

General Services Committee Meeting
Anne French Room
Tuesday 9th June 2015
0915

Mr I Tugby, Chairman
Mr G McKinley
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr C Rowley

Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer
Mr C Beeching, Head of Operations
Miss L Gaudion, Minute Secretary

Apologies: Mr M Gaudion, Harbour Master; Mr W Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive

The Committee agreed to the change of date for the next meeting to Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 2.15pm. Noted.

48/2015 Minutes of the previous meetings of 12th May 2015 were tabled and **approved.**

49/2015 Matters Arising

49.1 Swimming Pool Update

The Chairman reported that the retaining wall is to be constructed later this week. CB also informed the Committee that the proposed drawings are with the Planning Officer. **Noted.**

49.2 Butes Play Park/Skate Park Update

Toddler Play Park – Noted that £20k capital funding approved, Mrs Bohan to advise CB of her preferred Contractor, CB to then circulate via email. Once contractor approved a press release is to be published.

CB

50/2015 Harbour and Fisheries

50.1 Harbour Survey Update – Email from Deputy Harbour Master dated 29th May 2015 tabled and noted. CB to pursue with Harbour Master as still awaiting report. **Noted.**

CB/MG

50.2 Inner Harbour Power Supply

CB reported that he has looked into costings for two power points for the inner harbour, which would cost between £20 to £30K. CB tabled a photo of a portable generator on a trailer used at Southampton Airport. CB to discuss this possibility further with the Harbour Master, i.e. costings. It was reported that the airport has a portable generator – CB to speak to Steve Parilla. **Noted.**

CB/MG

50.3 Any other business None.

51/2015 General Works (including Agriculture)

51.1 Planning Application – Quay FM – BDCC application from Quay FM dated 18th May 2015 tabled and noted, requiring GSC permission as landlord.

Application unanimously approved. **Noted.**

BDCC

51.2 Open Surface Water Channel – Woodland Heights – Report from Head of Operations Office dated 3rd June 2015 tabled and noted. The Committee expressed concerns regarding the siting of this work. IT to attend a site visit with Planning Officer. **Noted.**

IT/PLANNING OFFICER

51.3 Alderney Week Team Request – Letter from Alderney Week Team dated 13th May 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee ratified the approval for the Alderney Week Team to use the Island Hall basement as a venue for a Haunted House on the 2nd, 5th and 7th August 2015.

52/2015 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)

52.1 Green Waste Minute Secretary reported that she is still awaiting a report from Matthew Aldcroft (Green Waste Management Team) with having sent several emails stating the deadline for submissions. CB to chase. **Noted.**

CB

The Chairman also stated that the Alderney Wildlife Trust seem to have more influence over the SWD than the States of Alderney. IT expressed that Braye Common is in need of cutting. CB reported that there has been a major issue with dog mess on Braye Common. One of the Agricultural Team was covered in dog mess after trimming grass around a bench, where a pile of dog bags had been placed underneath the bench. CB informed the Committee that he was working with Janine from SWD to campaign against this problem. GMK to liaise with the Police for an increase in patrol on this matter. **Noted.**

GMK

52.2 Hedges IT reported that there are still overhanging hedges over public highways around the island. The Committee discussed the introduction of written warnings to residence informing them to cut back their hedges, or the SWD will do so at a higher charge than the private gardening businesses. CB suggested that a standard warning letter could be provided for Jamie Laband (Leader of the Agriculture Team) for distribution as an when he comes into contact with any overhanging hedges. Press release to be issued to reiterate hedge issues. **Noted.**

CB

52.3 States Houses – Braye Road Report from Head of Operations Office dated 2nd June 2015 tabled and noted. It was noted the Committee had previously granted permission for Education to refurbish the interior of one of the properties in exchange for a rent free period, however now that the costs of the internal works are to be met by the States, Education will be liable for rental from the beginning of the lease. The tenancy of the remaining property to be discussed further closer to completion of the works.

