



Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting, Monday 25th November 2019

Present: Mrs J M Tasker (Constable JT), Mrs C E Goodlass (Dean CG), 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 A Gabriel (AG), T A C Bush (TB), Mrs Z C C Lihou (ZL), S W Place (SP), Messrs M R Harris (MH) & M A Guilbert (Secretary MAG).

Apologies were received from: Messrs D H Le Moignan (Constable DLM), B J Cash (BC), Mrs J C Robin (JR), Mr C Blin (CB). Mr C P Meinke (CM) & Mrs J B Gallienne (JG)

Declaration of Interest

TB pointed out that his son worked for Submarine.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from minutes

Liberation day float – **AG** has made no progress in finding suitable premises and will contact Deputy Joe Mooney to see if he can help with a suitable vehicle.

Costing on Townie – **RH** had circulated this.

Twinning – **JT** sent out the final arrangements for the various Twinning ceremonies.

Constables' Report

A report had been circulated. **AG** suggested that Committee reports and minutes/notes could use a common format.

Committee Reports

A Townie report had been circulated.

School Reports

JT would report at the next meeting.

Douzaine Drop-In

The next drop-in would be on the 14th December at the Town Church. **DS** and **RH** volunteered. The suggestion was made that Deputies could also be invited to attend. Drop-ins should be promoted in the Guernsey Press as other parishes do.

Constables Election

JT confirmed the results. **DLM** was returned as Constable. The turnout by the electorate had been very poor.

Website & Social Media Update

MAG's notes had been circulated. **DS** agreed to take over the Twitter account. The login and the suggestion that Submarine take over the social media for a trial period was discussed. **AG** thought this a good idea, whilst **ZL** pointed out that other providers could also provide this service. Several thought that there was sufficient expertise within the Douzaine, and it was agreed that a small group would be formed to look into this further. The appointment of a media officer was suggested, and it was pointed out that any media releases should first be vetted by the Constables.

DLG notes

Notes on the last meeting on the 11th October were circulated.

Twinning

JT confirmed the events lined up on Friday 29th and Saturday the 30th November.

Any Other Business

CG asked if anything could be done about pigeon nuisance in Mill Street. She was advised that there is little that can be done to prevent the public feeding pigeons, though Environmental Health could be consulted if the pigeons became a health hazard.

DS queried the system of deferring elections at Parish meeting and thought that **RH** should have been allowed to address the audience even though **DLM** was not present. A substitute could have addressed the audience on **DLM**'s behalf. **CG** advised that as Returning Officer it was her judgement that **RH** should not be permitted to speak as **DLM** was hoping to attend and had not had sufficient time to organize someone to speak for him.

AG pointed out that the plantation at the South Esplanade (Les Echelons) was in very poor condition, he thought it looked like a forgotten part of the parish. **AG** also suggested that a scaffolding embargo could be imposed in December and asked if the Douzaine could liaise with landlords for pop-up shops in the run-up to Christmas.

RH asked if allocation of stalls or pitches for the late-night shopping was going to happen this year. This exercise had been done in recent years by **DLM**, though not as Constable. The new Guernsey Retail Group has been approached to take over this role but had declined to do so as they were not able to fund the security arrangements required by the Police. **RH** thought that the Douzaine should take on this responsibility, but **JT** was loath to do this because of the financial implications. **RH** thought that parish Rates should be increased for empty shops). On the subject of the condition of the planters at Les Echelons, Floral had previously submitted a scheme to plant 52 London Plane trees. These trees have vertical roots, and so will not disturb nearby tarmac. **SP** Commented that there was a policy that local species are planted, London Planes were not native and were high allergy trees. **RH** though the sleepers that contained the planting in the lane divider along by the bus station looked very poor. She also voiced her opinion that the Douzaine should bring back a full floral committee so that it was more hands-on.

ZL queried the cost of holding the recent Constable election. **MAG** would advise.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

D H LE MOIGNAN

J M TASKER

Constables