGV Licence, specific to Alderney, to the full States for consideration. Chief Executives Office to liaise with the Chairman and deal.

CE OFFICE**35.2 Parking – High Street**

It was reported that the parking on both sides of High Street is an issue. The Committee agreed to parking on the right side of High Street, leaving the left side clear for pedestrians, apart from the allocated parking for Jubilee residence. CE Office to check what amendments would be required to legislation and action as applicable..

CE OFFICE**35.3 Airport – Mini Bus Parking**

It was reported that the issue with mini bus parking at the airport had still not been resolved. The Committee discussed the option of the Mini Bus parking space to be situated at the top left side of the public parking bays, where the Police parking bay had been designated. It was suggested that the Police utilise the Customs bay which they can use as an alternative. The Chairman together with Mr McKinley advised they would contact the Airport Station Officer.

CHAIRMAN/ GMK**36/2015 Any Other Business****St Anne's Swimming Pool**

The Interim Engineer reported that the project board was awaiting 2 designs from Guernsey. Prior to SOA funding being released he was also awaiting details confirming the financial viability of the Scheme from the project team. **Noted.**

37/2015 Press Releases None.

38/2015 For Information

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- **Harbour Monthly Report –March 2015**
- **Vehicles – Imported/Exported/Scrapped during 2014**
- **Airport GA Data**

Meeting closed: 10.50am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12th May 2015

Signed: Ian Tugby

Date: 12th May 2015