



Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting Monday 23rd September 2019

Present: Mrs J M Tasker (Constable JT), Mr B J Cash (BC), Mrs J C Robin (JR), Ms D M Sebire (DS), Mr D Falla (DF), Ms M B McDermott (MMD), Messrs M G G Garrett (MG), A Gabriel (AG), T A C Bush (TB), Mrs Z C C Lihou (ZL), Mr C P Meinke (CM), Mrs J B Gallienne (JG), Messrs M R Harris (MH) & M A Guilbert (Secretary MAG).

Apologies were received from: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable DLM), Mrs C E Goodlass (Dean CG), Mrs K E Jones (KJ), Mrs R Henderson (RH), Messrs C Blin (CB), & S W Place (SP).

Declaration of Interest

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted with one correction, under the section headed 75 Year Anniversary Liberation Day Celebrations, the email mentioned and read out was from Mr Rex Ferbrache, not Birch.

Matters Arising

Location of community toilet scheme on YAH boards is ongoing. The booking at Les Cotils for a senior citizens tea party has been moved from the 23rd June to the 10th May as the theme will now be the 75th anniversary of the Liberation. The meeting with the Bailiff to discuss the 2020 Liberation Day attended by **DLM** was very general, but all parishes were asked not to stage events on May the 9th that may conflict with the St PP seafront events. Another meeting with the event organisers will be held soon. The Douzaine were asked to consider entering a float in the cavalcade. This would be discussed again at the October meeting. The two essential requirements for this would be a suitable vehicle and a shed to build the float. **AG** would look into premises for the next meeting. It was thought that there may be funding provided to help finance the float as there had been in 2015.

Constables' Report

A report had been circulated. It was suggested that the Constables facilitate a meeting of all stakeholders in the Victor Hugo trail project. Mr Andrew Pouteaux had now secured sponsorship to replace all bunting next year which would be erected from April until October.

Committee Reports

A report by PAC had been circulated.

Floral made a verbal report, **JT** had met with the Floral Guernsey competition judges and reported suggestions made about areas that could be developed and that more stories should be told at specific sites. Split refuse bags were a major detraction. **JR** stated and all agreed that they had done well to receive a Silver Gilt award when the entry was made at the last minute. As Mr John Woodward had suggested, there was a need to make Floral St Peter Port a community group as opposed to a Douzaine function, so committee members outside the Douzaine would be sought. This would not make any difference to the way that floral was funded and the relationship between the Douzaine and the three contractors would be maintained. The new floral committee would be responsible for Parish competition entries only.

MMD thanked **JR** for her hard work as Floral Coordinator. **DS** suggested that the SoG should do more to support floral financially as it was a major boon to island tourism and supported retail.

Douzaine Council Meeting

A report had been circulated. **DS** was thanked for attending this meeting and providing a comprehensive report.

Waste Disposal Authority Meeting with Contractors

DLM and **MAG** had attended this meeting on the 17th September. **MAG** gave a brief overview:

- Recycling rates were up and well ahead of expectations.
- Black sack tonnage had halved since February.
- WDA charges of £85.00 pa and £1.40/£2.50 per sticker would be maintained in 2020.
- Non-compliance was reducing, and over 200 "soft" warning letters, 20 warning notices and 5 fixed penalty notices had been sent out.
- Christmas and New Year arrangements would be common to all parishes and would soon be announced.

Website update

MAG advised that the parish website had now been modified so that any news features could be sent out on the Mailchimp platform to subscribers. The website currently had 49 signed up subscribers.

MAG showed an example of the format that subscribers would see. It was thought that a maximum of one mailing a week would prevent the emails from becoming annoying.

Any Other Business

CM explained that part of the job of the Profile and Amenities Committee was to get more public involvement. He has arranged a short play to be held outside Boots at 12 noon on Sunday 6th October to mark the 250th birthday of Sir Isaac Brock. A band would also play before and after the 20 minute performance. He had done a media release on this and it has also been posted on social media. Could the Douzaine please help by sharing.

MH asked if a visit to the Waste Transfer Station was possible. **MAG** would contact Gsy Waste.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

D H LE MOIGNAN

J M TASKER

Constables