

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**ANNE FRENCH ROOM**  
**28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**  
**0915hours**

Mr N Harvey, Chairman  
 Mr R McDowall  
 Mr I Tugby  
 Mr F Simonet  
 Mrs N Paris  
 Mr L Jean  
 Mr M Birmingham  
 Mr G McKinley  
 Mr S Roberts  
 Mr C Rowley

Mr W V Brownlees, Chief Executive  
 Mrs S Pengilley-Price, EA to the Chief Executive  
 Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer  
 Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary  
 Mr P Veron, Economic Development Officer  
 Mr C Beeching, Head of Operations  
 (left meeting at 10.40am)

**Apologies:**

**In Attendance: Mr James Lancaster joined the meeting at 09.15am to 09.40am (AEL); Dr Steve Fletcher joined the meeting at 09.43am to 10.24am (Alderney Marina Park Proposal).**

**ACTION**

*09.15 AEL James Lancaster joined meeting*

**65/2015**      **Alderney Electricity Ltd** – Mr James Lancaster, Managing Director in attendance. Briefing note from AEL tabled and **noted**. Update on the Accelerated Asset Management Programme Approval Process provided prior to the full States Meeting in September. **Noted and approved (LJ expressed a difference of opinion – voted against).**

*09.40 AEL James Lancaster left meeting*

*09.43 Dr Stephen Fletcher joined meeting*

**66/2015**      **Alderney Marina Park Proposal** – Dr Steve Fletcher in attendance. Report from Chris Rowley tabled and noted. Presentation from Dr Fletcher tabled and noted. Dr Fletcher advised that a Feasibility Study would firstly be carried out, followed by a Management Plan (subject to a favourable feasibility study), which was initially discussed in 2014. It would also include the following 5 stage work plan:

- Analysis of current status of marine resources.
- Analysis of anticipated future changes.
- Assessment of level of support from the public and key marine sectors.
- Cost benefit, analysis of potential final implication of estimated marine life.
- Assessment of funding opportunity to support on-going management.

The timescale for the project would be 6 months.

*10.24 Dr Stephen Fletcher left meeting*

**The Committee agreed for CE and PV to update the P&F Committee as part of the budget meeting in September. The possibilities of ACRE funding or part funding this study, from the Economic Development Reserve budget was also noted. Noted.**

**CE/PV**

*10.40 Matt Birmingham and Chris Beeching left the meeting*

- 67/2015** Minutes of the previous meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 tabled and **approved**.  
**Notes from the Finance Committee meeting** of 21<sup>st</sup> July– to be circulated via email. RM reported that we are ahead of target on the Revenue Account from the end of June. Also from the end of September there will be a revamp of the presentation of the Capital Account. Noted.  
**Notes from the Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Committee meeting** of 29<sup>th</sup> June–Tabled and noted. Further notes from NP tabled and noted. Living Islands Survey available if required. External partners from Living Islands are visiting at the end of September to view the gradual closing of Living Islands. Further on-going plans and budget to be discussed as part of the budget process, implementation in January 2016. Noted.
- 68/2015** Matters Arising  
**68.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC and GSC) and Guernsey Representatives and Alderney Liaison Group**  
BDCC – Progress with changes to policies and Land Use Plan are being made. An additional meeting is being held in August. Noted.  
GSC– On-going issue with having no Technical Services Officer in place. Decisions made in Committee are not being followed through. Noted.  
Guernsey Reps – GM and LJ reported that the main debate in Guernsey has been the possible downsize of Guernsey States Members from 45 to 38, with the talk of introducing island wide voting. It was advised that the next meeting will include proposed rise in fuel tax – LJ has written an amendment seconded by a Guernsey States Member. Costings are to be added to the amendment. Noted.  
Alderney Liaison Group– Nothing further to report as no meeting held since the last P&F meeting. Conference meeting tomorrow, with fisheries issues on the agenda. Noted.
- 68.2 Cheaper Food Survey**  
 Paper from Robert McDowall and Louis Jean to be circulated to members. **ELANJA**  
 The Committee agreed to a budget of £5K for administrative help, and RM and LJ to update the Committee as necessary. To be charged to Economic Development Reserve  
 Noted. **RM/LJ**
- 69/2015** Budgetary and Financial Matters  
**69.1 Unforeseen Expenditure – Alderney Museum Revenue Grant** – Report from Treasury dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 tabled and noted. Mr Jean declared an interest. Noted.  
**RESOLVED; unanimously to approve a grant of £5,000, to be charged to Unforeseen Expenditure 2015, conditional upon the grant being used solely towards the running costs and general maintenance of the Museum and not the Alderney Society, and that if the Museum wish the Committee to consider a grant request in future years, separate accounts for the Alderney Museum will be required. Noted.**  
**TREASURY**
- 69.2 Alderney eGambling Advisors Ltd** – Paper from Treasury dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 tabled and noted.  
**RESOLVED; unanimously to approve an additional £15,000 in respect of AeGAL for 2015, financed from AGCC. Noted.**  
**TREASURY**
- 70/2015** Alderney Community Sport Centre Project Agreement – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015 tabled and noted.

