

## **Summary of Douzaine Meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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 K R Pike, J H Sarre, R L Lord, N E Forman, R H Harding, Ms D M Sebire, Messrs P J Burtenshaw, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs M G G Garrett and J Mooney. Apologies were received from Messrs B J Cash, R A Grant, L C Queripel and Mrs J C Robin.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February were accepted.

### **Matters arising**

There were none.

### **Constables' Report to the Douzaine**

Mr Le Moignan read out his monthly report.

### **School Reports**

St Sampsons High School – Mrs Tasker would make a report at the next meeting.

Amherst & Vauvert Schools – Mrs Goodlass had attended recent meetings at both schools. She commented that improvements had been made this year in the recruitment procedure, with the process being started much earlier. Mrs Tasker commented that a news system is being piloted instead of SAP.

La Mare de Carteret High School – Mr Le Moignan reported that the committee, staff and pupils were very disappointed over the delays in rebuilding of the school.

### **Parochial Appeals Tribunal**

Mr Le Moignan advised that application forms had been received from Mrs Goodlass, Ms Sebire and Mr Burtenshaw and these had now been forwarded to the Bailiff's Office. The next stage would be interviews followed by training for those chosen.

### **Parish Accounts**

2014 Accounts had been copied to the Douzaine with the Convening Notice and various questions were answered by the Constables and the Secretary. Accountant Paul Burnard of BDO had attended a meeting with the Advisory Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> March to give an explanation of the accounts.

### **Parish Remede for 2015**

The Advisory Committee had met on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and Minutes had been circulated. The Committee had accepted the figures for the 2015 Remede which showed a 5.5% increase in the Owners Rate, but an 18.5% decrease in the Refuse Rate due to the SWD fraud case settlement. The Remede was ratified but the following comments were made:

Mr Sarre pointed out that the allowance made for Christmas lights would be inadequate bearing in mind the major works needed both to wires, supply and arrays. A major fund raising campaign would be needed.

Following a question from Mr Garrett the Constables confirmed that no funds would be made available for any planters for the Albert Pier cruise liner facilities, which would be provided by the Harbour.

Mr Burtenshaw felt that the budget for Floral was too high and was a burden on retailers and businesses.

### **Planning Applications**

Market Terrace, Market Street – install a bronze donkey statue on Market Terrace alongside existing tree for Mr T Wakefield. There were no objections.

### **Committee Reports**

Town Amenities Committee – There was considerable debate, led by Mr Burtenshaw, about the role of the committee in relation to the Vision for St Peter (plus the Bridge) and the "adoption" of the Vision by the Douzaine in 2012. An explanation was given by both Mr Le Moignan and Mr Falla on how the Vision document was created and how the Vision team was formed. The Vision had legal status as a community project and a precursor to the draft Island Plan. The Douzaine Amenities Committee was able to assist in the overall aims of the Vision by implementing small scale projects such YAH boards, community WC's and benches. Mr Le Moignan further explained that the use of the word "adoption" was not strictly correct, but the then Douzaine agreed to the five basic aims of the Vision as a way forward for the town, but with any further *development works still subject to the same scrutiny and permissions as were already in place.*

*The Draft Island Development Plan* – Mrs Tasker reminded the Douzaine that the consultation period ended on April 10<sup>th</sup> and that Environment had received very little response so far. It was suggested that

the Douzaine pay particular regard to proposed new housing and conservation zones and regeneration areas.

Floral Committee – Mrs Jones advised that she needed the backing of the Douzaine to enter this year's Floral Guernsey competition, which was duly given. A date would need to be set in July for the parish floral competition and awards evening at Amherst School.

Christmas Lights Committee – Mr Sarre advised that he had received a report and photographs of the present condition of wires, electrical connection boxes and arrays; much of which is 15 years old and in poor condition. Approximately 50% of the arrays need to be renewed. The Committee will need about £100K to carry out all required work and hence fund-raising will need to be stepped up and the States approached for help. A free website, [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), was suggested whereby internet shoppers could make a donation. It was suggested that a presentation be made at the Parish meeting.

Liberation Float Committee – Mr Burtenshaw advised that the vehicle provided by Mr Mooney was now in Mr Pike's yard and materials will be bought at the week-end. The design of the float was being carried out and would incorporate the parish flag. Children from the three parish junior schools would be in period costume as would adults on the float. Various give-away items were being considered. Again a presentation at the Parish meeting was suggested.

Profile Committee – Mr Grant advised that the next issue of "The Townie" would be at the printers within a week.

### **Any Other Business**

Mr Pike – appealed for assistance in building the Liberation Day float.

Ms Sebire – suggested that the Constables Report be posted on the parish Facebook page. Ms Sebire also posed the question as to how the Douzaine could interact with the Youth Commission. A suggestion was made that Ms Sebire might like to join this group on behalf of the Douzaine. The Constables would investigate this (the website is [yoof.gg](http://yoof.gg)).

Ms McDermott - suggested that a form be drawn up to gather the Douzaine members' declaration of interests. Instead it was suggested that the States of Guernsey form be adopted. This would be looked at again at the next meeting

## **PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, HARRY BOUND ROOM, LES COTILS, 7.30PM**

The meeting closed at 10.20pm