

MINUTES OF THE ASCENSION ISLAND COUNCIL (AIC)

MEETING HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE,

Wednesday, 7th December 2016 at 16:30hrs

Present: (by telephone) HE Governor Lisa Phillips
HH Administrator Marc Holland
Walter Scott, Solicitor General (SG)
Jamie Manson, Director of Resources (DoR)
Councillor Marie-Anne Dennis
Councillor Jacqui Ellick
Councillor Kitty George
Councillor Nicholas John

Invited: Dr Judith Brown, Director of Conservation & Fisheries (for item 5)

In attendance: Nicola Dillon, Clerk of Council

Apologies: Councillor Samantha Arms-Lawrence

1. Welcome

The Administrator welcomed all to the meeting. This was the first time in recent years that the meeting had been held outside of working hours and it was hoped that members of the public would be encouraged to attend future meetings. The Governor commended this new flexible approach.

2. Confirmation of Minutes: AIC meeting 21 October

The minutes of the AIC meeting which was held on 21 October were previously circulated to members; the Solicitor General (SG) put forward one amendment as follows:

Page 2, Employment Legislation, 2nd bullet point, to read:

“The Governor did say that AIG would only intervene if any employees’ needs were not being met, but at this time they were not looking to impose a minimum wage in Ascension.”

The minutes were approved with the inclusion of the above amendment.

3. Matters Arising/Actions from AIC meeting 21 October

The actions arising from the previous meeting were complete or in hand.

4. JMC Feedback

Cllr John and Cllr George attended the JMC (Joint Ministerial Council) Conference in London on 1 and 2 November. The Administrator also joined the meeting. Cllr John gave some feedback on the meetings held during their UK visit.

Feedback from Councillor Nicholas John on JMC 2016

UKOTA Political Council meeting

Prior to the Conference there was a meeting of UKOTA (United Kingdom Overseas Territories Association) on Monday, 31 October. The UKOTA meeting gave OT representatives the opportunity

to look at the Communiqué ahead of the JMC conference. The Ascension representatives offered a change in wording in section 14 of the final Communiqué which related to the overseas territories contribution to the Blue Belt programme, which was accepted in the final Communiqué.

JMC 2016

Meeting with Nick Hurd MP (Climate Change)

Councillors and other members of UKOTA met with Nicholas Hurd, Minister for Climate Change. From the Ascension viewpoint, Councillors said that while they welcomed in principle the formation of Blue Belts they expressed concern about the affordability of an MPA after 2020. The message from Councillors to HMG was to ask for the Government and NGOs to work closely with OTs, even when views differed, and to ensure that MPAs have a scientific justification for their size and location and that the territory has an economy that is able to support the MPA or No Take Zone in the present and future. The Councillors emphasized to the Minister their view that NGOs have a habit of creating initiatives and leaving territories with the obligation of long term funding. The Minister's response was that the Government needed the enthusiasm of NGOs to drive the initiatives.

Meeting with the Foreign Affairs Committee

At the meeting with the FAC discussions focussed on support for infrastructure for the OTs; Ascension already was already receiving support from FCO under the CSSF framework (see item 9). Cllr John noted that funding for territories under the EDF (European Development Fund) programme was being channelled through DFID and there were revisions to the criteria to include non-qualifying territories such as Ascension. He advised that Ascension needed to follow this closely and to respond accordingly. (There was a discussion about bids for the current EDF 11 programme which is further explained in the agenda item 10).

Meeting with the Environmental Audit Committee

The Ascension MPA was raised again at this meeting and Councillors were asked about the impact on Ascension. Cllr George and Cllr John explained to the committee the background to the creation of the Ascension MPA which was as a result of an instruction from HMG. The Councillors told the committee that Ascension welcomed the MPA in principle, but there was concern about the lost revenue which might have been gained from a potential fishery; in addition, the island's economy might not be in a position to fund an MPA post 2020.

The Councillors were asked by the EAC to quantify the loss revenue. Action: AIC/AIG to submit figures.

Health Side meeting

Representatives were invited to a meeting with the Department of Health and one of the main topics was compliance with the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The main outcome of this meeting was an offer of assistance from the Department of Health, Public Health England and Health Education England, to the overseas territories to become compliant with the WHO FCTC. Assistance was also offered to the UK OTs in respect of outbreak preparedness through CSSF, one of the benefits being staff training.