**The Committee agreed for the Trustees to be informed of their invalid licence, and that an updated progress report and costed plan is required. Noted.**

**71/2015**

**Economic Development Plan**

**71.1 Fort Tourgis – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure**

**71.2 a)b) Fort Albert Proposals – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS – See Confidential Annexure**

**71.3 Financial Relationship Review** – Report from Robert McDowall dated July 2015 tabled and noted. Robert advised that a report on Property Tax by Stephen Taylor will be circulated to members via email. Noted. **CE OFFICE**

**71.4 Economic Development Plan – Update** – Action Plan tabled and noted.

The Committee approved the £25K from the Economic Development Reserve for review of the eGambling activities and their impact on the economies of Guernsey and Alderney It was noted that the States of Guernsey had also contributed £25k, and that there was a possibility of sharing the Alderney costs with AGCC and AeGL). **Approved. TREASURY**

Paul Veron reported on the following topics:

Education & Training – Jason Moriarty to provide progress report and discuss opportunities available in early September.

Ferry Services – this is being dealt with through ALG and Treasury. The Committee agreed for RM to provide the requirements of a business plan to Mr Annereau, with a view to a possible meeting. Noted. **RM**

Air Services – Memorandum of understanding, further update from ALG.

Broadband – Colin Vaudin to visit end of August for discussions of the opportunities for Alderney within the Guernsey strategy. Noted.

CB advised that CICRA are requesting a voluntary sign up to survey the speed of the current broadband. Noted.

*12.06 Matt Birmingham joined meeting*

**71.5 The Breakwater – Update** – Report from Chief Executive dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 tabled and noted. Paul Veron reported that the PSD visit discussed the options for the breakwater's future and its key functions for the island. FS to provide members with copies of the maintenance schedule letters. **Noted. FS**

**RESOLVED; unanimously to agree the key strategic functions of the Breakwater in modern day Alderney and to inform PSD, so that the Department can take these into account in its planning and policy letter to be referred to the States of Deliberation in Guernsey. Noted.**

**72/2015**

**Legislation, Conventions and Policy**

**72.1 Amendment to Financial Services Commission (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1987**

– Tabled and noted. RM endorses the paper. **Noted.**

**72.2 Children Law Review – Scrutiny Committee** – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015 tabled and noted. RM to circulate the draft. **Noted. RM**

**72.3 Import (Control) (Alderney) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2015** – Tabled and **noted.**

**72.4 SoA Jurisdictional Responsibilities for Service Levels and Governance** – Report from Robert McDowall dated July 2015 tabled and noted. The Committee agreed for NH to write to the Chief Minister in Guernsey with the request for an urgent

independent inquiry into HSSD's actions. A press release was agreed on the matter. Noted.

**NH/CE OFFICE**

The Committee also noted that MacTV are on island for a TV programme following Dr Murray regarding Island Doctors. **Noted.**

**72.5 Alderney Company Law Gap Analysis** - Report from Robert McDowall dated July 2015 tabled and noted. RM advised that the analysis is ahead of schedule, with the final presentation to be held in October. The Treasurer advised that £20K has been allocated in the Economic Development Reserve Budget for 2015. Agreed a further £20k from 2016 to conduct the next stage of the review. CE to provide further drafting of the report when required. Noted.

**CE**

**72.6 Hawkers Licence – Update on the initial** report from Treasury dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 tabled and noted. The Committee discussed a number of requests for renewal or new Hawkers Licenses from food vendors. There was concern that some of these were not located in accordance with the terms of licenses, and were not truly mobile. **The Committee resolved to issue the licences as listed, and stated that terms and conditions attaching to licenses must be adhered to, and will be enforced. It was also agreed that for the time being no new applications would be welcomed (LJ against).** Noted.

**TREASURY/CE OFFICE**

**72.7 Land Use Plan Enquiry** – Report from Matt Birmingham tabled and noted. MB to organise a date for information workshop regarding the ARUP and Land Use Plan for any members & staff who require a better understanding of these policies. **Noted.**

**MB**

**73/2015**

**Any Other Business**

**Hill Climb Event** – NP reported that Alderney Shipping have increased their costs by 50% resulting in an extra cost of £4K required for the shipping costs of the Hill Climb vehicles. The Committee agreed a contribution of up to £2,000 towards these costs, to be allocated from the BDTM Budget. Noted.

**NP/TREASURY**

**74/2015**

**Press Releases**

- **Urgent Independent Enquiry into HSSD issues.**

**75/2015**

**States Employment Board** - Minutes from the Treasurer to follow. Noted.

**76/2015**

**For Information**

**The following reports/letters were noted :-**

- **Summary of Management Accounts –June 2015**
- **Aged Debtors Report – Confidential Item – *No new aged debtors to report***
- **Review of eGambling**
- **Annual Bailiwick Fiscal Review**
- **Supported Living and Ageing Well Strategy (SLAWS) Visit**
- **Alderney's Digital Connectivity Strategy**
- **The Airport – Update - Confidential**
- **GFSC Annual Report and Financial Statement 2014**

**Meeting closed: 1.10pm**

**Signed: Neil Harvey**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**