

Summary of Douzaine Meeting on Monday 27th April 2015

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs C E Goodlass, Messrs R R Matthews, P J B Wilson, Mrs K E Jones, Messrs B J Cash, K R Pike, R A Grant, R L Lord, L C Queripel, R H Harding Mrs J C Robin, Messrs P J Burtenshaw, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs M G G Garrett and J Mooney. Apologies were received from Messrs J H Sarre, N E Forman and Ms D M Sebire,.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting on the 23rd March 2015 were accepted.

Matters arising

- Youth Commission membership – Mrs Tasker been in contact with them and the Douzaines interest was to be taken to their committee meeting, perhaps encouraging 16 year olds to register to vote was one aspect to consider.
- Douzaine - Declaration of Interests –this matter would be discussed at the next Meeting when information from the States was available.
- New Longfield Housing, Amherst – there was never a condition on the planning permission that the houses should not overlook the playground even though the Constables had requested it.

School Reports

Baubigny Schools— Mrs Tasker's report had been circulated.

La Mare de Carteret High School – Mr Le Moignan advised that he would be meeting with Education Scotland tomorrow evening and that the school had been involved with various activities such as a skiing trip and a production of "Our House". Mr Queripel said that there was large amounts of money available and asked if any of the Committees put pressure on the States to release the money. Mr Le Moignan explained that money given for special projects that was not spent had to be returned to the States and could not be spent on other things. Mrs Tasker said that committees had more influence before 1991. Mr Queripel reiterated that the Committees could request more money for repairs but was told that as a Deputy he had more opportunity to do this. There was lots of discussion regarding the building of the new school and Mrs Robin mentioned that the staff at LMDC were extremely stressed about the whole project.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

Mr Le Moignan's report included several liquor licence visits, Sunday Trading licences, selecting a Groundsman and the continued refurbishment of the Constables Offices.

Mr Burtenshaw asked about the new rooms being named and Mr Le Moignan said that the new Douzaine Room would be called the Brock Room and the new Constables Office, the Le Marchant Room.

Committee Reports

- Reports from the Liberation Float Committee and Amenities Committee had been circulated.
- Floral Committee – Mr Mooney advised that he had met with Nigel Clark of Queux Plant Centre who does lots of work that he does not charge for. Mr Garrett said that all the details regarding planters, baskets, costs etc had now been received and collated.
- Waste Committee – Ms McDermott advised that there had been no meeting of this committee for quite a while due to Mr Forman's illness. Mr Falla suggested going forward a deputy be elected for each committee. Mr Lord mentioned that in its latest report, PSD had not accounted for population changes or increased building projects. Mrs Goodlass confirmed that food recycling was being implemented in July next year and Mr Falla said that planning permission for Longue Hougue had not been obtained and an Environmental Impact Assessment will need to be undertaken. Mrs Goodlass said that it was a Generic Quotational Contract dealing with waste and that our contractors would deal with any issues. Mr Garrett mentioned that the materials from dredging the harbour should have been recycled but they were found to be toxic so could not be. Mr Harding had concerns re the closeness of the dredging to the walls as a lot of the foundations are made of wood.

Filming Hustings Meetings

Mr Le Moignan read out a letter from the States Assembly and Constitution Committee and the Douzaine voted 13 for, 3 against and 1 abstention that they were in principle, in favour of filming hustings meetings for internet streaming as long as there was no cost to the parish. Mr Falla was concerned about commercial sponsorship as it was against the democratic process and Mr Harding said that current affairs were not allowed to be sponsored. An ideal solution would be to stream live with catch-up available later.

Any Other Business

Mr Queripel asked how many times Deputies turned up at schools with the Committees. Mrs Goodlass said that there are deputies on the committees and that the school board meets termly.

Mr Queripel also mentioned that there will be seating for the elderly and disabled in front of Picquet House on Liberation Day now.

Mr Lord mentioned that although the slipway has been cordoned off with planters, there are others that can be used.

Mr Burtenshaw said that the States Assembly and Constitution Committee is looking at reducing the number of Deputies and could a committee be set up to reduce Douzeniers. Mr Le Moignan said that he had been thinking about this for quite a while and the word "Douzaine" means twelve. This matter will be on the next Constables' Meeting agenda.

MsMcDermott asked if the Britain in Bloom award could be displayed at the Party in the Park together with the Liberation Day float.

Mr Mooney queried the accounts that are available in the office were audited. Mr Le Moignan said that a complete "audit" was unaffordable but that the accounts were prepared by BDO. Mr Mooney also enquired about a Lottery to raise funds for Floral and Christmas. Mrs Tasker said that Francis Quinn had agreed to put it on the C&L agenda. Mr Mooney also asked about the possibility of erecting a bus shelter on the Rohais Plantation. The Constables will look into this.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm