

St. Peter Port Douzaine Minute Book

Douzaine Meeting – Monday 27th July 2015

Billet d'état – XIII, XIV (Volumes 1 & 2), XV

Deputies: B Brehaut, R Domaille, J A Gollop, P H Harwood, R A Jones, J Kuttelwascher, M K Le Clerc and L C Queripel were in attendance. Apologies were received from Deputy R Conder.

The Deputies left the meeting at 8.05pm.

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Messrs R R Matthews, B J Cash, Mrs K E Jones, Messrs K R Pike, J H Sarre, R A Grant, L C Queripel, N E Forman, R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Ms D M Sebire, Messrs, D Falla, M G G Garrett and J Mooney.

Apologies were received from Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs C E Goodlass, P J B Wilson, R L Lord, P J Burtenshaw & Ms M B McDermott.

Deputy Martin Storey

Mr Le Moignan was joined by all present in offering sincere condolences to the family of Deputy Martin Storey who had sadly passed away on the 22nd July.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting on the 22nd June 2015 were accepted.

Matters arising

Mr Le Moignan offered his congratulations to the St Peter Port Floral Committee on another superb performance in the Floral Guernsey competition and a round of applause was given by all present.

Mr Le Moignan advised that no further progress had been made in organizing a presentation by Mr Andrew McCutcheon on Guernsey's biodiversity as Mr McCutcheon had been on leave.

School Reports

Mrs Tasker's report on St Sampson's High and La Mare had been circulated by email on 27th July. There were no other school reports.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

The Constable's report had been circulated.

Committee Reports

All reports except the Christmas Lights Committee report had been circulated.

Christmas Lights – Mr Sarre announced that there were numerous fund raising events and initiatives organized, namely:

- An application for CI lottery funding was about to be submitted.
- Specsavers had agreed to build a Christmas Lights website, www.christmaslights.gg free of charge and the domain name had been purchased.
- A Quiz Night was due to be held at the Grammar School on the 25th September.
- A 60's and 70's music themed Dinner Dance would be held at St Pierre Park on Saturday 17th October. The event would also have a Christmas theme, live music and a silent raffle would be included. Douzeniers were asked to provide a prize to the value of £16.00.
- Milk carton advertising would run for a 10 week period courtesy of the Dairy community aid scheme.
- Bus advertising (thanks to Mr Forman for arranging this)
- The OSA pop-up shop would be taken over from 12th to 17th October, with a sale of used but quality items and a "buy-a-bulb" event which will also be continued from the Constables Office.
- A Flag Day would be held on Saturday 21st November.
- Bucket collections on Late Night shopping nights on 3rd, 10th & 17th December.
- A Christmas Lights blog on social media. Ms Sebire would look into this.

Mr Sarre and his committee were congratulated on a splendid effort in raising money for urgently needed repairs and upgrading of wires, cabling and lights. Mr Sarre asked for as much support as possible from the Douzaine for these events.

Procureur's Report

A report from Mr Barneby was read.

St Saviour's Douzaine – Plurality

The Constables had received a letter from the Senior Constable of St Saviour requesting support from the Douzaine over an issue currently being discussed with the Chief Minister and the Law Officers concerning parishes in plurality with a single Rector. St Saviour's has been financially disadvantaged by having to provide a Rectory where the three other parishes in the plurality have been able to rent out their rectories. St Saviour's proposed solution is to activate a 1994 Projet de Loi, The Rectories (Maintenance and Uses in Cases of Plurality) Law, 1993 and amend accordingly to allow the parishes not providing the Rectory to contribute rental and other costs to the Parish housing the Rector. The Douzaine were unanimously in support of this proposal and the Constables would now confirm their support in writing.

Planning Applications

Guernsey Information Centre, North Plantation – install access ramp on north elevation (Protected Building) for Treasury & Resources Department. The Douzaine did not approve of the proposal, felt that utilitarian construction of the proposed ramp and steps were not in keeping with the fine iconic building, could be built narrower to allow a pedestrian passageway and that the balustrade should be enclosed to prevent children playing on a galvanized steel handrail.

Uplands, St Jacques – demolish existing dwelling, erect 6 units of accommodation. Alterations to access, create parking and amenity areas for Uplands Limited. The Douzaine raised no objection to this revised proposal, but pointed out that the refuse and recycling bay in the rear parking area was wrongly located and would not be accessible to a compactor truck.