Plenary Session

Child Safeguarding

The Ascension representatives were pleased to work with the Falkland Islands on child safeguarding issues, while recognising that there were constraints with regards to resources. Not all of the policies suggested in the Falkland Islands roadmap applied to Ascension or could be achieved, for example foster caring might prove challenging. The Councillors restated the commitment of Ascension to

implement the recommendations of the Sasha Wass inquiry. Ascension now had a fulltime social worker and was committed to drawing on best practice concepts from the Falklands roadmap to complement local practices to safeguard children. Cllr John confirmed that the Island Council had not yet signed up to the roadmap.

Pension's uprating

Cllr John said that in respect of pension's uprating the Falkland Island's stated that the OTs were British Citizens living in British Overseas Territories. Richard Harrington, MP, stated that by law the UK Government could not differentiate between the OTs and Crown Dependencies from the Commonwealth. As an example, the OTs and Crown Dependencies would cost the UK £1million while all of the Commonwealth countries would cost around £5Billion.

Bilateral with Minister Anelay

Good Government Relationship

Councillors conveyed to the Minister for the Overseas Territories, Baroness Joyce Anelay that they understood the interest in the island due to its strategic position and welcomed the consequent allied relationships, e.g. the Bahamas Agreement extension and NGOs etc. Such relationships contributed to HMG's interest for security, communications networks, conservation and scientific research etc. In return the people of Ascension had benefited from the operations arising from these agreements since they were the main source of employment and the basis on which the economy was built.

Elected representatives prided themselves on their responsibility to ensure good governance for the citizens of Ascension and welcomed advancements, conventions and standards for the provision of a safe and fair society.

Ascension contributed an estimated 8% of St Helena's economy and employed approximately 12% of the island's working population. This in turn contributed to a reduction in the need for UK OT aid to St Helena. Ascension welcomed the inclusion of Ascension in the St Helena air access project, which would continue the link between the islands.

The councillors stated that they welcomed the British (Government) agreements in respect of foreign interests, especially where those interests provided jobs and contributed fairly to the society and abided by the laws of the territory. Ascension was subject to a US Government enterprise that took full advantage of a 'biased' agreement with the UK Government. Councillors asked for the UK Government to fulfil its obligations to the territory by reviewing the Bahamas Agreement extension to Ascension to look at a fairer financial contribution by the US, along with a compliance of the laws of Ascension, including border control, and lastly greater flexibility for the use of Wideawake Airfield.

Blue Belts

In their report to the Minister, Councillors said that the result of the HMG instruction which reduced the sale of fishing licences to only 50% of its EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) was that AIG was left with a null trade of its natural resource. As a result the island was dependent on the companies that operated on the island for its economy; who themselves were at the mercy of a small customer base.

Future Rationale

The Elected members of the Ascension Island Council asked the United Kingdom to recognise the constraints caused by external forces and a small population, to the affordability and development of responsible local government, which was the underlying cause of the downward trend of the financial and educational advancement opportunities and the root cause of unserviceable and unsafe infrastructure.

Councillors asked HMG to revisit existing agreements to find compromises and solutions that allowed and encouraged inward investment opportunities to aid the growth of a healthy and diverse economy while maintaining confidence in the strategic security for those with external interests in the island.

Following their presentation, Councillors presented the Minister with a screenshot of the island's finances for the past 3 years, which indicated that this year (2016/17) would produce a deficit of £544K compared to a surplus in the last year of £312K (2015/16). They stressed the need for greater flexibility between military interests and arguments regarding right of abode and ownership or long term leases to stimulate business. It also consolidated the Council's position in not committing to an MPA which was due to affordability.

While Councillors did not expect a concise answer at this meeting, they sought to present Ascension as it was and its need to diversify its economy if the island was to become self-sufficient. The Minister welcomed their idea of self-sufficiency and acknowledged the points made on the MPA.

[ENDS]

In concluding his report on the JMC, Councillor John made a personal statement on Blue Belts.

Statement on Blue Belts (Councillor John)

“NGO's such as the RSPB and Blue Marine Foundation, and HMG are persistently trying to get Ascension to commit to an MPA, i.e., claiming so in the JMC Communiqué, presenting charitable gifts to the school and the conservation department and by threatening to remove such gifts and infrastructure support for Ascension, if we do not own up to making that commitment.

