

Summary of Douzaine Meeting – Monday 26th September 2016

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs C E Goodlass, Mr R R Matthews, Mrs K E Jones, Messrs B J Cash, K R Pike, R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Ms D M Sebire, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Mr J Mooney, Mrs R Henderson, Mrs L Vahey & Ms P Fath

Apologies were received from: Messrs J H Sarre, N E Forman, M G G Garrett & C Blin

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting of the 22nd August 2016 were accepted.

Matters arising

Skateboarding on public roads – Instead of a letter, this had been featured in the pages of the Guernsey Press.

Observing refuse and recycling collections – Two Douzeniers wanted to go out on the refuse and recycling rounds on the SWD compactors, and this was being arranged.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

A short verbal report was given stating that weep holes had now been drilled in the Cemetery walls in Monument Road as part of the main repair programme for the retaining walls which is due to start on the 17th October. Parish grounds-men were refurbishing the gazebo and gardens at Brock Road. A complaint had been received from a user of this garden because as it was temporarily closed.

School Reports

Vauvert & Amherst – The School Committees had made a tour of both schools to view improvements made during the summer holidays. At Vauvert the pilot water retention scheme being carried out by Guernsey Water to combat “downstream” flooding is progressing well and the rear alley of the school, a rather dark, damp area, had been greatly improved by a change to brighter, light reflecting bonded aggregate surfacing and cutting back of trees. Amherst School has lost the help of Investec, whose staff had volunteered to assist with reading practice etc.

Committee Reports

Christmas Lights Committee – A report had been circulated. A proposal for future funding of Christmas lights would be taken to the Parish meeting in 2017. A letter was tabled requesting financial help from Island Douzaines. A decision on any purchase of new lights this year would need to be made soon so that the lights can be ordered. The costs incurred for the switch on parade had been passed over to YBG who had already found commercial sponsorship. Another bank is interested in part sponsoring the Christmas lights. The committee would be visiting various companies to seek sponsorship, who confirmed that organisation of the fund raising events, pop-up shop, quiz night, and flag-day was progressing and Waitrose were assisting with their green token system.

Profile Committee – the autumn “Townie” would be back from the printers between the 21st and the end of October. There were concerns that this was rather late, but advertising was still being sought. In the lead up to the Douzaine elections, The committee had organised a two page feature by the Guernsey Press on the history and work of the Douzaine.

Declaration of Interests

This subject was discussed and will be carried forward to the next agenda.

Hedge Inspections

Paperwork for the autumn inspections was circulated. The Douzaine were asked to be vigilant for blocked drains, and obscured road signs and traffic lights.

Douzaine Elections

If deferred at the Parish Meeting on the 2nd November, elections will be held on 16th November. One polling station will be at the Constables' Office, a second location at either Beau Sejour or Les Cotils would be investigated by the office.

Any Other Business

It was suggested that provision for breast feeding should also be considered by the Amenities Committee when working on the provision of WC's for public use in St Peter Port.

A Douzenier relayed his experience in taking a recycling bag to the Police station that had been left out on a Bank holiday, requesting that the item be classed as fly-tipped.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

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