

Summary Douzaine Meeting – Monday 28th November 2016

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mr R R Matthews, Mrs K E Jones (attended but left before the meeting), Messrs B J Cash, K R Pike, R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Ms D M Sebire, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs. M G G Garrett, J Mooney, Mrs R Henderson, Mr C Blin, Mrs L Vahey & Ms P Fath

Apologies were received from: Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs C E Goodlass & Mr N E Forman

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting of the 24th October 2016 were accepted.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

A written report had not been produced, but Mr Le Moignan advised that the Remembrance service at Fort George was well attended this year with 19 people in attendance including two Chelsea Pensioners. Hopefully it will be expanded further next year. Work on Candie Cemetery walls was progressing, with the panel north of the lower entrance nearly complete and demolition of the south panel started. The walls are in fact are just a fascia of granite with no foundations or structural backing. The corner section with Upland Road and Monument Road is 9 inches out of plumb. Remedial works will be more difficult due to the proximity of graves and advice will be sought from the Structural engineer on how best to proceed. Four more trees need to be removed.

Procureurs Report

Mr Barnaby's report was circulated.

School Reports

Mr Matthews made a verbal report stating that the school was running satisfactorily with most of the building defects now corrected. School attendance was, however, still poor and it was pointed out that there are no consequences for repeatedly missing school for either students or parents.

Committee Reports

Christmas Lights – Report circulated. The total raised on the second flag day was £ 1,448.50. All that helped collect were thanked. Guernsey electricity had agreed to supply power free of charge again this year. New lights had now been installed in the High Street and the old arrays had been moved to Fountain Street on new wires and fixings, but power would not be connected for another two weeks, one week after the switch-on. The Arcade lights were again suffering from water ingress and may not work fully. The general public are permitted to drive through the Pollet and High Street from Sunday to Wednesday evenings before Christmas and the Petit Train will be running through the same streets with 20% of takings going to the charity.

Waste Committee – Report circulated. The proposed merger of Waste and Amenities was discussed and Mr Matthews felt that the Waste Strategy was too important an issue to be taken over by Amenities and was not part of their mandate. A proposal by Mr Matthews and seconded by Mrs Robin that the present Waste Committee should be renamed a "Waste strategy Working Group" and would report directly to the whole Douzaine. This was unanimously accepted. The group could be disbanded once the Waste Strategy was fully implemented. Following the letter received from Mr Anderson of Trading Assets advising of the increase in gate fees, it was agreed that he would be asked to do a presentation to the Douzaine, though it was suggested that questions or topics for discussion should be agreed first.

Parish Meeting AOB Items

The Secretary read the list of questions and statements made at the recent Parish Meeting. The issue of whether or not questions could be answered at Parish meetings was again raised as there had been considerable concern at the meeting that questions could not be answered. As had been emailed to the Douzaine by the Secretary on the 4th November, he again pointed out that officially according to the 1902 Reform Law, electors and ratepayers could only voice an opinion or make a request in the AOB section of the meeting, but there was nothing to preclude a question being answered of an informational nature providing no decision was made. Any proposition requiring a decision would need to be first advertised in the Gazette Official and then brought to a future meeting.

Any further clarification could be sought from Mr David Robilliard and could also be brought to the GDC meeting for discussion. It was also confirmed that additional Parish meetings could be held, but only if there was a specific need.

Responsibilities re. Films

An email had been circulated from Mr Tyson, Service Performance & Training Manager for the States of Guernsey which questioned the Constables duties to view 18 rated films at locations such as Beau Sejour (premises with Salle Publique licences). Mr Le Moignan stated that he was quite happy with this responsibility which had only occurred three time in his 6 years of being a Constable and he did not wish to alter the process. Mr Le Moignan would respond to Mr Tyson's email.

Postal Votes at Parish Elections

Many present thought that this was a good idea, though may need to be introduced for all parishes. This would be brought to the next DLG meeting. It was also suggested that attendance might be improved by holding elections at a week end, though this would require a change in the law.

Any Other Business

Ms McDermott advised that she had recently attended a presentation on restorative justice and suggested that a presentation be arranged for the Douzaine.

Mrs Henderson had cleared some blockages in the stream in the Water Lanes (part of the Vrangue stream) and had also been in touch with Guernsey Water who had attended and carried out further cleaning work. She also suggested requesting a presentation on the work of the community police team

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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