

**General Services Committee Meeting**  
**Anne French Room**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 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**  
**Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary**

**Apologies: Mr W Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive**

**57/2015 Minutes of the previous meetings of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were tabled and **approved**.**

**58/2015 Matters Arising**

**58.1 Toddler Play Park – Confirmation of award of contract** The Head of Operations advised that a contractor has been appointed and delivery of equipment is awaited therefore the start date for works is to be confirmed. **Noted**

**58.2 Coastal Erosion at the Glacis** Mrs Paris advised that last year the Committee prioritised the coastal erosion areas in need of attention with the Glacis high up on the list and enquired if there was an update on whether any works would be carried out. The Head of Operations advised that he has requested the files on the coastal erosion areas and will be doing a summary report.

**CB**

Mrs Paris requested that the item remains on the agenda. Agreed

**AGENDA ITEM**

**58.3 Skateboard Park** The Head of Operations advised that a meeting had been held with two nearby residents and Mrs Odoli regarding the lack of consultation carried out prior to the agreement and construction of the Skate Park as well as the locking up arrangements not being at the appropriate times. **Noted**

It was agreed that the Head of Operations and the Chairman are to meet to discuss the relocation of the Skate Park to a nearby location.

**CB/CHAIRMAN**

**58.4 The Nunnery – future use and coastal protection recommendations** Mrs Paris advised that progress is being made by Dr Jason Monaghan and a proposal will be put forward for consideration once the lease has expired. **Noted**

**58.5 Disabled Access between island Medical Centre and Victoria Street** Mrs Paris queried if there was an update following the decision made by the Committee last year to make improvements to the path. The Chairman advised that himself and the Head of Operations assessed the area leading onto the pavement of Victoria Street and the original proposal would be very difficult to achieve therefore it is unlikely to proceed. **Noted**

The Committee agreed for the Chairman and Mr Rowley to assess the path to determine what short term improvements can be made with a view to tarmacking it in 2016. Recommendation to be reported back to the Committee.

**CHAIRMAN/CR/AGENDA ITEM**

**58.6 Any other matters arising from the minutes**

- a) **Dog mess** It was noted that this matter was becoming an issue with various complaints received of owners not cleaning up after their dogs. The Head of Operations advised that he would discuss the matter with the Police to be more vigilant.

**CB**

- b) **Community Swimming Pool progress** The Chairman advised that although works has been delayed progress is slowly being made. **Noted**
- c) **Green Waste Shredder** The Chairman advised that the old green waste shredder has now been repaired and is operational. **Noted**  
Mr Roberts again requested the annual cost of green waste.
- d) **Braye Common** It was noted that the cutting of the common had been carried out too late in the season this year to accommodate the request by AWT to allow the wild flowers to grow. Although well received, the Committee felt that this has led to unnecessary costs involved as third parties had to be employed to carry out the baling of the cuttings. The Head of Operations stated that there is a need for a strategy and advised that he would be discussing it with Agricultural Team Leader at SWD.

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#### 59/2015 **General Works (including Agriculture)**

**59.1 Vehicle Replacement Programme – Mini Digger/Excavator** Paper from States Work Department Office Manager dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 tabled and discussed. The Chairman stated that following the Internal Audit on SWD, it was recommended that more work be put out to contract in order to save money as there was less staff at SWD as a result of the VES scheme however in his opinion purchases such as this demonstrates that this was not being done. Item to be discussed further following Harbour and Fisheries matters.

10:00 Harbour Master joined the meeting

#### 60/2015 **Harbour and Fisheries**

**60.1 Fishermans Shed No 5, Inner Harbour Area – Use of States Land** Paper form Treasury dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 tabled and considered. The Committee is requested to consider a request by the Georgian House to utilise a fisherman's shed and surrounding area in the Inner Harbour on a temporary basis for live music events and sale of shell fish, soft drinks and alcohol. It was noted that the application for a Hawkers Licence will be dealt with by the Treasury department and only approval for use of States land in being sought.

**RESOLVED unanimously to authorise the use of the Fishermans Shed No 5 and the surrounding area by the Georgian House for the above mentioned events, subject to the issue of a Hawkers Licence and ensuring the area is kept clean and tidy following each use.**

TREASURY/HARBOUR AUTHORITY

#### **60.2 Any other matters relating to Harbour and Fisheries**

- a) **Boats advertised as Holiday Accommodation** The Harbour Master advised of a recent incident where holiday makers staying on a locally owned boat, which is advertised as holiday accommodation, moored in the harbour during adverse weather whom had to be assisted off the vessel as it had become unsafe. The matter of whether or not this is permitted under the Tourism Ordinance is being investigated by the Chief Executive's department.  
It was noted that the owner of the vessel had previously been requested move it by Guernsey Harbour when it was there for the same purpose. **Noted**
- b) **Power Supply at the Harbour** The Harbour Master advised that the provision of electricity points at the harbour had been investigated and was found to be too expensive. **Noted**
- c) **Visiting Charter Fishing vessels** A query was raised regarding the issue of visiting charter fishing vessels not being permitted to take any other passengers than those they arrive with in Alderney, on day trips fishing around the island. The Head of Operations advised that he is looking into ways of allowing this with the assistance of a document from Mr Mark Harding, Alderney Angling, with the Chief Executive's department checking any legal implications.

