

Summary of Douzaine Meeting on Monday 22nd June 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, L C Queripel, R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, 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 & N E Forman.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting on the 26th May 2015 were accepted.

Matters arising

- Bus shelter at Rohais plantation – Mr Mooney had approached several companies for commercial sponsorship and all had been non-committal. St Pierre Park Hotel said that the location was too far from the hotel. Mr Mooney will continue to work on potential sponsors. Mr Le Moignan had spoken to Environment on the subject, who had just purchased ten shelters for island wide use. He hoped that Environment might include the Rohais location in the next batch and the Constables would write requesting this and asking for a list of future sites. Mrs Jones reminded members about the shelter that had been proposed near Envoy House. This also needed to be re-visited.
- The presentation by Andrew McCutcheon on Guernsey's biodiversity has yet to be arranged.
- Caves de Bordeaux disturbance – Mrs Goodlass has spoken to residents and had been told that smokers had been asked to smoke in Trinity Square but this soon lapsed and the smokers (and mess) returned to smoking outside the premises. This problem was being dealt with by the centre's management and police.

School Reports

St Sampsons High School & Le Murier School – Mrs Tasker reported that the draft Validation Report would be discussed at the next School Committee meeting in November. Contractor R G Falla are still carrying out "snagging" repairs at some considerable cost. The music, arts and drama presentation held the previous week went very well and there was a lovely display of art and design & technology in the High School lobby.

Vauvert School – Mrs Jones reported that the school now had an excellent head in Mr Walters, and staff retention was improving.

Amherst School – The Head had filed a report with Education on the state of the building. The school was now at full capacity with little room for any more housing within the catchment area. The school had arranged a cleanup on the previous Saturday, and there had been some flooding as a result of the heavy rain on the previous Thursday.

La Mare de Carteret – Mr Le Moignan advised that an exterior inspection had just been carried out and most faults had been corrected, however the building was in a dilapidated state. Rats have recently been discovered in a portable classroom, which if not quickly resolved, should be reported to Environmental Health.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

Mr Le Moignan read the report which included streams inspections just carried out. No progress had been made in taking over responsibility for La Vrangue stream as it was in the hands of the Law Officers. There had been plaque exchanges on two cruise liners, Anthem of the Seas and Britannia. Much time had been spent on the move back to Lefebvre Street, which was now complete.

Committee Reports

Christmas Lights – the Committee were due to meet on Wednesday 24th of June. Specsavers had kindly agreed to produce a website for the Christmas Lights charity.

Street lighting Committee – had no issues to report but would be meeting soon.

Profile Committee – A meeting had been recently held and work was continuing on the autumn "Townie" magazine. The "Townie" will have a new proof-reader as the editor had previously also proof-read. Mr Wilson asked what the magazine cost to produce, and the Committee would report back on the costs. Discussion ensued on the merits of producing the magazine.

Waste Management Committee – The Committee had not met due to problems in availability of members. Mr Lord suggested a one-to-one meeting with Deputy Ogier of Public Services to discuss the contents of his recent letter. It was also suggested that Deputy Ogier be invited to meet the Douzaine.

The Secretary gave an explanation of the procedure and planned changes to the Lapis computer system that is used to raise Rate bills by all Parishes to cover the revised charging arrangements for waste collection.

Floral Committee – Mrs Jones reported that all plans were now in place for the Floral Guernsey judging on 2nd July and the Parish competition and prize-giving on the 14th of July at Amherst School. She appealed for as much help as possible in the run-up to the floral judging.

Amenities Committee – the next meeting was scheduled for the 8th July. They were continuing work on the YAH board at the Candie Gardens lower entrance and the community toilet scheme.

Vandalism – Mr Garrett pointed out that vandalism was increasing in St Peter Port and asked if Douzeniers could be Special Constables. He was advised that Special Constables could only be appointed for a specific place, for example, a park or a school. If Special Constables were recruited as he suggested, to assist in patrolling minor crime, they would need to undergo full police training, be uniformed and do regular patrols with full time police.

Any Other Business

Mr Burtenshaw asked if the Douzaine was going to respond to a letter in Open Lines in the Guernsey Press on Saturday 20th June which criticized the Douzaine. Mr Le Moignan thought that a reply was not warranted.

Ms Sebire asked if there was any progress on appointing Douzeniers to the Appeals Tribunal panel. Mrs Tasker advised that she expected the appointments to be made very soon with training being carried out during August. Mrs Tasker would make further investigations.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm