

**General Services Committee Meeting  
Anne French Room  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
0915**

**Mrs N Paris Deputy Chairman  
Mr G McKinley  
Mr S Roberts  
Mr C Rowley**

**Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer  
Mrs S Pengilley Price, Executive Assistant  
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary**

**Apologies: Mr I Tugby, Chairman, Mr W. Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive, Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer**

**In attendance: Bruno Kay-Mouat, Alderney Shipping Co, and Louis Jean for item 79/2015 from 10.30am**

Deputy Chairman and Committee members wished Ian well in his recovery.

**75/2015 Minutes of the previous meetings of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were tabled and approved.**

**76/2015 Matters Arising**

**76.1 The Glacis** – Report from Head of Operations dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 tabled and noted. **The Committee approved an amendment to the Capital Projects Budget in the short term (subject to appropriate permissions being obtained and full feasibility being carried out) to ‘relocate’ the fuel store further away from the Glacis edge as a matter of urgency, subject to finalised figures from SWD and approval from the Harbour Master. Noted.**

**76.2 Disabled Access**

Still awaiting costings to improve the quality of the surface. SWD to provide provisional costings in the absence of Head of Operations.

**CE OFFICE/SWD**

**76.3 Relocation of Skate Park**

The new site for the relocation of the Skate Park has been cleared, and awaiting a fully costed quote for concreting the area. On-going project.

**77/2015 Harbour and Fisheries**

**77.1 Harbour Showers**

It was noted that £10k has been budgeted for 2015, and £120k for the 2016 budget. The Committee agreed to progress the project notwithstanding the potential Marina development plans. If a budget of under £100k was to be used, the approval process would be shorter meaning that works could be started earlier to fit in with the new season. Treasury to liaise with the Harbour Master to progress the issue.

**TREASURY/HARBOUR MASTER**

**77.2 Charter Vessels** – Letter from Mark Harding tabled and noted.

It was noted that a licence can be provided for the entrance and exit of the harbour by charter vessels. GM advised that the Harbour Master is in favour, and states that this licence would not affect the local fishermen. GM to seek advice from the Harbour Master on a possible licence charge, and confirm to Treasury. CE Office to check the process with the Law Officers.

**Committee unanimously in favour.**

**GM/HARBOUR MASTER/TREASURY/CE OFFICE**

**Netting in the Harbour** –It was noted that netting has been inside the harbour within casting range of the shore. This is not against the law, but is classed as inappropriate behaviour. The Committee expressed its concerns with this issue, and their desire for the Harbour Master to deal with the issue in the first instance. GM to liaise with the Harbour Master.

**GM/HARBOUR MASTER**

**77.3 Harbour Laundrette Lease** – Report from Treasury dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee discussed whether the laundrette would be incorporated with the possible development of the Harbour Showers. This to be discussed further with Mainbracye Ltd.

**RESOLVED; unanimously to approve to issue a further lease with the same terms and conditions as per the current lease to Mainbrayce Ltd for a 12 month period up until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, and to recommend an increase in rent by RPIX, as at the end of December 2015 (figure currently unknown).**

**TREASURY**

#### **78/2015 General Works (including Agriculture)**

**78.1 Purchase of Mini Digger** – Report from Head of Operations dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 tabled and noted.

NP stated that this item should not have come back to GSC as it had already been approved by majority vote at the last meeting. SP stated that the Technical Services Officer, who will be joining the States of Alderney in January, supports this case for a new mini digger. SR abstained from the vote as he wished to defer until the Technical Services Officer is in place.

**RESOLVED; approved by majority (SR abstained) to authorise expenditure of £33,000 from the Capital Budget for the additional Kubota Excavator and trailer, subject to P&F approval**

**TREASURY**

#### **78.2 Capital Projects Review**

The Committee agreed for the CIEF summary report to be tabled for information at future meetings as a system of feedback. It was also noted that urgent Capital Project decisions can be taken and approved via email.

