



St Peter Port Douzaine Minute Book

A brief discussion of the 25 November Billet was made by Deputy A. Gabriel.

Douzaine Meeting – Monday 26th October 2020

Present: Mr DH Le Moignan (Constable DLM), Mrs JM Tasker (Constable JT), Mrs CE Goodlass (Dean CG), Mr BJ Cash (BC), Ms DM Sebire (DM), Mr D Falla (DF), Ms MB McDermott (MMD), Mr MGG Garrett (MG) Mr A Gabriel (AG), MR TAC Bush (TB), Mrs ZCC Lihou (ZL), Mrs JB Gallienne (JG), Mr MR Harris (MH), Mr BJN Nicholls (BN), Miss FJ Malley (Secretary FM)

Apologies were received from: Mr NE Forman (NF), Mrs R Henderson (RH), Mr SW Place (SP), Mrs JC Robin (JR)

Declaration of Interest

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from minutes

Victor Hugo Image – **JT** said the £600 charged by Bailiwick Estates was for the hire of the scaffolding tower. This needed to be taken down each day for safety purposes. It would take approximately three days to complete the work. If the project goes ahead it needs to be done ASAP as there will be an art competition in the arches in the Spring. **DF** asked if the work could be carried out at the same time as the art competition to save money. **JT** advised the work had to be separate. **AG** queried how much in total the project would cost. **JT** confirmed it would be £900 which would be taken from Public Improvements. The expenses for artist and materials had been agreed at a previous meeting. **ZL** asked if the artwork had been agreed. **JT** said it would be a picture of Victor Hugo with a saying below, which everyone had accepted. **ZL** couldn't recall a decision being made. **DLM** asked would the image be a permanent fixture **JT** confirmed it would be in place for 5 – 10 years. **DF** said there were three questions raise: Is it beneficial to town? Is it value for money? Can we get sponsorship? **JT** suggested we leave the project until the New Year. **DF** proposed that it was discussed by the PAC Committee and this was agreed.

Old Quarter Sign – We are still waiting on quotes.

Candie Cemetery Wall – **DLM** advised an update wasn't available yet. **MMD** asked for an update on the movement of the wall. **DLM** said it was hard to define the movement as it can be quite fluid.

Remembrance Day – **AG** commented it was still awkward standing in front of parishioners and Douzaine should form up with the parade. **DLM** advised that a de-brief had mentioned that at least 4 / 5 metres should be left to allow space for the Douzaine.

Armistice Day Service – **CG** was disappointed to see people walking through the actual ceremony showing high levels of disrespect. **CG** proposed that we ask the police to attend these services. **CG** also queries who owns the cemetery and was there a chance that handrails could be fitted. **DLM** said States Property Services owned the cemetery.

ACTION: **DLM** to contact States Property Services



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Minutes of Meetings – **MMD** advised that her proposal to have all meetings pertinent to the Constables' business should be minuted or noted as appropriate, had been missed from the previous minutes. It was agreed that the Secretary would attend meetings moving forward.

Constables Report

Circulated

Matters arising from Constables Report

Parish Meeting - **DLM** advised that Beau Sejour had apologised for not putting out the microphones and no charge would be made for these. **AG, BC and DS** commented that the refreshments provided by Beau Sejour were lacking. It was agreed to try and book Les Cotils for subsequent meetings.

Liquor Licenses – **AG** questioned whether the Douzaine should be checking planning details for Liquor Licenses. **JG** asked if there was a checklist / certain criterion to follow. **DLM** said they checked the layout of hostelries against plans and measurements submitted and if they didn't match up the license wasn't granted. The Courts rely on the Constables checks.

Special Constables – **DS** enquired how safe it was for the Groundsmen to take up the roles of Special Constables. **DLM** advised that they only really had a reporting role, but the badge and tabard were signs of authority and would only be specific to certain areas. When asked if we had a lot of problems **DLM** said that most problems were those of vandalism, and drink related.

Committee Meetings and Reports

There were none.

Schools' Committee Reports

CG reported that Amherst had been running several topics that involved trips for the students. Including one-year group studying the Victorians. They were given a trip to the OGH to see the ballroom and the bedrooms before being offered afternoon tea. These trips were important for the youngsters' morale and offered them the opportunity to see places they would not usually see in their normal lives. **CG** also commented on the commitment of the staff at the school and how much they gave to the pastoral care of their pupils, mentioning the Summer Club that they ran each year in the holidays. **CG** spoke about the Douzaine committing time towards assisting the School. It was agreed in principle that some could afford the time, but for safe-guarding purposes it would be necessary to have police checks taken. **DS** suggested if volunteers were needed perhaps the school could provide a list of roles available and what was required. **CG** also advised that the school had a very successful newsletter and that they also listed Douzaine information on it.

