

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
16th May 2017
0915hours**

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
Mr A Barnes
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr G McKinley
Mr L Jean
Mr I Tugby (until 12.50)
Mr M Dean
Mr A Snowdon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Lewis, Interim Chief Executive (AL)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, EO to the Chief Executive (SP)
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer (KG)
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary (LB)

Apologies:

In Attendance: Callie Loveridge-Newey, Deputy Joe Mooney, Emma Martins & Ian Haywood for item 60/2017, Nigel Lawrence for item 62/2017.

ACTION

*0915 Callie Loveridge-Newey, Deputy Joe Mooney, Emma Martins & Ian Haywood joined the meeting
0915 Colin Vaudin joined meeting via conference call*

60/2017 **Digital Connectivity / GDPR / E-Gaming Presentation** – Callie Loveridge-Newey, Deputy Joe Mooney & Emma Martins in attendance.

Digital Connectivity – The Committee noted the progress with improving the digital connectivity and further that the telecoms companies of JT and Sure would be presenting proposals shortly to the Chief Information Officer (CIO) to outline how they would propose delivering improved connectivity for business and private customers. It was further noted that the CIO would provide a report for the Committee to consider at its next meeting once more information was available on the options which were being offered.

CE

International Ransomware Attack – The Committee noted the update provided by the CIO on the recent international ransomware attack and that government systems in Alderney and Guernsey had not been affected, and all reasonable measures had been put in place to safeguard against similar attacks in future.

1000 Colin Vaudin left conference call

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – The Committee noted the advice of the Bailiwick Data Protection Commissioner on the necessity for the GDPR legislation to be in place in the second quarter of 2018. It was further noted that there would be associated management costs and it would receive early drafts of the legislation.

EO

1030 Callie Loveridge-Newey, Deputy Joe Mooney, Emma Martins & Ian Haywood left the meeting

Microwave Link – Report from Alex Snowdon dated 8th May 2017 tabled and noted. The Committee agreed to defer a decision on whether to establish a working group to consider the improvement of digital connectivity.

61/2017 **Matters Arising**

61.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC, GSC & Transport & Tourism) Guernsey Representatives and Alderney Liaison Group

BDCC - The Committee noted a verbal update from the Deputy Chairman of BDCC.

GSC – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Chairman of GSC.

Tourism – The Committee noted a verbal update from Mr Snowdon on behalf of the Tourism Working Group.

Transport – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Committee Chairman that Air Alderney was still making progress with its application for an Air Operators Certificate (AOC), and that the business plan had been received, but further financial information awaited.

Guernsey Representatives – nothing further to report.

ALG – The Committee noted that an open invitation had been extended by the ALG to Guernsey Deputies to visit Alderney on 2nd June 2017. It was also agreed to seek a firm date for the next ALG meeting.

CE

61.2 Resolutions of Previous meeting – Hansard – Report from the Chief Executive’s Office dated 10th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to maintain the P&F Committee procedure for the resolutions of the Committee; for the recordings of the meetings to be kept on file for an indefinite period, and for minutes to be produced as per the attached 25th April meeting minutes, within a 72 hour period for publication.

CE OFFICE

61.3 Aurigny Strategic Review Update

The Committee noted a verbal report provided by the Chairman on the reports which had been prepared as part of the Aurigny Review. It was further noted that the recommendations had to remain confidential until they had been considered by the Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee and the States Trading Supervisory Board.

1030 Nigel Lawrence joined meeting

62/2017

Shipping – Passenger & Freight Service – Way Forward – Report from James Dent dated 8th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy and Finance Committee agreed to:-

1. **Support the Marine Transport Working Group (MTWG) in seeking expressions of interest from private sector operators for providing a passenger/freight sea service ahead of a commencement date of 1st January 2018, based on financial support of up to a maximum of £100,000 per annum on production of a full business case, from the States of Alderney’s Economic Development Fund.**
2. **Seek legal advice from St James Chambers on the details of Condor’s arrangement before inviting expressions of interest.**
3. **The MTWG to report back to the Committee on the outcome of its discussions on the matter.**
4. **Not proceed with a visit to view the Sea Rex (Mr Jean, Mr Roberts & Mr McKinley against).**
5. **Tenders for the new passenger/freight service will be sought in 2017 ahead of a commencement date of 1st January 2018.**

PV

1057 Nigel Lawrence left meeting

63/2017

Deployment of Trial Marine Turbine – Report from Norma Paris dated 8th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed in principle that it would be prepared to consider an application to site a trial marine turbine within the area of seabed referred

to as Block T97, subject to any necessary terms and conditions with regards to the development being met. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not the intention to lease the entirety of Block T97.

GSC

1130 LB left meeting

1145 Martin Thornton joined meeting via conference call

64/2017 ARE/FABLink - CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

1240 Martin Thornton left conference call

1240 LB joined meeting

65/2017 Budgetary, Financial & Employment Matters

65.1 Monitoring the Direct Contribution of Alderney e-Gaming Industry to the Bailiwick of Guernsey – Report from Economic Development Officer dated 2nd May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee noted that there were different reports into the level of economic contribution being achieved in both Alderney and Guernsey from licensed e-gaming, and agreed that the officers of both islands liaise to address any differences in the underlying assumptions. Furthermore, it was agreed to accept the formula set out in the briefing paper and that for ease of understanding, future reporting would use the four quarters each calendar year, with the expectation that the resultant data would be available in mid-May annually.

ST

65.2 Alderney Electricity Limited – Annual Reports & Accounts 2016 – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 9th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee approved the matters of business as per the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting on 19th May 2017, and to instruct the Chief Executive, or such proxy as he may nominate, to vote accordingly.

CE

65.3 States of Alderney 2016 Accounts & Letter of Representation – Report from Treasury dated 5th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee unanimously approved the 2016 States of Alderney Accounts, and the Letter of Representation.

TREASURY

65.4 Swimming Pool – Report from Tony Barnes dated 10th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to authorise payment up to £10,500 towards essential weatherproofing works using the existing contractor, so that warranty is protected. It was noted that this would involve a budgetary overspend but was considered essential in ensuring that the existing investment in the building was safeguarded.

TREASURY

66/2017 Legislation, Conventions & Policy

66.1 Same Sex Marriage Legislation – tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed that the draft legislation ‘Same Sex Marriage (Alderney) Law, 2017’ be placed on the Billet d’Etat for a meeting of the full States of Alderney, date to be determined, for formal approval with an appropriate proposition.
BILLET ITEM

66.2 Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016 – Report from Chief Executive’s Office dated 9th May 2017 tabled and noted.
The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to defer the submission of this item to the States of Alderney for debate pending further discussion at the next meeting.
AGENDA ITEM

67/2017

Any Other Business

67.1 NatWest Branch Closure – The Committee wish the Alderney staff of NatWest well and has resolved to ensure any of them seeking re-employment are able to be made aware of any suitable opportunities as they arise.

67.2 Daily Mail Articles – The Committee agreed to support requests for the UK, German and other authorities to release any papers relating to the German occupation of Alderney.

67.3 Les Rochers – The Committee agreed to send an appropriate response to a letter which had been received regarding a land ownership dispute at Les Rochers.

CE

67.4 St Anne’s Church - The Committee noted that the Church expressed their thanks for the restoration/maintenance work carried out by the States.

68/2017

Agenda Resolutions - Confirmation

69/2017

For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **Aged Debtors Report – Confidential Item**
- **P&F Consultancy Fees – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**
- **Economic Development Reserve – as at 10th May 2017**

Meeting closed: 3.10pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 17th May 2017