



## St. Peter Port Douzaine Minute Book

### Douzaine Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Present:** Mrs J M Tasker (Constable JT), Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable DLM), Mrs C E Goodlass (Dean CG), Mr B J Cash (BC), Mrs J C Robin (JR), Ms D M Sebire (DS), Ms M B McDermott (MMD), Mrs R Henderson (RH), Messrs A Gabriel (AG), T A C Bush (TB), Mrs Z C C Lihou (ZL), Messrs S W Place (SP), M R Harris (MH), B J N Nicholls (BN) & M A Guilbert (Secretary MAG).

**Apologies were received from:** Mr D Falla (DF), Mr M G G Garrett (MG), Mrs J B Gallienne (JG) & Mr N E Forman (NF).

#### Declaration of Interest

There were none.

#### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

#### Matters arising from minutes

Victor Hugo Image - **JT** advised that Bailiwick Estates wished to charge a fee for the image to be displayed of £600.00. **JT** would negotiate and report to the next meeting.

Old Quarter sign – **MAG** advised that the effect on our insurance premium, if the Douzaine takes ownership, would be no more than an additional £15.00. **MAG** was asked to obtain quotes to establish what the cost of refurb would be if **NF** is not able to do the work needed. **JR** offered to have the sign taken down at the time that Christmas lights are taken down in January.

Market Square Management Agreement – this agreement was tabled for the Douzaine to view and **DLM** gave an explanation as to why the Constables had entered into this agreement and explained that the Constables had signed this agreement on behalf of the Douzaine. Bailiwick Estates would carry on with the day-to-day management of the square.

Comparison of quotes for accountancy and: **MAG** explained the three quotes he had received from BDO, Lince Salisbury and Collenette Jones. After discussion, a proposal was made by **JR** and seconded by **ZL** that the quote by BDO was accepted for accounts preparation for the 2021 Constables Accounts and Lince Salisbury would be asked to carry out the Audit for the 2021 Accounts. This would be the recommendation to be made to the Parish meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November. This was agreed by 11 votes for, 1 against and 2 abstentions. It was also suggested that the Constables Accounts should perhaps be consolidated into one account, or at least have Floral incorporated into the Constables Account.

#### Festoon Lights on the Esplanade

Some had now been repaired by GE.

#### Forthcoming Large Expenditure

**DLM** advised that two further panels of walling would need to be rebuilt at Candie Cemetery and in 2022 the Constables would need to offer staff a secondary pension.

#### Constables' Report

Circulated.

#### Committee Meetings & Reports

Townie – a meeting had not yet been held.

**Floral - JR** had obtained a quotation from Grow Ltd for the planting at La Salerie which was very high at £2,975.00. **JR** had tried to negotiate, but the figure was still considerably higher than States Works price of £1,000.00 so **JR** had reached the decision to stay with States Works.

Douzaine Youth Liaison Officer: **MMD** again expressed an interested in this role, but acknowledged that there may be others on the Douzaine that might wish to be involved. She wished to move this



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forward. **DLM** gave a short explanation of how the role came about. It was suggested that this be discussed again when the new intake of Douzeniers were in place next year.

#### **Matters Arising from Committee Reports**

There were none

#### **School Reports**

There were none

#### **Audit and Accounts**

The Advisory Committee minutes from the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October had been circulated. This had been reported in "Matters Arising".

#### **Constables' Parking Spaces**

There was discussion on the pros and cons of providing two parking spaces at the Christian Science car park primarily for use by the Constables. **JT** explained that several years ago, two parking spaces had been retained at the Bruce Lane carpark for use by the Constables, but when two spaces at the Christian Science car park were made available, it was possible to release the two Bruce Lane spaces for rental. **DS** repeated the objection raised at the previous meeting that this expenditure should not be borne by Ratepayers. As requested by **DS** a secret ballot was held asking if parking should or should not be provided for the Constables. The result of the ballot was that 9 Douzeniers supported the parking spaces being provided and 5 did not. As this was carried, the renting of the spaces at the Christian Science car park would continue. **RH** commented that if she were successful in her bid to become a Constable, she would not require a space.

#### **Elect two Douzeniers to Serve on Church Management Board**

**JT** explained that the main function of the Board was to meet once a year to put forward a recommendation on expenditure for that year (The Church Property Management Board Remede). **JT** and **RH** advised that they wished to stand again for 2020/21 and as no one else put their name forward, **JT** and **RH** were duly re-elected.

#### **Nominations for Parochial Elections**

**DLM** read out the nominations for the various positions. The question was raised whether it would be possible for nominees to view the count. Should this be done, it was suggested that the successful candidates should be shown around the Constables Office building. **JT** expressed regret that she had not achieved all she wanted to in her last six years as Constable. She also said that information was not always forthcoming, and she pointed out that anyone seeking records in future of some of the Constables' work would not find it. One matter mentioned was the work done by **DLM** and Joe Mooney regarding the Parish's waste disposal to Jersey. Although it could have been possible with a saving made, the new Law did not allow disposal to be anywhere other than that designated by the Waste Disposal Authority.

#### **Candie Cemetery Engineer's Report**

The 2016 Engineers (emailed) report had been circulated. **MMD** pointed out that perhaps work was being carried out that could be held back. **DLM** responded that the walls in Monument Road and Upland Road were originally all built in the same way, with only a skin of granite and no proper foundations and with high ground pressures being present, all were liable to be unstable. **RH** thought that the Douzaine should try to lessen the burden on Ratepayers in 2021. **SP** Considered that we should not be discussing the matter as the need for safety was imperative. Requesting an up-to-dated Engineer's report was also requested.

#### **Remembrance Day Service**

**JT** would circulate information on timings for the Remembrance Sunday gathering and Armistice Day services. All were encouraged to attend.



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### **Market Square Management Agreement**

Covered in "Matters Arising".

### **Old Quarter Arch**

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### **Liquor Licences, Bornelements etc Since the Last Meeting**

#### **BORNELEMENTS**

The Trinity Square development – change of use, extension and alterations to fenestration of retail and office unit to create 5 residential flats for GY Development Limited.

4 St Johns Road – demolish existing shop/store and erect one house and two apartments for Mr D Maree.

#### **LIQUOR LICENCES**

The Cornerstone – Cat A Licence and Under 18's Permit, new DO Arvin Gaston Jacques Odillard  
White House Hotel – new DO Kathleen Leatherbarrow.

Additional Hours or on Unlicensed Premises –

- Fusion – change of hours from BST to GMT
- Juggling King Rum Company – stall in Christmas Markets, Market Square on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### **EVENTS**

Guernsey Motorcycle Club 2021 Hill Climbs – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> August Annual

Royal Guernsey Agricultural Society - Remembrance Service 8<sup>th</sup> November

Guernsey Marathon – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Headway – Tribute Walk in November

#### **Any Other Business:**

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The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

#### **Dates of forthcoming Douzaine meetings**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

**Parish Elections – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am – 8.00pm**

**D H LE MOIGNAN**

**J M TASKER**

Constables