

Summary of Douzaine Meeting – Monday 23rd November 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, L C Queripel, N E Forman, R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Messrs D Falla, M G G Garrett and J Mooney.

Apologies were received from: Mr J H Sarre, R A Grant, R L Lord, Ms D M Sebire and Ms M B McDermott.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting on the 26th October 2015 were accepted.

Matters arising

Lefebvre Street arch - Mr Cash has spoken to Mr Lovell who will be reviewing all signage and having the area decorated. It is hoped that direction signs to the Constables Office will be permitted.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

The Constables report had been circulated. Mr Le Moignan added that he was now in the process of readying the rented shed in Colborne Road to receive the Christmas Lights when they are brought down in January. Works on the electrical supply and door tracks are needed.

Committee Reports

Amenities Committee – A report had been circulated. It was suggested that the Douzaine should have a collective view on the Seafront plans and express these views to the States Seafront working party. It was agreed that a Douzaine workshop would be held in January on a Monday evening. The office would circulate suggested dates. Another suggestion put forward is that the Douzaine should monitor the effect of the temporary closure of Church Square which is due to be shut from 3.30pm on the three late night shopping nights. Market Square access was also discussed and it was pointed out that the disabled spaces planned near the French Halles have never been installed.

Waste Committee – A report had been circulated. Mr Matthews congratulated the Constables on the letter sent to Deputy Ogier, Minister of Public Services in response to his letter informing the Douzaine of the 11.5% increase in refuse tipping fees. Relocation of one of the CCTV cameras to Constitution Steps will be looked into by the office.

Christmas Lights Committee – Mrs Robin thanked all those that helped with the flag-day on the 21st November, it had been quite successful with over £2,100 raised. Approximately £30,000 had now been received this year. GE had confirmed that they would not be charging this year for electricity used. The Pop-Up shop had been booked for next year. Mr Tony Holland, sponsored by Guernsey Post (£500.00), will sell Paella at the late night shopping evenings with all proceeds going to the Christmas lights. The colouring competition winner had been decided by Face book "likes". 354 entries from 9 schools had been received, with the winner receiving 1195 "likes".

Floral Committee – A report had been circulated.

School Reports

Baubigny Schools – A useful meeting had been held with the Education Department's Facilities' Manager. Remedial works for various defects are on-going. Mrs Tasker had attended an excellent awards evening for Year 11 students.

La Vallette Project – Mr Le Moignan advised that, as the Douzaine's contribution to the project, grounds-staff have renovated the toilets near the Gents Pool.

Island Wide Voting Referendum – A letter from the Chief Minister and a copy of the Requete by Deputy Wilkie had been circulated. Mr Queripel pointed out that new Legislation will need to be drawn up and even if the island votes to introduce Island wide voting, it would still need to pass through the States for a final decision. Mrs Goodlass pointed out that great care would be needed in the way the question on the referendum was worded and cited clause 14 on the Requete "should be drafted with the clear intention of obtaining a majority view".

Biodiversity Strategy – A letter from local NGO's had been circulated.

HM 90th Birthday Celebrations – A letter from the Bailiff had been circulated. The Douzaine were asked to submit ideas to the Constables for a Parish celebration on or near to the 12th June 2016 to coincide with a major event at Castle Cornet. A budget for this event should also be considered.

Seafront Public Consultation – Letter circulated. There was discussion on the problems envisaged by having all the Island’s residual waste exported through St Peter Port, when the baling plant would be located at Longue Hougue with many additional truck movements in both directions. Mr Queripel referred to the Ports Master Plan which indicated that residual waste would be exported from St Sampson and suggested that objections to St Peter Port being used should be raised without delay. It was pointed out that if waste was to be exported by ro-ro ship, this would have to be carried out via the St Peter Port ro-ro ramps. Mr Falla suggested that the Douzaine invite Public Services to a discussion, but the Douzaine should first submit their questions or queries to the Constables.

Wesley Community Pre-School – A letter from the proprietor had been circulated. Mrs Jones explained why the school was no longer able to continue operating from Wesley Church and appealed for any assistance in re-housing them.

Any Other Business from the Parish Meeting – The Secretary read out the questions raised.

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Mrs Goodlass – advised that the YAH board had not yet been returned at the bottom of the Market Steps.

Mr Pike – asked when the rota for manning the polling stations for the By-election would be available. The office were in the process of finalising this.

Mr Queripel – advised that as part of the States working party on the Seafront proposals, they were compiling a master plan which would be presented next October or November unless the new House in April 2016 disbanded the working party. As part of the Harbour planning application, wooden planters on the Crown Pier would be swapped for the grey plastic ones from the albert Pier. Mrs Jones confirmed that she was happy with this arrangement. Mrs Tasker pointed out that some of the signs proposed were misleading, for example a sign with a ship symbol is likely to confuse ferry and inter-island passengers. These should be also have a “Cruise tender” sign added. This is being discussed with Environment Planning and the Harbour director.

Mr Queripel also reminded the Douzaine that the Age Concern Fuel Fund was now open to applications, with a grant of up to £250.00 having been made available from donations by businesses and private individuals.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

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