RESOLVED; unanimously to accept the revised quote from Island Construction ACI Limited dated 8th May 2015 and to approve the capital expenditure of up to £18,500 to refurbish the Teachers House and Police House subject to T&R approval.

CB/TREASURY

52.4 Filming on States Land Email from Tourism & Marketing Department dated 12th May 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee ratified the approval given via email for a Swedish TV Company to film on States Land on the 27th May. Noted.

54.5 Dogs/Horses on Beaches Survey Email from Chief Executives Office dated 12th May 2015 and the Survey Results tabled and noted. The Committee discussed the issue at length, stating that Platte Saline can still be used as a dog walking beach, providing dogs are under control around the Plover nesting sites. The Committee requested clarification of the list of restricted beaches. Minute Secretary to circulate via email. **Noted.**

MINUTE SECRETARY

It was decided that no changes are to be made to the times and dates of the restricted periods for Dogs and Horses on Beaches around the island. A press release is to be produced following clarification of beaches via email. **Noted.**

CB

54.6 Corblets Slipway CB to provide costings for boulders and concrete to be placed at the end of the slipway, to slope down into the sand, reducing the steep drop from the slipway when the sand shifts. CB to also produce costings for renovations to the Corblet's steps. The Committee also stated that the initial work on the slipway this year had not received approval through GSC. CB to investigate the authorisation of this work.

CB

53/2015 Roads and Transport

53.1 Road Contract The Committee discussed the Road Contract for 2016. It was suggested that the tender process is used for potential contractors other than Ronez. CB to enquire with overseas companies. NP reported that ALG had expressed the need for runway repairs, which could coincide with the road works needed. **Noted.**

CB

53.2 Disposal of States Assets The Treasurer reported that the Fire Engine has been advertised in the local Press, Journal and States Website, with the closing date for tenders being Friday 19th June. **Noted.**

It was also reported that the Property Asset Management Group (KHG, FS, RM, IT, GMK) will be meeting soon to discuss the old Connaught, and other State's assets. KHG liaising with PAMG in order to schedule convenient date.

KHG

NP and CR offered their personal expertise if needed – Noted.

NP advised that the Land Mark Trust has expressed an interest in renovating the Odeon into self-catering accommodation. Paper to be put to P&F.

SR stated that there are further issues with the property number 5 Connaught Square which is attached to the Old Connaught Building. CB to deal. **Noted.**

CB

53.3 Impot Speed Bumps

IT reported that the speed bumps at the impot are too high and three is too many. Again, the Committee queried where the authorisation has come from for these to be placed, as it hasn't come through the GSC Committee. IT suggested that one speed bump was removed, and the others lowered. CB to investigate issue. **Noted.**

CB

53.4 Ronez Contract – Road Repairs See minute from 53.1. Noted.

53.5 Alderney Week Road Closures Report from the Alderney Week Team tabled and noted. **The Committee approved the road closures for Alderney Week 2015. Noted.**

53.6 Airport Parking – Mini Bus Letter from Mark Tugby dated 3rd June 2015 tabled and noted. **CB to chase SWD to resolve issues in line with the Committee's resolution from the April GSC Meeting 2015. Noted.**

CB

54/2015 Any Other Business

54.1 Road Mirror – Animal Welfare SR reported that the mirror on the junction from the Animal Welfare onto The Val road is loose. **Noted.**

CB

54.2 New Shredder

NP expressed concerns that the new shredder is not being used at the Green Waste site. CB to investigate. IT reported that his Mechanic is to look at the old Shredder to see if it can be fixed. **Noted.**

CB/IT

55/2015 Press Releases

- Hedges
- Dog Mess
- Toddler Park (once contractor confirmed)
- Dogs on Beaches
- Apologies for continued works on Connaught Square

CB advised that a weekly positive press release would be beneficial to the States' profile. **Noted.**

56/2015 For Information

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- **Harbour Monthly Report –May 2015**
- **Airport GA Data**

Meeting closed: 10.35am

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14th July 2015 at 2.15pm

Signed: Mr I Tugby, Chairman

Date: 14th July 2015