CB

10:15 Harbour Master left the meeting

#### 59/2015 **General Works (including Agriculture) – continue**

**59.1 Vehicle Replacement Programme – Mini Digger/Excavator** Members queried the requirement of this digger/excavator. The Treasury suggested that the item be deferred to the Capital Prioritisation meeting when the SWD Office Manager will be in attendance to justify the expenditure. **Agreed**

**DEFERRED/CAPITAL MEETING**

**Alderney Fire Brigade Land Rover** – The Chairman stated that the SWD mechanic has indicated that the vehicle does not require any significant works and therefore would not require replacement in the next couple of years. **Noted**

**59.2 Veterinary Services** Paper from Mr David Chamberlain, States of Guernsey Veterinary Officer, tabled and considered. The Head of Operations was requested to obtain the costings.

**CB**

**The Committee raised no objections to the provision of an Official Veterinarian in Alderney by the States of Guernsey. The Head of Operations to deal.**

**CB**

**59.3 Any other matters relating to General Works**

a) **Speed bumps at Impot** The Chairman stated that the speed bumps at the Impot still requires adjusting as they are too high and can cause damage to vehicles. The Head of Operations/SWD to deal.

**CB/SWD**

b) **SWD Internal Audit/requirements for the department** The Head of Operations stated that to better understand the requirements and needs at SWD, he should review the Internal Audit Report. Copy to be obtained.

**CB**

He further advised that the recruitment of a Technical Services Officer is well underway and it is hoped to have someone in place in the 4-6 weeks. **Noted**

**61/2015 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)**

**61.1 Corporation Quarry – Future arrangement for use** Paper from Treasury dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to agree to:-**

- a) **Introduce a charge of £135, in addition to the current deposit arrangement, for the use of the Corporation Quarry facility, from 2016 onwards;**
- b) **Agree to review the charge at the end of 2016, when a full seasons operating costs are known; and**
- c) **To authorise the Treasurer's Office, in liaison with the Head of Operations and relevant authorities to implement a suitable booking and licence issuing procedure.**

**TREASURY**

**61.2 Ex-Police House (Dracaena) – Braye Road** Paper from Treasury dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to:-**

- a) **Agree to the use of the property known as Dracaena in Braye Road by the Education Department to provide semi-permanent housing for visiting supply teachers;**
- b) **To offer a 2 year lease, under similar terms and conditions as the one previously held with the department, with a rent of £170.60/per week, thereafter, increased annually by RPIX; and**
- c) **If rejected by the Education Department then the property is to be offered for rental to an on-island family.**

**TREASURY**

**61.3 Braye Chippy lease** Paper from Treasury dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to agree to apply the rental as per the signed lease agreement.**

**TREASURY**

**61.4 Request for a permit** Letters from Mr C Reeves and Mr S Cox tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously the issuing of a certificate to allow a Larsen Trap to be operated for the control of crows for Mr Reeves in the Les Rochers area, and Mr Cox for Kiln Farms and surrounding land. Chief Executive's department to deal.**

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**61.5 Any other matters relating to Recreation, Welfare and Environment**

- a) **Alderney Coastal Path Markers** Paper from Mr Rod Paris dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 with map of new coastal path markers, tabled and considered. It was noted that the Committee had previously agreed in principle to the placing of the markers pending the locations of where the markers will be placed.

**RESOLVED unanimously to grant landlords permission for the coastal path markers to be placed on various points around the island, on States land.**

**62/2015 Roads and Transport**

**62.1 Referral from BDCC: PA/2015/015 – Benfield/Gaudion – Longis** Paper from the Planning Officer, Mr John Young, tabled and considered. The proposed development will involve vehicles reversing out into Longis Road where the width is already affected by parked cars. The BDCC was seeking the opinion of the Committee whether the proposed development would have an adverse impact on the other road users and general road safety.

The Head of Operations read a letter of objection received in relation to the application.

**The Committee unanimously agreed that it did not consider there to be any adverse effect on road safety with vehicles reversing onto Longis Road, as this practice happens in many other areas on the island. Head of Operations to report back to BDCC.**

CB

**63/2015 Any Other Business**

**63.1 Storm Petrel Ringing** The Committee noted a letter from AWT regarding storm petrel ringing on Burhou from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July which would require increased personnel on Burhou. **Noted**

**63.2 Asbestos dumping site** The Head of Operations advised that a register is being compiled of what is being dumped at the site and new arrangements requires the site to be locked and a key collected from SWD by anyone wishing to dump asbestos. **Noted**

**64/2015 Press Releases** None.

**65/2015 For Information**

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- Harbour Monthly Report – June 2015
- Airport GA Data

Meeting closed: 11:05am

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015 (Capital Prioritisation meeting)  
8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Signed: Ian Tugby

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015