



Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting Monday 29th July 2019

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable DLM), Mrs C E Goodlass (Dean CG), Mrs K E Jones (KJ), Mr B J Cash (BC) Mrs J C Robin (JR), Ms D M Sebire (DS) Mr D Falla (DF), Ms M B McDermott (MMD), Mr M G G Garrett (MG), Mrs R Henderson (RH), Messrs C Blin (CB), A Gabriel (AG), T A C Bush (TB), Mrs Z C C Lihou (ZL), Mr C P Meinke (CM), Mrs J B Gallienne (JG), M R Harris (MH) & M A Guilbert (Secretary MAG).

Apologies were received from: Mrs J M Tasker (Constable JT), Mr S W Place (SP).

Declaration of Interest

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MMD pointed out that she had not attended the whole of the meeting, otherwise the Minutes for the meeting held on the 24th June 2019 were accepted.

Matters Arising

Banners on railings had since been removed and the Aquarium sign taken down.
Provision of bunting – a meeting was to be arranged with the TCP now that the Town Carnival was finished.

JT and **KJ** had attended a meeting at Amherst School regarding the traffic system near the school.
DLM agreed that the Constables should write to Deputy Brehaut suggesting that a six month trial of a one-way system be introduced citing the example of the one-way system being trialed at Rue a L'Or.

MAG had reported the problem of the litter bin continually being full at the look-out at Belvedere to ACLMS. It was thought that this was caused by a builder continually fly-tipping there.

Constables' Report

DLM apologised for not producing a written report. He advised that GE were due to install a Windsor style street lamp in Rosemary Steps to augment rather poor lighting. **DLM** also updated the Douzaine on what may be a dangerous wall in Colborne Road.

Committee Reports

Reports had been circulated.

Matters Arising from Committee Reports

There were none.

School Reports

A report for Vauvert and Amherst Schools had been circulated. **KJ** advised that a one week holiday club had been run at Amherst for some of the more disadvantaged children, which had proved a success.

Road Name Change

A suggestion had been made to **DLM** by Jack Gervaise Brazier owner of the Golden Lion public house that as Visit Guernsey were trying to promote Victor Hugo world wide in the hope that visitor numbers would be increased and that Le Petit Carrefour now had an inscription on the road surface taken from his book 'Toilers of the Sea', it might add to the local experience by re-naming this area to 'Place de Victor

Hugo'. After much discussion, during which **DLM** explained that Visit Guernsey were in favour of the change, also other States Department were quite happy for it to happen, a vote was taken and 6 voted for the change, but ten voted against with one abstention. **DLM** would write to Visit Guernsey informing them of the Douzaine decision.

Action: DLM

North Plantation – Street Enhancement Proposal

The circular letter from Traffic & Highway Services had been circulated.

Candie Cemetery Grassed Areas

At **DLM**'s request, the douzaine met at Candie Cemetery before the meeting. **DLM** explained that following the removal of the trees which had damaged the cemetery wall and now the wall had been rebuilt there was a Health & Safety problem with men working on the sloping ground immediately behind the wall. As the wall was barely 12 inches above ground level there was nothing to prevent men working there from falling onto the road 3 metres below. The problem had not arisen before the trees were removed as their branches were at ground level, therefore there was no requirement for men to go on to that area except perhaps once per annum to pick up any litter. This was still a dangerous exercise which had now been exacerbated by the tree removal.

As the ground could not be levelled, **DLM** following consultation with various people, put forward the idea of laying artificial grass with suitable low allergy bushes planted making the area attractive to look at, but primarily acceptably safe, as the grass would only need washing or hoovering approximately every 3 months and this could be done without men working directly on the area.

After much discussion the Douzaine requested **DLM** to investigate other methods of covering the surface, including play park matting, ground cover plants, concrete and railings by 16 for and 1 abstention.

Any Other Business

MMD appealed for assistance with the Douzaine drop-in on Saturday 10th August. **RH**, and **JR** agreed to help. **CM** (who had helped on several occasions) appealed for male members of the Douzaine to help set up and remove the gazebo as it was too heavy for the female Douzeniers. -ins should cease.

DS asked if anyone could remember regattas being held at La Valette and suggested that this could be a Parish event.

AG pointed out that there is often black sack refuse mess on South Esplanade. **MAG** replied that the office had been in touch with several offices regarding their commercial waste, and also restaurants in the Tourist Information Centre area.

TB and **ZL** gave apologies for the next meeting.

CM brought up three issues:

He asked if the Douzaine is represented on the new retail group? Yes, **DLM** will be attending meetings. He had been in touch with various shops who are using pavements to display stock.

He asked what input the Constables had in arranging the "man on the bench" Victor Hugo statue. **DLM** confirmed that they had been involved in the final design and the location. There was no on-going involvement or help with funding.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

D H LE MOIGNAN
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Constables