



Summary Minutes -Douzaine Meeting Tuesday 28th May 2019

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable DLM), Mrs J M Tasker (Constable JT), Mrs C E Goodlass (Dean CG), Mrs K E Jones (KJ), Messrs B J Cash (BC), R H Harding (RHH), Mrs J C Robin (JR), Ms D M Sebire (DS), Ms M B McDermott (MMD), Mr M G G Garrett (MG), Mrs R Henderson (RH), Messrs A Gabriel (AG), T A C Bush (TB), S W Place (SP), P Meinke (CM), M R Harris (MH) & M A Guilbert (Secretary MAG). Apologies were received from: Mr D Falla (DF), Mr C Blin (CB), Mrs Z C C Lihou (ZL) & Mrs J B Gallienne (JG).

DLM Welcomed new Douzenier Mr Martin Harris to the Douzaine and his first Douzaine meeting.

Declaration of Interest

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes for the meeting held on the 23rd April 2019 were accepted, except for one modification: the hexagonal planters near Ivy Gates are not to be retained.

Matters Arising

A query was raised that there was no bunting on the Esplanade. It was pointed out that there never had been any bunting on the Esplanade.

Guernsey Post had been asked not to leave van engines running and this was being adhered to so far. Parish Floral competition – uptake had been slow so far and entry would be extended to the 7th June. Feeding of birds at the bus station – **JT** had written to Environmental Health and had received a reply stating this issue was not under their mandate and suggested that this should be discussed with Traffic & Highway Services. No further action would be taken on this matter. **JT** had also written to Kevin Lesbirel of T&HS on the subject of providing a raised table and lighting on both sides of the controlled crossing in Fountain Street. A lengthy response had been received from Colin Le Page advising that this was under consideration as part of an overall strategy.

Constables' Report

A report had been circulated. **JT** added that she had attended a meeting of Parish cemetery committee members, which proved very interesting and there was a wide variation in policies and costs across the parishes. It was also pointed out that T&HS had done a U-turn on the St Stephens Hill pavement, which would not now be built.

DLM had been invited to the inaugural meeting of a new retail group (expected to be formed as an LBG) at which Mr Cherry and Mr Honeybill gave a presentation on work of the soon to be disbanded TCP.

Committee Reports

Reports had been circulated.

Senior Citizens' Tea Party

This was scheduled for Sunday 23rd June between 3.00pm and 5.00pm at Les Cotils. Adverts had been placed in the Guernsey Press inviting senior citizens to apply for a ticket. Mr Kinnersely would provide music on an accordion. Songs would be the old classics and some from the 50's and 60's. **CG** advised that Vaughan Davies (of Vinyl Vaughan) had offered to provide music for next year. Transport would be provided in three mini-buses and **DLM** would seek drivers. **Action: DLM**

Waste Strategy Implementation meeting notes

Notes by **JT** had been circulated.

Boat for La Salerie Battery (additional item)

RH had found a replacement boat, ex sea cadets at St Saviour. It will be temporarily be placed in Churchill Avenue by the car park whilst it is prepared. **RH** was thanked for her help in finding a suitable boat.

John Saville Commemoration – 5th June

This would be held at 12.15pm on Castle Walk. The Douzaine was asked to attend if at all possible. Mr Snelling, who is ex. RAF may be able to organise a flight tribute by the Red Arrows over Havelet as this coincides with the air show this year on the 6th July. Next year the service will be held at 8.30am to coincide with the time of day that the crash took place.

Banners on Railings Around Town

JR reported that there were a proliferation of banners on railings around the town, with seven on the Town Marina, two on railings opposite the Town Church and three at the Havelet. She thought that these banners detracted from the floral displays. Enquiries would be made with the Harbour Authority and other States departments.

Action: DLM/JT

Any Other Business

DLM had been in contact with the police regarding the possibility of making the Town streets an Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) to combat the problem of drunkenness and disorderly behavior in Town Church Square and other areas. This would not affect events and Al-fresco permits. Drunken behavior used to be a problem at Liberation Day, but was largely cured by use of an AFZ and AFZ's are widely used in the UK. **BC** proposed and **JR** seconded that The Douzaine should support the making of town streets an AFZ. Twelve were for this proposal, three against and one abstention.

KJ – 1) questioned the safety of patrons at the new Waffle café at the weighbridge as people were queuing very close to roundabout traffic. 2) Reported that the Vrangue stream had flooded again. Nothing further had been heard from the Sheriff on this. 3) Had met with Traffic & Highway Services about speed limits on Millbrook Estate as all limits in SoG estates are set a 25mph, which she considered to be too high.

MMD – asked what the future of the Douzaine was in light of the 2020 General Election and could this be an opportunity for the Douzaine to expand its role.

CM – highlighted the riding of bicycles in town streets which is dangerous for pedestrians.

RH - commented that the planters by the Town Church looked awful (the summer swap over was imminent).

AG – 1) queried if the States manual workers' strike was still on. This was confirmed but **MAG** explained that he had been in touch with States Works and the industrial action would not affect the refuse collections. 2) pointed out that on-going works in Market street was affecting Mill Street shops.

TB – pointed out that in a recent report 12% of town shops were empty which was worse than St Helier.

SP – raised the issue of noisy motorbikes running between the main roundabout and Salerie corner. The Police have powers to combat this but are short staffed.

MH – pointed out that there were now only four benches in Market Square and it looked very bare. **DLM** had spoken to Sonia Taylor at Bailiwick Estates on this, as several benches had been moved to Market Terrace. **MH** also asked if benches would be placed on the Albert Pier upper walk as the railings were in the process of being renovated.

JR – advised that the Rue des Freres cemetery opening ceremony was due to take place on Monday 1st July at 3.00pm. The Douzaine were invited to attend. It may be necessary to close the cemetery to the public for a short while afterwards due to additional fencing being needed around tombs. This opening coincided with the Floral Guernsey judging.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

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Constables