

Summary of Douzaine Meeting on Monday 8th December 2014

Present: Messrs, B J Cash, (Constable), D H Le Moignan (Constable), F J Roper, Mrs C E Goodlass, Mr R R Matthews, Mrs A M Outram, Mr P J B Wilson, Mrs K E Jones, Messrs K R Pike, R A Grant, R L Lord, L C Queripel, R H Harding, Mr N E Forman, Ms D Sebire & Mr P B Burtenshaw.

Apologies were received from: Messrs, J H Sarre, P R Johnson, Mrs J C Robin & Mr D Falla

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were accepted.

Matters arising

There were none.

Committee Reports

Circulated with Convening Notice.

School Reports

Circulated.

The report for La Mare was discussed with the Deputies present.

Mr Queripel gave a verbal report for his group looking at disabled access issues in the town. He had met with States disability champion, Arrun Wilke and also thanked Ms Sebire for her assistance. They had looked at access into shops which would require ramps which would often be impractical. They would encourage shops to provide seats. It was noted that when HSBC in the High Street was refurbished, disabled access and access to an ATM was ignored.

Procureurs Report

Circulated.

Constable/Douzaine Police Check

Mr Le Moignan proposed that Constables and Douzeniers should be required to submit to a police check. Due to other activities, some Douzeniers already have police disclosures. Discussion followed and some felt it was invasive and disproportionate, as the only event it may be required for is the party in Cambridge Park. Mr Le Moignan would consult the police on this before a decision is reached.

70th Liberation Day Anniversary

The following suggestions were made:

- A Float in the Liberation Day parade – Mr Pike would lead this and Mr Burtenshaw offered his services. Help form parishoners must be sought. A working party would be formed.
- Senior Citizens Tea Party at Les Cotils – Alternative date other than 10th May would be investigated.
- Family Party in Cambridge Park – dates in June would be investigated as it would not be advisable to hold over Liberation week end.

Mr Queripel advised that Age Concern were considering arranging a tiered, covered seating area for senior citizens either at Salerie Corner or the taxi rank. It was suggested that the Douziane might wish to be involved and could provide refreshments.

Mrs Jones advised that the Floral Committee were considering a floral arch at the bottom of College Street..

AOB from Parish Meeting

- If parish was dealing with the waste strategy in light of the recent information provided by PSd.
- Disappointed to see most bring-banks disappear and concerned with the volume of traffic and size of vehicles in Prohibited Streets.
- Excessive speed of vehicles in Colborne Road.
- Traffic problems should be discussed at the next Douzaine meeting.

Access to Prohibited Streets was discussed and the police would be asked to clamp down on vehicles not displaying permits or using Prohibited Streets at the wrong time of day.

Planning Applications

Rouge Huis Mews, Rouge Huis Avenue – The Trustees of the Futureun Pension Fund – demolish existing workshop and erect three workshop units. One letter of objection was read out. This development was opposed by the majority of the Douzaine due to possible noise nuisance in this residential area.

Grants to Schools

It was agreed to provide a total grant this year of £3,500 which had been allowed in the Remede. There was some discussion on the merits in continuing with this old tradition. It was pointed out that some schools may use the grant for general funds, but members on school committees pointed out that grants are normally used for books, sometimes of a more specialist nature that schools would not otherwise buy. Schools do provide receipts, are grateful to receive the grant and do write letters of thanks. Grants would be reviewed again in 2015 before the Remede was produced and Les Voies School should be considered.

Constables Report to the Douzaine

The Constables were asked to provide a short written report each month to advise the Douzaine of their activities, any notable issues, work on parish properties etc. The Constables were amenable to this, but a quarterly report was suggested as an alternative. Mr Matthews proposed and Mr Roper seconded the proposal that the Constables report quarterly. This was defeated by 10 votes to 4 with 2 abstentions, hence the Constables will report monthly.

Any Other Business

Mr Le Moignan paid tribute to Mr Cash on his retirement as Senior Constable and thanked him for his hard work over his eight years' service. Mr Roper expressed regret that Mr Cash was not staying on for one more year.

Mr Pike advised that there had been an "open day" at the Rue des Freres cemetery held by Mr Philip de Jersey of the Museums Service and a report on the cemetery was available.

Mr Queripel raised three issues:

1. He confirmed that a free copy of the Electoral Role was available from the Home department for candidates in the parish elections.
2. Asked if it was possible for the Douzaine to somehow publicise the two Remembrance Day services that are held at the harbour as they were not well attended. He suggested that notification could be added to the Order of Service sheet prepared by the Bailiffs office.
3. Asked that the Art of Living volunteer group be thanked for the excellent work they carried out. Mr Le Moignan replied that he had thanked them on each occasion that they had done work for St Peter Port, notably the Green Lanes cemetery and the abreuvoir at Les Hubits.

Ms Sebire advised that the Christmas Lights charity Facebook and Twitter pages were now operating and invited all to "like" the page. The cost of the Christmas Lights switch-on event was questioned, the costs were read out by Mr Cash for last year. Some Douzeniers felt that the costs for should be looked into next year as contributions to the charity were poor.

Mr Cash paid tribute to the outgoing Douzeniers, Mr Roper and Mrs Outram had given many years of good advice, dedication and hard work to the parish and Mr Johnson, who though only serving a short term, gave great service to St Peter Port. The Douzeniers present agreed and applauded the outgoing Douzeniers.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

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