“I am mystified as to why it was written that Ascension had made such a commitment in this year's communiqué as it is my understanding that the Minister for the Overseas Territories delivered an instruction to the former Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, ordering a no-take zone in more than 50% of the Ascension EEZ. Ascension at no point committed to an MPA and it should not be stated or acted upon otherwise.

“If we consider that we will have a deficit of £544K in this financial year, and if this deficit remains constant until 2020 and beyond, then our reserves will have diminished to approximately £7.5million by 2020. After 2020, and if we have the financial responsibility of an MPA, this will be a total of £844K per year (£300K (enforcement of an MPA) + £544K (annual deficit)), then Ascension will be bankrupt before 2030.

“AIG is claiming that we have committed to an MPA simply by agreeing to receive £300K for the enforcement of a no take zone. At no time was this specific option put to the elected members of the council. If ex-officio members made that commitment then in my opinion they were wrong to do so. All questions put to the Council must ensure that the elected members have a clear understanding of that subject and be without the intent to deceive in any form.

“I want to make it clear and on record my position as an elected member of the Island Council on this matter or any other, that I will not subscribe or affiliate to endorsing charitable gifts from NGO's, surrender to threats or any other forms of encouragement in exchange for influence on Ascension Island Government policy. Subsequently any project funded by Blue Marine Foundation, with the intention of gaining support for an unaffordable commitment, will have to be made clear to this Council after which I will retain and assert my right to vote or abstain as I feel fit”

Councillor John ended by thanking the following AIG Officers for their support in providing information to the Ascension representatives in preparation for the JMC: Jamie Manson, Director of Resources; Rob Parfrey, Social Worker; and, Dr Sam Weber.

[ENDS]

The Administrator thanked Councillor John and Councillor George for the comprehensive read-out from the JMC and suggested that the notes form part of the Council minutes.

The Administrator said that there was a difference in view about the MPA and what Ascension had committed to following the Ministerial instruction and he invited Dr Judith Brown to address Council on this issue.

Dr Judith Brown's response

Dr Brown said that when the MPA was being debated, Governor Capes responded to the wording of the instruction as follows: "AIG must accept the situation and will endeavour to make a sustainable fishery work alongside a closed area. On behalf of AIG we hope this difficult episode may evolve into a long-term collaborative relationship with the UK Government as we work towards a designation of a permanent MPA". Dr Brown said that the designation of a permanent MPA is a commitment to an MPA. At a further meeting Councillors voted to open half of the zone with a fishery and for the Director of Fisheries to continue corresponding with BMF in relation to the £300K payment for the enforcement of the closed area. At no point was there any misconception that the NGOs were working for a closed area rather than an MPA; they considered the closed area as the MPA but were happy to wait for the scientific research to be done before the formal designation.

Future memos to informal council meetings that gave details of the MOU said that further scientific data would be collected to determine the size, shape and location of any final large closed area as long as it covered at least 50% of Ascension EFZ. The MOU said that the UK Government would provide funding for the management, research and enforcement of the closed area after the first season. Following this a Scientific Workshop was held at which Minister Duddridge was present which reiterated that there would be a 50% closed area and 50% open area. The feedback from the workshop was that the research priorities were needed to inform the placement of the final MPA and to evaluate its long-term effectiveness.

Dr Brown also stated that at the 'Our Oceans Conference' the Rt Hon Sir Alan Duncan MP announced "Ascension Island renowned for its record breaking tuna closed half of its EFZ to commercial fishing and its Government has agreed a scientific roadmap to determine the exact location of an evidence-based MPA by 2019." Dr Brown said that while the word "commitment" wasn't used, "designation" was used in this context.

The discussions on finances have been on-going for a year and a half, but it is not known how much money Ascension would have made if we had been able to open a full fishery. Dr Brown pointed out that in the previous season there was very poor fishing in the whole of the south Atlantic. Had AIG opened and paid for a full fishery, there could have been a substantial loss due to stricter regulations and licensing, including enforcement and observer coverage.

Ascension should not underestimate the value of the publicity around the MPA in raising awareness for our other wider issues, such as the infrastructure review. There will not be a long-term commitment from any Government beyond 2020 for continued enforcement, but along with the instruction and the final wording of the Communiqué, which states "...this together with an evidence-based MPA around Ascension supported by UK funding for surveillance and enforcement..", this

encapsulates that Ascension is not going to be expected to pay for the on-going surveillance and enforcement. In 2020 Ascension might either be left with a closed area (due to the instruction – but no funding if not an MPA) OR an MPA, which the UK Government has committed to paying for, along with better publicity and a better working relationship with the UK Government.

Dr Brown ended by saying that the £300K is not all being spent on enforcement, some is going towards science and management (some of which offset AIG direct costs) and the team was looking at other methods of enforcement which may be cheaper. The UK Government was trialling some methods of surveillance in other territories, so in future years there may be other surveillance options.

[ENDS]

The Administrator said that by working with the NGOs it would help to keep this issue on the agenda and they will be the guarantee that future Governments don't forget about our interests. In the short-term Ascension did have the commitments to the infrastructure study; one of the outcomes from the JMC was that the NGOs planned to invite the Minister to visit Ascension in the next few months.

Cllr John responded by saying that it was no longer a question of lost revenue; it was a question of long term funding of an MPA which Ascension cannot afford. The exposure of an MPA should not be a trade-off for £300K that the island cannot afford after 2020. The UK Government has an obligation to look after the overseas territories.

Dr Brown reiterated her point about the status following 2020 – Ascension would have an MPA or a closed area. The terminology used in the instruction and the Communiqué was consistent with the Ascension stance that the island could not afford enforcement of an MPA, at no point had it been said that Ascension would take on that responsibility. The UK Government would not step in to help a closed zone as they have publically and globally committed to having an MPA around Ascension.

Cllr George agreed with Cllr John's view; however, she said that Ascension was not in a position to refuse any funding and should not look at this as a trade-off. Ascension had made it clear that they could not afford an MPA.

Cllr John questioned the motive behind the £300K funding from the UK Government, which he felt was a trade-off.

In summing up the discussion the SG said that HMG did not have a legal duty to fund the MPA, the responsibility to police an MPA was with the territory. The first steps as he saw it was to do the research and to close off the sites, which is what was happening. The worst case scenario as the SG saw would be the political embarrassment of a poorly run MPA, but the UK Government was not obligated to fund the MPA. Although the JMC communiqué did not reflect the local discussions which led up to the instruction, it was a statement of the island's commitment to an MPA.

The Governor advised that if there is a worry that the UK Government won't fund the policing of the MPA, then Council needed to continue to remind people that the UK Government has made this commitment. In 2020 there might be a different Government and a different set of people who would be looking at this. It was important to remind them that Ascension could not afford an MPA.

Dr Brown reminded Council that all of the major political parties had Blue Belt commitments in their manifestos.

5. Conservation & Fisheries Directorate matters

5.1. Wildlife Protection Ordinance

Dr Judith Brown presented Council with an update to add additional species to the Wildlife Protection Ordinance (WPO) Schedule of Protected Species. The WPO was enacted in 2013 and further research has highlighted additional species in need of protection under the ordinance. These included 13 species of sharks, 1 ray species, 12 endemic fish species, 1 whale species, 2 other vulnerable fish species and 3 species of black coral. Currently only 1 species of shark, 1 ray species and 11 species of endemic fish are protected under the ordinance. During the debate Councillor George questioned the timing of shark protection especially in view of the increased shark activity within Ascension waters. Councillors were told that the proposed amendments would not prevent the Fisheries Scientists from carrying out their research on sharks. All agreed that more should be done to discourage the public from throwing scraps of fish to the sharks – the Conservation and Fisheries Department would increase their publicity campaign to raise more awareness.

Decision: All four councillors voted to enact the amending ordinance to bring into effect the changes to schedule of protected species under the Wildlife Protection Ordinance. AIG also gave Council a commitment to maintain a balanced approach to protecting the sharks while being mindful of public safety.

5.2. Dew Pond Boardwalk

The second item of business that Council considered from the Conservation and Fisheries Department was the replacement of the Dew Pond boardwalk. The boardwalk, which had been funded by OTEP, was constructed in 2004 and was in a poor state and posed a safety risk. The current project would be funded by Blue Marine Foundation who had donated £9K to repair the boardwalk and to pay for tools. Council was informed that instead of replacing the boardwalk the walkway would be designed with timber steps filled with clinker, alongside of which would run a natural path to give walkers options for ascending and descending.

