

General Services Committee Meeting
Monday 4th March (26th February Meeting) 2019
Anne French Room
0930 hours

Mr G McKinley, Chairman
Mr K Gentle
Mr C Harris
Mr M Dean
Mr S Roberts
Ms A Burgess

Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
Mr A Bray, Technical Services Officer
Mrs L Baines, Committee Secretary

Apologies:

In Attendance: K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects Co-ordinator for item 08/2019;
M Gaudion, Harbour Master for item 10/2019 and 11.5; Roland Gauvain, AWT Manager,
Daniele Clifford, Ramsar Officer, & Justin Hart, AWT for item 11.4.

08/2019 Capital Projects Update – *Capital Projects Co-ordinator in attendance.*

8.1 Status Report 2018/2019 Projects – Report from Capital Projects Co-ordinator, together with extract from the approved 5 year capital programme tabled and noted.

Individual projects were discussed and it was agreed to hold a special meeting to prioritise the projects to ensure a clear understanding of the urgent projects and associated financial commitment, and to identify any new projects.

The General Services Committee resolved to allocate preliminary costs of up to £20k each to obtain specialist advice and investigate the following projects in order to progress to the next stage :-

- **Water Board Standby Filtration Plant**
- **Cliff Erosion at the Cutting**
- **Coastal Erosion (update to 2014 Royal Haskoning report)**
- **Town Pavements**
- **Fort Doyle Outfall**
- **Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewer Phase 2 (and agreement to close Phase 1)**

It was noted that proposals for the Old Connaught/Fire Station would be placed before the Committee at the April meeting.

CPC

09/2019 Technical Services Officer Report – Verbal report from Technical Services Officer **noted.**

10/2019 Harbour and Fisheries

Harbour Master Monthly Report tabled and noted.

It was advised that a proposal regarding the Pilotage Ordinance will be placed before the Committee at the 26th March meeting. **Noted.**

The TSO thanked the Mr Gaudion for his 22 years' service to the States of Alderney, and for the help and support he has provided the TSO and GSC as Harbour Master.

11/2019 Recreation, Welfare and Environment

11.1 Excavations at Longis Common – Report and letter from Dr Jason Monaghan and Dr Phil de Jersey dated 30th January 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to grant permission for Dr Monaghan and Dr de Jersey to undertake excavations on Longis Common, as set out in the report, in August 2019.

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11.2 Request for Old Connaught Use – Letter from Emma Pinch dated 6th February 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to defer this item until the April meeting subject to the report from the Old Connaught/Fire Station Working Group.

AGENDA ITEM - APRIL

11.3 Policy on Animal Welfare Issues – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 20th February 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee approved the policy considerations set in the report for licensing individuals under the Protection of Wild Birds (Alderney) Ordinance.

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11.4 AWT Annual Ramsar Action Plan 2019 – Alderney's West Coast and Burhou Islands Ramsar Site and Other Sites Annual Action Programme 2019 tabled and **noted**.

The General Services Committee agreed in principle to the continuation of the following objectives for 2019:

- **As is previous years puffin monitoring cameras will be installed on Burhou;**
- **Following success in 2018, a voluntary puffin exclusion zone on the coast on Burhou will be in place during the breeding season, coinciding with Burhou's closed period, in collaboration with stakeholders and the Alderney Harbour Office;**
- **In order to protect sensitive seabirds, a small mammal monitoring and control programme will be implemented where necessary with the support of the SoA SWD, with the aim of improving seabird nesting success on Alderney's south coast, it is hoped we may see Puffins return to nesting sites on mainland Alderney;**
- **AWT aims to support and undertake research into the impact of human debris on Gannet colonies in Alderney (subject to funding), working with the Alderney Animal Welfare;**
- **Marine monitoring will continue with surveys of the environment (e.g cave systems) and important species (e.g seals and green ormer);**
- **Public participation, events and publications will be organised to increase awareness of the site, in particular, the AWT, working with the Guernsey Youth Commission and St Anne's School, has committed to take local school children on educational boat trips of the site. The aim will be to give every student from Year 7 upwards the opportunity from 2019 onwards.**

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11.5 Harbour Laundrette Lease – Report from Treasury dated 14th January 2019 (updated with Landlord feedback) tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed to defer this item, subject to discussions between the Chairman and Leaseholder.

AGENDA ITEM

12/2019 Roads and Transport

12.1 Val Reuters Access Road – Letter from Val Reuters Residents dated 9th February 2019 tabled and noted.

Mr Dean declared an interest regarding the rental of a garage on this site.

The Committee were advised that the BDCC discussed this issue at their policy meeting on 28th February, and that a removal notice is to be served regarding the temporary structure (scaffolding) on the builders yard.

The General Services Committee resolved to advise the residents of Val Reuters that this is a private dispute, and that they will have to progress this issue through other means.

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12.2 Mirror & Parking Restriction Request – Letter from Mr Peck dated 23rd January 2019 tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee agreed that they had no objection for a mirror to be placed on Mr Peck's property at his own expense, subject to BDCC planning approval.

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Yellow line issue regarding Mouriaux Garages – Mr Dean to provide a report from BDCC for the 26th March GSC Meeting.

MD/AGENDA ITEM

12.3 Butes Car Park – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 27th February 2019 tabled and noted. ARUP Traffic Report Quote tabled and noted.

The General Services Committee approved the expenditure of up to £5k for the commissioning of a traffic report by ARUP. Update to be provided at the March meeting.

TREASURY/MD/AGENDA ITEM

13/2019 Miscellaneous

13.1 AWT/ABO Update – Verbal update noted.

13.2 Coastal Erosion

This item was included in the Capital Projects Update item 8.1. **Noted.**

13.3 Miniature Railway Update – Verbal update noted.

13.4 Open Meetings Discussion

The consensus was that open meetings for the General Service Committee would not work effectively. **Noted.**

14/2019 Any Other Business

Dairy Farm Management Contract – renewal due – to be discussed with AWT at next meeting.

Plastic Free Initiative – work in progress.

PPE for Asian Hornet Work – ordered and awaiting delivery.

15/2019 For Information & Noting

The following reports were tabled and noted:

- **GA data**
- **Vehicle registration Information for 2018**
- **Harbour Monthly Report – December 2018**
- **Asian Hornet Media Release**

Meeting Closed: 12.30pm

Signed: Graham McKinley

Date: 5th March 2019