

**Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Open Meeting of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 @ 10:35am in the Council Chamber.**

<b>Present:</b>	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Gavin G Ellick	-	Member
	Hon. Cyril K Leo	-	Member
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Acting Director of I&T
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
<b>Invited:</b>	Mr Darren Duncan	-	Acting Director of ENRP (Item No 22.3)
	Mr Mike Durnford	-	Environmental Risk Manager (Item 22.2)
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager (Item 22.5)
	Mr Darren Francis	-	Roads Inspector (Item 22.5)
<b>Apology:</b>	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Member (CPA meeting in Guernsey)

**Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the Open Agenda of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

**Open Agenda.**

**22.1 Matters arising from minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

**Proposal for excision of land from the Forest Estate.**

The Variation of National Forests proposal is in the final week of public consultation.

**Heritage Report.**

The Report has been approved by Executive Council. Funding for its implementation will be sought externally as well as through the annual budget process.

**Action: Chairman**

**Oil slicks in Harbour.**

The Chairman reported that samples have been collected from the harbour and sent via the '*RRS Discovery*' for analysis in the United Kingdom.

**Update on Progress of the Invasive Plants Project.**

This project has also been prioritised under the MTEF recurring budget process.

**Action: Chairman**

## **22.2 Waste Management Policy Update.**

The Ag Director of I&T told members that the Chief Environmental Officer (CEO) was asked by Elected Members in June 2018 to input into the Waste Management Policy but CEO could not do so until a later date.

The ERM reported that recycling has now been incorporated into the Policy which encompasses all types of recyclable waste including plastic.

The ERM recommended that the Policy be put out to public consultation in its current form and the CEO can input during this process if desired.

A member suggested that the Waste Management Policy and Strategy be widely available to the public for 28 days.

Members agreed that a Memorandum be prepared for Executive Council (ExCo) for endorsement. The document will then be sent to public consultation and any feedback will be brought back to ExCo. If any changes are made the process will be repeated.

The ERM was thanked for his input.

**Action: Chairman/ERM/Ag Director of ENRP**

## **22.3 MTEF Policy Priorities 2020/2024.**

The Chairman thanked members for their input at the special meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Members reported there was nothing further to add.

The Directors have prepared a paper to make recommendations on strategic priorities for both Directorates. The Chairman told members that point 7. '*Altogether Greener*' will be prioritised in order to acquire extra funding.

The Directors were invited to give an overview. Members were told that a member of ExCo informed them that the framework was not in an order of priority.

The Chairman said that he will follow this up with the Deputy Chief Secretary. He emphasised the need to develop the economy and increase infrastructure, therefore these areas should be highlighted. A member questioned the system of selection as it is misleading.

The Chairman felt there were too many items on the list making it difficult to find funding for all.

The Acting Director of I&T asked members to consider if any other items will need prioritising. Some areas mentioned were waste recycling and maintaining amenity areas, open spaces and facilities for children and also land management.

**Action: Ag Directors/Chairman**

**Any other urgent business.**

**Peaks Management Plan.**

The Acting Director of ENRP told members that a second draft Peaks Management Plan has been delivered to a Workshop organised and financed by RSPB.

The Ag Director said he will forward documents for a special meeting of ENRC to discuss this Plan.

**Action: Chairman/Secretary**

**Water Run-off.**

A complaint of water run-off from Red Hill road onto private property was sent to the Chairman. The Roads Manager was asked to visit the site and assess the situation.

**Action: Roads Manager**

**Safety Rail near Gray's Cottage, Vaughn's.**

A request was made for a safety rail to be installed in this area. The Roads Manager will visit and make an assessment.

**Action: Roads Manager**

**Drainage at Longwood Hangings.**

A member reported a drainage issue at Longwood Hangings and the Roads Manager was asked to visit and assess the situation.

**Action: Roads Manager.**

**Verge cleaning at Ladder Hill and Jamestown.**

The Chairman asked for verges at Ladder Hill and Jamestown to be cleared.

**Action: Roads Manager.**

**Roundabout at Scotland.**

The Chairman reported that the traffic lines need repainting. The Roads Inspector said that this will be addressed when line painting is resumed.

**Action: Roads Inspector**

**Three day work scheme.**

This proposal is currently with Corporate Human Resources Office. A member mentioned the urgent need to have legal resources up to standard. The Chairman reported that this issue is constantly being followed up.

**Action: Chairman**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:50am.

The next meeting of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 @ 10:30am in the Council Chamber.**

Confirmed... *Ben.* ..... Date... *12 June 2019.*