

Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting Monday 23rd April 2018

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs K E Jones , Mrs J C Robin, Ms D Sebire, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs. M G G Garrett, J Mooney, Mrs R Henderson, Messrs. A Gabriel, T A C Bush, Mrs Z C C Lihou, Mrs J B Gallienne & Mr M A Guilbert (Secretary)
Apologies were received from: Mrs C E Goodlass, B J Cash, R H Harding, Messrs. C Blin, S W Place & C P Meinke.

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were accepted.

Matters arising

Ms McDermott queried what had been decided at the last Douzaine meeting as she thought all aspects of the Remede would be discussed at the November Douzaine meeting. There was also discussion on the ratification process for the Remede.

Mr Le Moignan gave an update on Havelet Waters road closure, stating that they were awaiting a letter from Deputy Brehaut instructing the Douzaine to engage the law Officers and organize the public meeting. The developer would have to wait until the procedure had been completed (*by the Royal Court*) before commencing work.

Constables Report

The Constables report had been circulated.

Committee Reports

Floral Committee – would be holding a meeting on Friday 27th April. 17 applicants for the Parish floral competition had been received so far. A media statement on this would go out soon. Judging was in early July.

Amenities Committee – report circulated.

Townie Committee – an appeal was made for assistance with selling advertising space as the committee are now looking after this directly. The Rate Card was printed in Townie 11. The Secretary pointed out that back issues of most Townies were still in storage.

Profile Committee – a Parish stand was being planned for events such as the Town Carnival and Sea-front Sundays etc. The Townie and Floral forms could be distributed on these occasions. It was suggested that the Careers Fair might be a good place to have a stand.

School Reports

A report for Amherst and Vauvert schools had been circulated. Interviews were being held in May for the Deputy Headship of Amherst School.

AOB from Parish Meeting

The list of AOB comments and questions from the recent Parish meeting were circulated. The Profile Committee brought up ideas to try to make these meetings more attractive for example, promoting the meeting in the Townie (if timing is suitable), having a guest speaker or panel and making more use of media. It was also suggested that a small flyer could be sent out with school newsletters. Use could be made of public notice boards eg. libraries and the Town Church.

Mrs Jones offered to look after the Twitter account.

Candie cemetery walls can be used for the installing commemorative plaques. This could be publicised more

Accountancy Standards

Ms Sebire's email had been circulated and was discussed. Carrying out accounts to accountancy standard FRS102 was being considered by the Douzaine. A consideration should be the value to Parishioners and should we volunteer to increase costs? This could be referred to the Parish at the November meeting.

Waste Strategy

This subject was again in the news now that the SoG had decided on the level of the TA standing charge (£85.00) and the black sack sticker charge (£2.50). It was suggested that the Constables should meet with Deputy Brehaut to discuss various issues (the partnership between the States and the Parish). One issue raised was the cost of disposal of the results of environmental clean-ups for example beach cleans. There should be some concession for free disposal. This would be brought up at the next Implementation meeting on the 14th May

An Extraordinary Parish meeting was suggested to give the Ratepayers the opportunity to ask questions about the waste strategy and costs. This was put to the vote with 10 for the proposed meeting, 1 against and 3 abstentions. A media release should also be used to publicise this meeting and a representative of the SoG (either Deputy or civil servant) should also be invited.

A further idea mooted was to countdown to the 2nd September (the implementation date) and use this as a basis for media releases.

Any Other Business

Mrs Jones – requested a progress report on the Vrangue stream. Mr Le Moignan replied that this was with the Procureur who was dealing with change needed in the Ordinance.

Mr Robin – on behalf of Mrs Goodlass who is concerned about the poor condition of paving in Mill Street and Mansell Street.

Mr Falla – suggested discussing preliminary budgets in November, suggested an action list at the foot of the Minutes and suggested that Queens Road Medical Practice (and perhaps other doctors surgeries) might promote the Community Toilet Scheme on their advertising screens.

Ms McDermott – suggested that leaflets distributed at Parish meetings should be placed on a table rather than put out on chairs as they ran out at the last meeting. Ms Mc Dermott also enquired about the system for appointing Special Constables.

Mrs Henderson – raised the subject of the letter regarding planning laws that was circulated late by Mr Le Moignan. Mr Le Moignan again apologized for this error. Mrs Henderson thought that items such as this should be circulated immediately by the office on receipt. The Constables pointed out that they wished to see this correspondence first and would then instruct the office.

Mr Gabriel – pointed out that there were no cycle hoops to service the Terrace Café. He advised that Richard Lord was conducting a survey on provision for cycling in St Peter Port.

Mr Bush – pointed out that in the UK there is £75.00 on the spot fine for littering. (*Guernsey has £70.00 fixed penalty notices*)

Mr Meinke - commented on the introduction of a water bottle refill scheme.

Mrs Lihou – restaurants and cafes should provide free water fill-ups. Perhaps there should be stickers advising this facility.

Mrs Gallienne commented that there was scaffolding by the Cock & Bull pub that had been up for many months

The meeting closed at 9.57pm.

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Constables