

Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting, Monday 20th February 2017

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs K E Jones, Messrs. K R Pike & R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs. M G G Garrett & J Mooney, Mrs R Henderson, Mr C Blin, Mrs L Vahey, Mr T A C Bush.

Apologies were received from: Mrs C E Goodlass, Mr B J Cash, Ms D M Sebire, Ms P Fath & Mr A Gabriel

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of meeting of the 23rd January 2017 were accepted.

Matters arising

There were none.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

A report had been circulated.

Committee Reports

Floral Committee – a report had been circulated.

Profile Committee – Edition 9 of “The Townie” was now coming together. Mr Honeybill was providing dates for the Candie summer concerts, hopefully in time to be included in the magazine.

School Reports

Baubigny Schools – Mrs Tasker reported that she had attended a meeting of both schools on the 9th February which the new head Le Murier attended. Attendance is improving at St Sampson's High and there had been a superb performance of “Alice in Wonderland”. Le Murier has now found sponsorship to run two after-school clubs starting this term and have found both funding and permission to install the Life-skill buildings on the campus. The sports pitch had experienced problems with Summer Chafer bugs, and most of the buildings' snagging work has been completed by contractor. Another contractor's insurance also met a claim of approximately £60,000 for flood damage caused by them.

Amherst & Vauvert - Mrs Jones reported that Amherst school had been part of the recent well attended Data Fair at Beau Sejour and were showing off the children's coding skills.

La Mare De Carteret - Mr Le Moignan reported that exam results were not quite as good as last year, though the primary school was performing very well, and were also now running high school clubs. Mr Harding had been asked to assist in setting up a new radio station.

Candie Cemetery Walls

The full cost of repairs will be discussed at the next Douzaine meeting once the Advisory Committee have approved the means of funding this necessary work. Due to the high costs likely, it will be necessary to curtail other non-essential work, for example the rebuilding of the fountain on east side of the Town Church.

Brewery Site

Mr Le Moignan and Mrs Tasker had attended a meeting with Comprop and their lawyers to look further at the proposed alterations to the road layout and creation of footpaths and planted areas. Mr Le Moignan confirmed that he had contacted the presidents of both car clubs who had no objections to the proposals. Several Douzeniers thought that ceding this land to a private developer was setting a dangerous precedent and if granted by the courts, a fully commercial long-term lease should be the solution. A proposal was made by Mrs Robin and seconded by Mrs Jones that this proposal should not be supported by the Douzaine. This was carried by 7 votes to 6 against with one abstention. The Constables will write to the developer's advocate.

Britain in Bloom – Community Competition

As St Peter Port is in the BIB Champion of Champions competition, the Parish cannot enter the community competition, though the Constables' office should be entered into the Douzaine Room competition.

Any Other Business

Mrs Robin – queried why one section of festoon lighting on the Esplanade wasn't working. This lighting was erected by the TCP from sponsorship and since gifted to the Parish. This section is thought to be unrepairable and may need to be replaced.

Mr Mooney – Mr Mooney also queried the cost of a Bornement. He was advised that the cost is £25.00, which he considered very cheap compared to Planning fees. He was advised that it was recently raised from £15.00 after an island-wide Douzaine consultation. (St Peter Port asked for £40.00).

Mr Le Moignan – He had attended a meeting with Mr Wayne Bulpitt, who was asking for help in identifying elderly and vulnerable people. Mr Le Moignan appealed for any ideas and suggested it may be possible to form a parish group to visit elderly or vulnerable people and he would mention this at the Parish meeting. The media and social media may also be able to assist, as would an article in "The Townie",

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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