

Summary of Douzaine Meeting on Monday 23rd February 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 B J Cash, K R Pike, J H Sarre, R A Grant, R L Lord, L C Queripel, R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Ms D M Sebire, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs M G G Garrett and J Mooney. Apologies were received from Messrs N E Forman and P J Burtenshaw.

Met with Deputies – Deputies E Bebb, R Conder, P A Harwood, J A Gollop, J Kuttelwascher, M Le Clerc and L C Queripel were in attendance. Apologies were received from: Deputy P Sherbourne

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meetings on the 26th January, and additional meetings on the 3rd and 17th February were accepted.

Matters arising

Mr Le Moignan elaborated on the grants being paid by Culture & Leisure for Liberation Day floats. £250 would be available on entering a float and £250 would be subject to a vetting of the float entered.

Cruise Ship terminal update

Mr Le Moignan circulated a draft letter to Environment and supporting sketch plans summing up the opinions of the Douzaine in light of the additional Douzaine meeting held on the 3rd February and the presentations held on 17th February by Sarah McGreevy of Guernsey Harbours and Colin Le Page of Environment Traffic. Several suggestions on “fine-tuning” this letter were made by the Douzaine which would be included and the Douzaine were broadly in support of the Dr. Curran report on better utilization of the existing bus station. *(Subsequent to the meeting Mr Le Moignan completed his assessment of the Albert Pier as an alternative location for the full bus station which showed a net loss of parking of 114 spaces. The final letter therefore expressed that the Douzaine were not proposing this move as an alternative unless a multi-storey car park was created in the future).*

Other comments made by the Douzaine included:

- The drying out of the Albert Pier at certain low spring tides.
- The poor quality of the road surface of the Albert Pier.
- The cruise ships visiting in April are smaller and could still be accommodated at the White Rock (ships with 1,000 or less passengers).
- Retailers at the north end of town could be adversely affected.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

Mr Le Moignan read out his monthly report including progress on the Lefebvre Street offices. A site visit would be organized for any interested Douzeniers when the ground floor is sufficiently safe.

Mrs Tasker also gave a short report on the recent Douzaine Liason Group meeting that she had attended.

Planning Applications

Uplands, St Jacques – demolish existing dwelling, erect 5 one bedroom units and 2 one bedroom dwellings. Alter access, parking and amenity areas (Revised January 2015) for Uplands Limited. A letter was read out from Deputy Le Clerc advising of a petition objecting to the development by nearby residents. The Douzaine upheld the concerns of the residents and thought that the proposals amounted to over-development and would detract from the attractive ambience of the district.

Committee Reports

Floral Committee – the committee held two meetings recently. The States have now carried out most of the work in Candie Gardens recommended after the Britain in Bloom competition.

Town Amenities Committee – A written report had been circulated. Mr Falla pointed out that the Douzaine had an opportunity for more involvement in the development of permanent alterations to the Quay after the trial is conducted and also advised that improvements may be made to the bus station.

Waste Committee – Mr Lord reminded the Douzaine that the refuse tipping charge had increased by 10% and suggested that the Douzaine should be more active in campaigning to increase recycling.

Street Lighting Committee – The Committee had met Healthspan representative and GE at the Constitution Steps to review street lighting following the letter of complaint received. GE will report back to the Douzaine on replacing the street light that was removed for building work.

Profile Committee – Mr Grant advised that the Townie Issue 5 was now taking shape and appealed for any outstanding copy, articles and photos.

Christmas Lights – A short report by Mr Sarre was read out. Various sponsorship was being actively sought.

Parochial Review Appeals Committee

Seven Douzeniers had expressed an interest in being one of the three parish representatives to sit on this committee. Application forms were made available at the end of the meeting and would be emailed to the two members not present. The Constables would review the application forms and decide on the three representatives based on relevant experience.

States of Election Representatives

The Constables chose nine Douzeniers to attend the first sitting of the States of Election on Tuesday 24th March. New Douzeniers were chosen to give them the experience. Further volunteers would be chosen for the second date of the 29th of July.

PERRC

This had been discussed with the Deputies present. The Douzaine were opposed to the amendment allowing an “opt-out” of paying the Ecclesiastical part of the Parish Rates.

Any Other Business

Mr Matthews – Suggested a monthly media release on matters of interest. This would be adopted.

Mrs Jones – Asked if any progress had been made with taking over responsibility for La Vrangué stream, which is still pending with the Law Officers. Mr Cash agreed to investigate progress.

Mr Pike – advised that a book on the history behind La Rue des Freres Cemetery was available from him.

Mr Lord – pointed out that there was a bent wire support post on the north side of the Albert Pier that needed attention. This would be passed on to the relevant department.

Mr Queripel pointed out that a study of town shop signage had been completed by Environment Planning and no further issues had been raised.

Mrs Robin – A parishioner had queried the short term (1 hour) parking at the top of the Ville au Roi, which would be more useful as longer term parking as there was no longer a shop opposite. Mr Le Moignan advised that Environment were about to review this car park.

Ms Sebire - was concerned that funds to carry out the Albert Pier scheme may not be available and was reassured that the only parish funds that may be made available would be for Quay enhancements such as planting and benches.

Mr Falla - Asked for an update on recycling progress.

Mrs Tasker – Commented that there was still a proliferation of scaffolding in St Peter Port which appeared to stay up too long, and she would be speaking to Environment Traffic on the subject. A letter had been sent to Environment suggesting a Christmas embargo on scaffolding in the commercial centre.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm