

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th March 2008

At 8.00 pm at the Members room, 7 Pier Road St Helier, Jersey

Present: 35 members

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr N Le Fondre, Mrs O Gardner, Mr B Penaluna, Mrs E Satchwell, Mr M Dubras and Mr S Barnard.

1. **The Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary read the minutes from the 2007 Annual General meeting and they were adopted on the proposition by Mr R Le Sueur and seconded by Mr M Costard.

2. **Matters arising therefrom:**

Bunkers – Mr P Bernal confirmed most of our bunkers were under the control of Property Holdings and no changes to our relationship had been proposed to date.

Mont Orgueil Castle – There have been no significant changes in 2007.

It was noted that Mrs Jan Le Masurier had passed away during the year. Jan had for many years been the CIOS Treasurer and had spent many hours opening the Noirmont Command Bunker. An appreciation for her contribution was recorded in the minutes.

3. **To approve the Secretary's Annual Report**

The Secretary's report was considered and adopted upon a proposition by Mr R Le Sueur and seconded by Mr D Hocquard.

4. **To approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**

The Treasurer, Mr D Letto, referred to the financial statements as distributed to the meeting. He explained that 2007 had been a good year in terms of overall revenue. Excluding funding the figure of £22k compared favourably with £16k of gross income.

Referring to the bank balance he confirmed net assets were £43k. £25k had been received from the Tourism Fund and £27 had so far been spent. He added that a further £6k was due from Tourism.

The Treasurer thanked all the helpers at the bunkers and also the two Auditors, Mr J Germain and Mr N Le Fondre.

Mr Letto added that 2008 reviews would need to be bought as they were to be published by Guernsey, although increasing postal costs were an increased drain on the finances.

The adoption of the financial statements was taken on the proposal of Mr M Costard and seconded by Mr D Maindonald.

5. **To discuss and (and adopt if approved) any changes to Rules and/or Resolutions**

The Secretary confirmed that no proposals had been received.

6. **Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The nominations as outlined on the notice of meeting were considered.

The Secretary explained that the post of Archivist was still vacant. Mr J Germain agreed to stand for the post and was proposed by Mr Letto, seconded by Mr Hamon.

The post of Social Secretary was also vacant and the assembly was notified that Mr N Le Fondre had agreed to stand, having been proposed by Mr D Gardner and seconded by Mr M Ginns, MBE.

The adoption of all posts as outlined above was adopted upon a proposition by Mr R Le

Sueur and seconded by Mr M Ginns, MBE.

The post of Committee member was also vacant and two propositions were received. Mr A Chatterley, who, although unable to be present had agreed to nomination, was proposed by Mr I Chatterley and Mr J Hamon. Mr G Zimmer was proposed by Mr D le Maistre and seconded by Mrs R Amy. After a ballot, Mr G Zimmer was elected as Committee member.

7. **Election of Sub-Committees and Chairmen**

The continuation of the Fortifications Sub Committee with Mr M Costard as Chairman and the South West Action Group (SWAG) with Mr P Burnal as Chairman were adopted on a proposition by Mr D Letto seconded by Mr M Amy, and Mr R Le Sueur seconded by Mr J Germain, respectively.

Mr Costard elaborated to the meeting the complex planning processes with which the Committee now had to contend, and its effectiveness in achieving the desired results.

8. **Election of Auditors**

The Treasurer advised that Mr J Germain and Mr N Le Fondre had both been elected to the main Committee and as such the posts of Honorary Auditor were vacant. Mr R Le Sueur offered to stand as Auditor and on the proposition of Mr M Ginns, MBE seconded by Mr D Maindonald, Mr Le Sueur was elected, with the second Auditor to be co-opted by Mr Le Sueur and Mr Letto.

9. **Approval of Subscription rates for 2008**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Committee recommended retaining the subscription rates as follows: Single member £15 p.a., Couple £22.50, Junior (under 16) £11.25, Family £22.50 (plus £6.00 for each child), Overseas (not inc UK) Members EUR30/US\$30/£20.

The membership expressed the view that this was excellent value for money and the rates were adopted upon the proposal of Mr M Costard seconded by Mr D Letto.

10. **Any other Business**

Odette Gardner – A vote of thanks was recorded for Odette Gardener who, after many years as Social Secretary, had retired from this post.

English Heritage – Mr M Ginns, MBE elaborated on the possibility of Jersey becoming a World Heritage Site.

Meetings 2008 – The President outlined the plans for meetings in 2008, especially noting the French trip and asked members interested in joining this trip to indicate immediately.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm



Jeremy Hamon

Secretary 01 March 2009