

Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting on Monday 28th October 2019

<u>Present:</u> Mrs J M Tasker (Constable JT), Mrs C E Goodlass (Dean CG), 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), Mrs R Henderson (RH), Messrs A Gabriel (AG), T A C Bush (TB), Mrs Z C C Lihou (ZL), S W Place (SP). Mr C P Meinke (CM), Mrs J B Gallienne (JG), Messrs M R Harris (MH) & M A Guilbert (Secretary MAG).

Apologies were received from: Messrs D H Le Moignan (Constable DLM) & C Blin (CB).

Declaration of Interest

TB pointed out that his son worked for Submarine.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

Liberation Day float - **AG** had been offered a shed in St Sampson provided it was not let in the meantime. He had no success so far in finding a suitable vehicle or trailer. It was thought that Deputy Mooney provided a truck last time and an appeal on Facebook was suggested. **AG** will continue working on this.

Website – **MAG** was in discussions with Submarine regarding improved integration with social media and should soon have a costing on this. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting. **DS** suggested that the Douzaine could have its own Youtube channel.

Workshop for exploring future role of the Douzaine – It was agreed that a working group should be formed and **BC**, **JR**, **DF**, **MMD**, **MG**, **RH** & **DS** all expressed an interest in being part of the group. **MAG** would email the above to facilitate a first meeting.

Constables' Report

A report had been circulated. **JT** added that the removal and reinstatement of the sleepers and planters in the lane divider by the bus station for road resurfacing would be done at no cost to the parish. Some minor upgrading of these planters was needed and costs for this would be included in next year's Remede. Damion Hackley has offered to do another presentation on the Seafront Enhancement scheme. This was thought a worthwhile idea and **JT** would contact him. **Action: JT**

RH advised that the WC's at the Ladies pool was due to be renovated, but it had been found that the cesspit was unfit for use and unless funds were available to replace it, the WC's will not be useable in the future

Island Constables (except Vale) had attended a presentation by Andy Whitton of the police. **JT** attended this meeting where neighbourhood policing, the new crossing at La Valette, fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles were discussed. PC Gary Ashford would soon be returning to the beat in St Peter Port. Regular meetings would be held in future.

JT gave an update on what was known thus far about plans for the polling stations for the 2020 General Election. There would be two ordinary polling stations (Constables Office & The Performing Arts centre) for St Peter Port voters only and one super-polling station at Beau Sejour for all voters. Three Polling Station Officers would need to be appointed. The main polling days would be on the 16th & 17th June, with the super polling station also open on the weekend of 13th & 14th June. It was expected that approximately 20% may be postal votes.

Committee Reports

There was no Townie report. The Townie would be brought up at the Parish Meeting.

A report by PAC had been circulated. **CM** added that he had now conducted a survey of town shops which may be able to offer a "Carechair" and he would circulate letters to them. Window stickers would be provided to participating shops.

Waste Contractors Meeting

Minutes had been circulated. A "Hotspots" meeting was also held on the 10th October, attended by Guernsey Waste and our contractor.

DLG Notes from June Meeting

Notes had been circulated.

Island Constables Meeting

Minutes had been circulated.

Twinning

A report on the twinning would be given at the Parish meeting. The final version of the twinning document should be circulated to the Douzaine. The twinning will take place on the 29th & 30th November. A reception would be held at Government House on the 29th November. A service to rededicate the RGLI memorial at the Sunken garden and the actual signing would take place at Hauteville House on the 30th. **JT** would circulate the exact arrangements for this event.

Any Other Business

JR - asked if there were any further news on the redevelopment of the sunken garden. She was advised that this had been shelved due to lack of available funds.

DS – made the proposal that any media releases concerning the Douzaine should be first agreed by the Douzaine. This was agreed unanimously.

MMD - suggested that the Douzaine should adopt a theme for its activities such as sustainability.

AG - wondered how to encourage parishioners to come forward to stand for parish positions and also advised that he was involved in planning for the 2021 Island Games.

ZL - asked if there was any progress on the Amherst traffic arrangements. The Constables have heard nothing more from Traffic & Highway services.

JT - advised of the nominations for the Parish election. There will be two further Douzaine positions available at the April Parish meeting (one unfilled from current elections and a replacement for Mrs Jones).

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

D H LE MOIGNAN J M TASKER Constables