

Summary of Douzaine Meeting – Monday 7th December 2015

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, J H Sarre, R A Grant, L C Queripel, N E Forman, R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Messrs, M G G Garrett and J Mooney.

Apologies were received from:, Mr R L Lord, Ms D M Sebire, Mr D Falla and Ms M B McDermott.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting on the 23rd November 2015 were accepted.

Matters arising

Church Square closure – Mr Le Moignan advised that the first late night shopping closure of Church Square had not been successful mainly due to the inclement weather. Some stall holders did not appear and three were relocated to Market Square. He had removed the “road closed” signs early and allowed traffic back into the square. The signage in the area was confusing. There was also disappointment that there was no live music available that night.

The plaque celebrating the opening of the refurbished offices had not yet been looked into.

The Seafront Workshop was due to be held on the 11th January and about half the Douzaine had advised that they were attending.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

The Constables had again been very busy and had not had time to produce a written report. Mr Le Moignan updated the Douzaine on routine duties carried out.

The Procureur's Report

The Procureur's report had been circulated.

Committee Reports

Amenities Committee – A report had been circulated.

Waste Committee – Sponsorship for gum bins is being investigated. A butt bin was needed at the bottom of Smith Street as the war memorial shelf was being used to stub out cigarette butts.

Christmas Lights Committee - The basic target of approximately £30,000 had been met this year. This covered the erection and taking down of lights and the switch-on parade. Mr Sarre applauded the work of Event Services who had done an excellent job this year.

Floral Committee - Mr Garrett had been through the Floral accounts. He hoped that sponsors would return again next year but budget are tightening. The committee would be making approaches to sponsors in January. Planting of bulbs had continued at Hougue Pierre and St Julian's Avenue.

Word Search Competition

The drawer was made for the Townie word Search competition, the winner being Bo Bennalick.

St Peter Port North Polling Station

An email had been circulated from Adrian Nicolle of SACC advising that the Princess Royal Performing arts Centre had been chosen for the second St Peter Port North polling station for next year's General election. St John's Church Hall is no longer available.

Any Other Business

Mrs Jones –advised that St Peter Port had been accepted for the Britain in Bloom competition for 2016. Mr Queripel – further to the debate last month on the shipment of residual waste through St Peter Port, he had met with the Minister for Public Services, Deputy Ogier, who confirmed that export would definitely be made through St Peter Port harbour. No arrangements as to means of export, destination etc had yet been finalized though a statement from Public Services was due to be made in the States in January.

Mr Forman – brought to attention that no formal response had been received from Public services in answer to the Constables letter of complaint concerning the 11.5% increase in tipping fees for 2016.

Mrs Robin paid tribute to the retiring Douzeniers.

Mr Le Moignan also thanked the retiring Douzeniers, who received a round of applause from all present.

Mr Le Moignan also advised that a new schedule of proposed States meetings has been circulated, in which meetings would be held more frequently after April 2016. A response to this would be considered at the next Douzaine Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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Constables