States Assembly & Constitution Committee

Letter regarding the date of the General Election (27th April 2016) and a letter regarding response to consultation with Parishes on broadcasting or streaming the hustings (as circulated).

Kicking Donkey Statue – St Peter Port Harbour

Mr & Mrs Dorey have requested that the Douzaine again consider their proposal and unsuccessful planning application for placing a kicking donkey statue on a stone plinth in St Peter Port harbour. This was not supported by Douzaine in 2014. A vote was taken on a proposal not to change the views of the Douzaine which was passed by a vote of 13 for and 2 abstentions. Mr & Mrs Dorey would be formally advised of this decision.

Inspection of Streams, Hedges & Bornements – Proposed Guidance

Guidance documents had been circulated as consultation documents and a meeting arranged for the 7th August to consider the draft documents. The Douzaine expressed views that the forms and warning notices should be kept as straightforward as possible. It was pointed out that the introduction of the new parochial fine system was bound to make the record keeping and issuing of notices and penalties more onerous. The Douzaine also expressed the view that Constable Le Moignan should attend the meeting as he was present when views had been expressed and had attended several of the earlier meetings and workshops.

Terrace Café Lease

The Secretary explained that Mr McMeechan, tenant of the Terrace Café had recently visited the Constables to discuss his lease. He wanted to spend a considerable sum on improvements to the property, but was looking for an assurance that he would have “first refusal” on any new lease when his lease expires in 2025. After some discussion it was proposed that the Constables take expert advice from a property professional before giving any such assurance. It was thought that an extension of the lease, subject to a market rent review may be an alternative.

Glass Collection and Interim Kerbside Scheme (Letter from Deputy Ogier of Public Services circulated)

The Douzaine were in favour of parish-wide glass collection being started in 2016. Noise nuisance was a consideration, but very few complaints had been received as a result of the St Peter Port trial.

Any Other Business

Mrs Jones reported that, following their success in the local competition, she would need to ask the permission of the Constables and Douzaine to enter the Britain in Bloom national competition. This was approved unanimously by all present. By a show of hands it was decided to host a small reception before the August Douzaine meeting to thank the floral helpers. Mrs Jones will provide a list so that the office can send out invitations.

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Mr Grant advised that the Townie magazine cost 34.5p each to produce. Mr Grant also advised that he had been asked by Mr Richard Lord if he could advertise his photographs in the Townie.

Mr Queripel advised that he was on the Seafront working party and any comments should be addressed to the Chief Minister.

Mr Harding queried who had given permission for a fish & chip van at the Liberation Monument. He was advised that this was given by the Harbour Authority. Opening times were limited so as not to clash with the White Rock Café.

Ms Sebire asked if anyone wished to join the Christmas Lights Committee now that Mr Burtenshaw has stood down.

Mrs Robin reminded all contributors that the deadline for the autumn "Townie" was the middle of August.

Mr Le Moignan requested any further thoughts on the Douzaine photo as it was proving difficult to find a time and date suitable for all.

Liquor Licences, Sunday Trading etc granted since last meeting

BORNEMENTS

The Coach House, 8 St Johns Street – alterations to rear ground floor of property to form shower room for Mr C H Richards

LIQUOR LICENCES

Victoria Arms – change of Licensee to Thomas Hayden Batiste

The Rotunda – change of Licensee to i2 Office (Guernsey) Limited

Applications for additional hours or on unlicensed premises –

- Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club – Marquee on Careening Yard Arm on 17th & 18th July
- Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club – Marquee on Crown Pier on Saturday 5th July

EVENTS IN THE TOWN

Tour des Ports de la Manche Yacht race – 5th July

History in Action "Burnt at the Stake" 17th and 27th July 6.15pm

Twisty Sprint Sunday 19th July

"Walk a Mile in her Shoes" Saturday 21st November starting at Salerie Corner for the White Ribbon Campaign.

SUNDAY TRADING LICENCES

Licence No.	Premises	Category of Licence
117	Stan Brouard	(Homelife Show) G

Dates of forthcoming Douzaine meetings –

Monday 24th August 7.00pm Constables Office, Lefebvre Street preceded by Floral reception at 6.30pm

Monday 28th September 7.00pm Constables Office, Lefebvre Street

Monday 26th October 7.00pm Constables Office, Lefebvre Street

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

D H LE MOIGNAN

J M TASKER

Constables