

Douzaine Meeting Summary Minutes – Monday 25th September 2017

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs C E Goodlass, Mrs K E Jones, Mr K R Pike & 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, Mrs L Vahey, Messrs. A Gabriel & T A C Bush.

Apologies were received from: Messrs. B J Cash, R H Harding & C Blin.

Declaration of Interests

Mr J Mooney is a Construction Forum member.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising

The granite setts reported as being left on the beach at the Red Lion by Guernsey Water have been removed. Nothing further had transpired following the temporary installation of the Dorey's donkey statue at Le Friquet Garden Centre. They were still looking for a suitable permanent St Peter Port location.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

The Constables had circulated a report. The secretary confirmed that an insurance claim had been filed for the damage to the pump trough at Trinity Square.

Committee Reports

Profile Committee – A report had been circulated.

Amenities Committee – Mr Falla reported that Guernsey Water considered it worthwhile to build a surface water control system at St Pauls Garden (a SUDS scheme). He will be meeting with Environment & Infrastructure and Guernsey Water shortly and will then convene a meeting of the Amenities Committee. No design work had yet been carried out. The Community toilet scheme take-up had not been as good as hoped but will soon be launched. It was noted that repair work to the Smith Street war memorial masonry had commenced.

School Reports

A report for Amherst and Vauvert had been circulated. St Peter Port primary schools were under considerable pressure caused by increasing pupil numbers and there is currently no spare capacity at Amherst or Vauvert. The library at Amherst had been converted to a classroom during the summer holidays. Another room, created for a breakfast club, has also had to be changed for a classroom.

There were no other school reports.

Waste Strategy Group Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting had been circulated. A letter had been received from Mr Evans of Trading Assets advising that a meeting of all Island Douzaines was being held on the 4th October at Le Murier School.

Brock Road Update

The police have been assisting by patrolling the garden and speaking to a group drinking there. The group were told that they would not be prevented from using the garden providing they behaved and did not leave litter. Since these warnings, the garden has remained cleaner. The Police will continue to monitor for the next few weeks. The application for an Alcohol Free Zone is still pending.

Rod Hamon Resignation

Mr Le Moignan gave an explanation of the circumstances that led up to Mr Hamon's resignation. There had been several references made to this on Facebook since it became public knowledge. Ms Sebire expressed her disappointment at the way this had been handled by the Constables and was critical of communication generally.

Major General Sir Isaac Brock

A commemorative wreath would be laid at Boots on the 13th October. On the same day, the funeral of Major Eric Le Quesne is due to be held at the Town Church. The times of both events will be circulated.

Amendment from Deputy De Lisle – dates of States meetings.

A vote was carried by 12 votes for and 3 abstentions that the amendment should be supported.

Any Other Business

Mrs Jones – pointed out that there were several roads missing on the hedge inspection list, and she would advise the office accordingly.

Mr Pike – Advised that the handrail on the steep corner at the bottom of Mount Durand needs weeding. The grounds men would be asked to do this. Mr Pike also asked if the whole of the Warry's bakery site was St Peter Port. The office would advise on this (*The whole of the site is in St Peter Port*).

Mrs Robin – advised that two one tonne bags (of building material waste) had been abandoned in Rue de Putron. The office had already reported this to Traffic & Highways. She also advised that three street lights in Rue de Putron and one on the Fort Road were partially obscured by hedges. (*Hedge inspections teams –please look out for this*)

Ms McDermott – suggested that the Waste Committee should meet after the TA meeting on the 4th October so that members could be updated on the progress of the waste strategy. It was also thought important that St Peter Port Deputies be advised of particular Parish concerns.

Mr Falla - reminded all that the three core concerns were:

- 1) Updating of LAPIS software.
- 2) The date for commencement of new waste charging.
- 3) Waste law needs to be modified to cover the transitional year of charging.

Mr Mooney – advised that the new inter-island ferry service would not be introduced for Christmas 2017. He suggested that, as St Peter Port has the heads of five States committees amongst its Deputies, that more use should be made of this opportunity. Questions could be submitted in advance of meetings.

Mr Gabriel – advised that the new street light near the crossing in Fountain Street was now working and that there were many weed infested pavements and roads in the town.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

D H LE MOIGNAN
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Constables