As the Dew Pond formed part of the Green Mountain National Park the Council was invited to advise the Administrator to grant permission under section 12 of the National Protected Areas Regulations to repair the boardwalk.

Decision: Three councillors were in favour of the project and one councillor abstained from voting.

6. Employment law

The draft employment law was currently out for consultation with Employers and the Island Council. Public consultation meetings would take place in the New Year and the consultation process would last for several months.

7. Road Traffic Ordinance

The SG presented an amended to the Road Traffic Ordinance to allow for driving licences to be 1 and 2 years in duration. Currently all driving licences on Ascension were issued for 1 year; however, at the request of the Police Inspector a new 2 year licence would be introduced. The move was to alleviate the administrative burden at the Post Office who issued licences on behalf of the Police. The

new 2 year licence would cost £28.20 which was double the cost of the current 1 year licence (£14.10). The new provisions would be effective from 1 January.

Decision: All four councillors present recommended the amendment to the Road Traffic Ordinance and the corresponding Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 to the Governor for enactment.

8. Fuel

In a bid to address concerns about the fuel sold on island not being suitable for modern vehicles a roundtable discussion had been held in mid-November with stakeholders to explore possible solutions. The four stakeholders, Babcock, MOD, Solomons and AIG gave their current position. This was still a work in progress and the Solomons (operators of the fuel station) have been asked to look into the option of shipping glycols of low sulphur diesel fuel via the RMS to store for use at the petrol station. Council will be kept updated.

9. Pier and Infrastructure Consultancy Projects

The FCO and AIG were working together on assessment and recommendations reports for both the Pier and Infrastructure projects. Initially AIG was seeking tenders for the Pier project while FCO was focussing on an overall infrastructure study, but it was eventually agreed that FCO (under the CSSF framework) would extend their expertise and funding to include the Pier project. The invitation to tender was issued on 25 November and the deadline for tenders was 16 December. It was hoped that the contracts would be awarded in early January with the consultants arriving on island by the end of January.

10. EDF Funding

Councillors were provided with an update on the status of the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) programme and the allocation of funding for Ascension. The original bid for Ascension was £2m for a Pier project. Since the original bids were submitted for the territory, St Helena had changed its bid to a cable project. There was concern that the new project from St Helena would utilise all of the available funding, but Councillors were assured that the Pier project was still on the table. This was also confirmed by the Governor who said that the EU Working Group in St Helena would be assessing the bids and she would see the final bid before it was submitted.

11. Waste Management

In October Mike Haworth arrived on island to take up the position of project manager for the Waste Management project. The project was designed to run over a 2 year period and was being funded by the FCO and AIG. The purpose of the project was to develop and implement a waste management strategy for Ascension as well as researching the quantity and nature of the waste produced on the island and to look at waste segregation and recycling. The project was long-awaited and would modernise local procedures for handling waste.

12. Hydroponics Board

Councillors were presented with a proposal to establish a Management Board which would have political oversight of the hydroponics site. Since the facility opened in June the site has been run single-handedly by a site manager, however, there have been concerns expressed from the public about the running of the site, including the tidiness of the shade houses and the availability of produce in the shops. Councillors were told that the latter was as a result of the shops under-ordering and

erring on the side of caution so that they were not stuck with slow moving produce on their shelves. In a bid to respond to some of the concerns raised an appeal was made for volunteers to help out at the site, in addition, it was decided that the site would open to the public for direct purchases (at local prices) on various days.

Decision: Councillors ratified the establishment of a Hydroponics Board. Members are: The Administrator (or Policy Officer), Walter Scott (SG), Iain Robertson (DoOps), Jamie Manson (DoR), Councillor Samantha Arms-Lawrence, Councillor Jacqui Ellick and Regan Tourond (Hydroponics Site Manager)

13. Business Application: Proposal for 5 self-catering units at Muriel Lodge

A Small Business Permit Application had been received from Andrew and Syrena Ellick to create and operate 5 self-catering en-suite rooms at Muriel Lodge for tourist accommodation. Mr and Mrs Ellick currently occupy half of the building to operate JAMS convenience store. The proposal arose from a recent increase in demand for tourist accommodation which the island's existing hotel accommodation was not able to satisfy. In addition to the five rooms there would also be a small kitchen. In order to facilitate the proposal AIG was being asked to install a window and door; all other refurbishment works would be carried out and funded by the business. Councillor George said that it was good to provide competition.