**TREASURY/AGENDA ITEM**

#### **80/2015 Recreation, Welfare and Environment (including States Land)**

**80.1 Cremations** – Report from Matt Birmingham dated September 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee stated that there was no name to the report and no costings provided. The idea of on island cremations was thought to be of great expense. The Committee discussed the possibility of a grant system to assist in the costs of cremations. A policy is needed to promote cremations and 'green' burials, as Alderney will have long-term issues of availability for burials. CE Office to look into the costings of off island cremations, possible on island cremations and 'green burials.

**CE OFFICE**

#### **80.2 Purchase of Land – See Confidential Annexure**

**80.3 Saye Beach Camping Trailer Tent** – Email from Sue Hinchcliffe dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed for the trailer tent to be used only at the Campsite as a temporary structure. It was agreed for a policy to be put in place to include all other possible trailer tents, so that other requests do not have to pass through GSC for approval.

**CE OFFICE**

**80.4 Land at Whitegates** – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to a review to enforce the clause in all agricultural leases' that the leased land must be kept and maintained to the appropriate standard; otherwise a 3 month notice can be served from either party.

**TREASURY**

*10.30 Bruno Kay-Mouat, Alderney Shipping Co, and Louis Jean joined the meeting*

#### **79/2015 Alderney Shipping Co**

The following issues were noted and discussed:-

- It has been 5 years since Alderney Shipping has met with GSC.
- Bruno expressed his concern with the agreement of the September RIPX, instead of the June figure, which is usually used. He was advised that this will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting, and he will be updated before the year end.
- Volume of freight is in decline.
- Alderney is the most expensive port that is serviced.
- Researching into chartering a more efficient ship that is wider and deeper to carry more cargo.
- The Fishing Festival saw 40 cars imported and exported from the island for that week.
- Bruno stated that the Harbour Authority are very helpful and efficient – a new era in the way it is operated.
- The grant from the States towards the Hill Climb was noted; pleased the event was a success.
- Request for more notice of tourism events – best to utilise the cargo ships.
- The ship comes in the Alderney once a week from Poole, and once a week from Guernsey. It can hold a maximum of 12 passengers if required.
- Inter-Island Ferry Service – Bruno recommended tagging on to existing operators such as Manche Ille Express, which could provide a regular service.
- Alderney Shipping hasn't received any enquiries or quotes for possible work on the Alderney Runway. Bruno is on the case.
- Cruise Ships – possibly offer a free port to encourage the tourism market, which would sell itself. It was noted that the Harbour Master is in negotiations with the Cruise Ships.
- Regular meetings between Alderney Shipping and the States were agreed as necessary.

*11.20 Bruno Kay-Mouat and Louis Jean left the meeting*

#### **81/2015 Roads and Transport**

**81.1 Scaffolding Policy** – Email from Planning Officer dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to advertise the scaffolding policy from January 2016 on the States website and all public notice boards.

**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

**81.2 Road Closures – For Ratification** – Email from Visit Alderney dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 tabled and noted.

**The Committee ratified the approval of the following road closures for the Late Night Shopping Event on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, and the Evening Street Market and Shopping on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

**81.3 Lager Sylt** – Email from Graham McKinley dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted that the road around to the Lager Sylt site is in bad condition with many pot holes. SWD to deal.

**SWD**

**82/2015 Any Other Business**

**AWT** – GM reported that the AWT have been white washing the bunkers and removing gun points, which will have a big impact on our military heritage and history. It was noted that the Economic Development Officer is working on a Service Level Agreement with the AWT with all the issues.

**States Vet** – It was requested that a progress report on this issue be made at the next meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**Haskoning Report** – It was advised that the report was for information at present, and will be discussed further with the Harbour Master.

**Dog Mess** – An SWD worker entered the meeting who had been strimming down the Serpentine. He was covered in dog mess, from strimming up the bank, where people had thrown dog mess amongst the long grass. The Committee agreed for another press release to be sent as a reminder of the £1000 fine that will be issued if people do not dispose of their dog mess in the bins provided.

**CE OFFICE**

**83/2015 Press Releases**

- **Dog Mess - Fines**

**84/2015 For Information**

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- **Harbour Monthly Report –September and October 2015**
- **GA Data**
- **Royal Haskoning Report – Little Crabby Harbour**

**Meeting closed: 11.45am**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Signed: Mr Ian Tugby**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015**