JT advised she had circulated her report earlier in the afternoon. **JT** also advised there was an open day at Le Murier on Thursday 10 December at 13:30 where douzeniers could learn more about their enterprise scheme.

Waste Charges,

DLM reported that he had spoken to Deputy Peter Roffey about the research he and Joe Mooney had undertaken about sending waste off island to Jersey. Deputy Roffey was interested and had thanked him; he was also pleased to have made the parish link. **AG** asked how negotiations with WDA were going, had many fines been collected. **JT** advised



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that we had missed out on about four fines at the beginning of the year, but WDA was more organised now. There had been one fine collected to date.

The Guernsey Party Representation

DLM asked whether the Douzaine wished to meet with the Guernsey Party on a quarterly basis? **JT** asked if it was 'the party' that wanted to meet or those who had been elected.

DLM said he interpreted it as the deputies wishing to meet. It was agreed that the Douzaine should accept the offer. **ZL** suggested we meet with other party representatives as well.

Regeneration Development Framework

JT updated the Douzaine on the meetings she had attended. **JT** raised a concern about Tibbalts, a planning and urban design company, they had done a good job with Leales Yard, but St Peter Port was very different. **JT** felt that the questionnaire online was too simple with no place for ideas. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting on **Monday 30 November at 7pm** to discuss the matter fully and put together a report from the Douzaine.

Twining with Lunel, France

DLM said that Lunel had ancestral connections to Victor Hugo and they had enquired about twinning. He advised that he spoken to Roy Bisson from the Victor Hugo Society who had said he would be happy to liaise with them and form a friendship. **BC** said twinning was a complex issue and forming a friendship agreement would be more beneficial. **TB** felt that we should focus on our existing twinning. It was agreed to pass the Lunel contact onto The Victor Hugo Society.

DLM also spoke about an historical relationship with Pleutuit. The Douzaine owns a wooden plague that represents Pleutuit and its church. It predates the World War II as it has a spire on the church and the Germans removed the spire during the war. It was agreed to contact the Mayor of Pleutuit to find out more about our history. Other suggestions included speaking to Keith Pike, Eileen Glass or Gregory Stephens-Cox and visiting the Priaulx Library.

Parish Election Information

JG asked if we had a formal wash-up / review of the Parish elections. It was agreed that those wishing to make suggestions or offer feedback should do so to the Constables by **Friday 27 November**.

Plans

La Vignette, 13 Mount Durand – change of use from single dwelling (use class 1) to house of multiple occupancy (us class 6) (Protected Building)

Bournements etc

La Piette Hotel – New DO Richard Murdock Kelly

Victoria Road Stores – New licensee Rebecca Louise Rhodes

Additional Hours or on Unlicensed Premises –

- Fermain Valley Hotel – extension to Buhu for New Years Eve until 1.45am
- Belle Luce Hotel – Collas Crill Christmas event in Inner Market on 1st December 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Alterations –

The Yacht – straightening the bar and removing the vestibule.



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Any Other Business

JT advised there were a lot of leaves on the ground at Cambridge Park Road, Les Cotils and Blue Mountains.

CG advised there was a lot of broken glass left at Catherine Le Pelley Steps, Cordier Hill and Vauvert.

BC commented that the lighting on Constitution Steps was inadequate. **DLM** tried to get permission a few years ago without result. The area is listed.

BC questioned whether Guernsey Water had put up water fountains around town yet. **JT** said that permission had been granted for Market Square and the North Beach, but the work was still due to take place.

BC asked if CCTV was still being used. **JT** advised that all hotspots had own cameras

DS asked for the following items to be added to the next agenda:

- What would we like devolved to us?
(Scaffolding and Road Closures already added)
- If we are in a Party, do we need to disclose?
- Any thoughts on sending 3/4 reps to the DLG that are voted on to represent us?

DS also spoke about the Douzaine Charter. St Peter Port is the only Douzaine not to have signed it. It was agreed that the decision not to sign remained the same although the Douzaine would like to have more involvement with the States.

DS asked about the possibility of making payments online. **FM** advised this was something she had discussed with Submarine, the developers of the website, and was awaiting further information.

AG said that he would no longer be able to update the St Peter Port Constables Facebook page. It was agreed to ask one of the new Douzeniers to take it on in the New Year. **ZL** suggested those who used Facebook should try and encourage their friends to like and share our page to help improve publicity.

ZL would like to resurrect the IT Group tasked mainly with going through the website and updating it.

ZL asked if there was going to be another Townie. It was agreed there would be. **ZL** asked if we were holding any money from advertisers. **DLM** advised no invoices had been issued so no monies collected.

The meeting closed at 21:20

Dates of forthcoming Douzaine Meetings

Monday 14 December 18:30 (Drinks with deputies prior to meeting)

Saturday 19 December 15:30 Market Square Annual Carol Service

Friday 1 January 11:30 (Immediately following the Royal Court Reception)