Decision: Council was content with the proposal and advised that a Land Occupancy Permit (LOP) be granted to Mr and Mrs Ellick.

Action: Letter to the Mr and Mrs Ellick advising of the outcome and LOP to be issued.

14. Airport Update

The Governor was able to provide Councillors with the latest news on the air-link. SHG announced earlier in the afternoon the launch of a new tender process to find an air service provider to St Helena which included an air-link service to Ascension.

Council was pleased to learn that the RMS St Helena was being extended on a rolling 12 month schedule until the air service was fully established at which point it would be taken offline. It was clarified to members that the current contract with Comair still existed; this new tender process was a different request. The closing date for tenders was 27 January 2017 and SHG aimed to award the contract to the successful bidder by May 2017.

Councillor John enquired about the Wideawake Agreement; Council was referred to the Air Links Agreement which was issued on 6 June 2016. The Agreement covered the use of Wideawake Airfield for civil flights between St Helena and Ascension.

15. Seafish Falklands Limited

Solomons was in the process of handing over their business interests in the Georgetown Shop to Seafish, a company based in the Falkland Islands. Solomons intended ending their tenure of the shop by 28 February 2017, by which time Seafish needed to be in a position to take over the business. There were several phases which needed to be in place in order for Seafish to take over the business from Solomons with as little disruption to the service.

The proposal before Council to consider was seeking support for AIG to underwrite an investment by Seafish in the shop of £280K. AIG was being asked to underwrite 80% of this cost, which amounted to £224K. The investment would depreciate over a 10 year period starting from 31 March 2019.

Decision: Council and AIG considered that the provision and availability of food was a core requirement for Ascension and Council was content to support the proposal to underwrite 80% of the Seafish investment, subject to FCO approval.

16. Any Other Business

16.1. Public Transport (Cllr John)

Cllr John asked about the public transport service, which had been initially set up to keep drunk drivers off the road. The concern was that by sticking to the scheduled route, the service might not necessarily fulfil the purpose for which it was set up, and it might be more beneficial for the service to be flexible. The Director of Resources (DoR) said that the service was quite flexible and reasonable requests to run services to other areas were considered; however, he confirmed that the established routes work well and it would not be the intention of AIG to deviate too much from the published schedule. He confirmed that there would be more buses running on New Year's Eve to help with the movement of people.

16.2. Passport photos (Cllr Ellick)

Cllr Ellick asked about the equipment at the Post Office which was currently used to produce photo driving licences; she had been asked whether this equipment could also be used to produce passport photographs. DoR explained that the equipment was not set up to print paper photos, but could print on photo card for driving licences. He confirmed that there were a few small businesses on island that provided passport photos services. It was suggested that the businesses might like to advertise their services at the Post Office.

16.3. Accounts (Director of Resources)

The DoR circulated a copy of the AIG Financial Statement for the last financial year which had been signed off by the Auditors. There was a £300k surplus which would go to the Reserves. A copy of the statement would be published on the AIG website: <http://www.ascension-island.gov.ac/>. Council commended the DoR and his team for the presentation of the accounts.

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 19.10hrs.

Nicola Dillon
Clerk of Council

Action Points/Decisions from meeting

Item	Comment	Responsible	Completed
4	JMC Feedback – Ascension representatives were asked to quantify the loss in revenue, potentially for fishing licences, for the EAC.	AIC/AIG	
5.1	WPO approved and enacted on 21 December.	WS/SHG	Yes
5.2	Dew Pond Boardwalk approved	Cons	
6	Employment law consultation on-going	DH-A/WS	
7	Road Traffic Ordinance and regulations approved and enacted on 21 December	WS/SHG	Yes
12	Hydroponics Board set up. Members are: Administrator/Policy Officer Solicitor General Director of Operations Director of Resources Councillors Arms-Lawrence and Jacqui Ellick Hydroponics Site Manager	AIG/AIC	Yes
13	Business application for 5 self-catering units at Muriel Lodge were approved by Council; letter of confirmation was sent to Mr & Mrs Ellick on 12 December.	Admin Office	Yes
15	Council supported the proposal to underwrite 80% of the Seafish investment, subject to FCO approval.	MP-E	