

Summary of Douzaine Meeting – Monday 26th October 2015

Mr Le Moignan commenced the meeting with a tribute to Douzenier P J B Wilson and there was a minute's silence.

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, R A Grant, R L Lord, 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: Mr J H Sarre, and Ms M B McDermott.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting on the 28th September 2015 were accepted.

Matters arising

The biodiversity presentation by Mr Andy McCutcheon was held on the 19th October and attended by eight Douzeniers.

Mr Cash would follow up the tidying up of the signage under the archway into Lefebvre Street with owner's property agent. Mrs Goodlass advised that she had attended a two day course for the Parochial Tribunal panel members, which was interesting and informative, but also highlighted the importance of evidence gathering in the form of written records and photographs.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

Mr Le Moignan apologised for not circulating a written report as he had been extremely busy with routine business as well as fundraising for the Christmas Lights, the floral improvements at St Julian's Avenue and the Vallette project. The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations were also discussed and it was expected that the Douzaines would soon be contacted by Deputy O'Hara of Culture & Leisure.

Committee Reports

Christmas Lights Committee – Mrs Robin advised that 1165 bulbs had been sold (plus a bulk purchase of 200) in the "Buy a Bulb" campaign during the OSA Pop-up Shop week, with £120.00 being sent to the Paypal account and a further approximately £240.00 received from purchases in the shop. Ms Sebire was thanked for hard work in making the Pop-Up shop a success. A £5,000 grant had been received from the CI Lottery funding. Events yet to come were the Flag Day on the 21st November, late night shopping collections, milk carton advertising with the large milk carton in Market Square.

Profile Committee – Mr Grant reported that a meeting had just been held and Mr Forman had agreed to take over the Chair as Mr Grant was not seeking re-election.

Floral Committee – The Floral Committee had attended a meeting with Mr John Woodward, a Britain in Bloom judge who had been most helpful in advising on the 2016 entry. Mr Mooney was thanked for helping with the cleaning up of the plantation in St Julian's Avenue, but additional help would be needed with the planting of the bulbs donated by Rotary. Anne Outram and Sarah Cash of Rotary were assisting. The Harbour Authority had donated eight large black planters, previously used at the bus station and Raymond

Evison will provide a large Clematis display and maintain it for two years.

A discussion ensued about the problem of cigarette butts and chewing gum, which may affect the BIB competition results, and Mr Le Moignan agreed to contact the Community Police team. Suggestions were that part of the tax raised on tobacco should be allocated to street cleaning and that smoking should be banned in public places either in St Peter Port or island-wide.

Amenities Committee – A report had been circulated. A stakeholders meeting on the future of the seafront will be held in November. Mr Falla suggested that the Douzaine needs to examine the issue of resident parking from the Parish perspective, for example an optional paid parking scheme for residents. The application for an additional "You are Here" board at the lower entrance to Candie Gardens was presently with the planners and another at the bus station was under consideration by the committee.

School Reports

Baubigny Schools – A meeting with the Education department would be arranged to discuss the various building defects at both schools and the Department's facilities manager had been asked to attend the next Schools Committee meeting.

La Mare – Mr Le Moignan advised that exam results were improving and had now overtaken one other high school. Attendance had also improved.

Any Other Business

Mrs Goodlass advised that the questionnaires for the Education department's Your Schools – Your Choice consultation would be available from the Constables Office.

Mr R Matthews noted that there was no conclusion reached yet on a Parish celebration for the Queen's 90th Birthday and he favoured holding another party in Cambridge Park.

Mr Harding asked who had been nominated for election of Parish Officials. Mr Le Moignan read these out.

Mr Garrett thanked Ms Sebire for her hard work in fund raising for Christmas Lights.

Mr Mooney suggested a letter of congratulations should be sent to the Harbour Authority on the port being voted the best British Liner Port.

The meeting closed at 10.03pm