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Douzaine Meeting – Monday 14th December 2020

Prior to the meeting the Douzaine held a drinks reception for the States Deputies. Deputies Steve Falla, John Gollop, Sasha Kazantseva-Miller, and Chris Blin remained for the start of the meeting to discuss items the Douzaine felt pertinent.

BC asked the deputies for their comments re amends to budget. **Chris Blin** said it was a democratic process, but some elements could be considered wasting time.

Chris Blin asked how the Douzaine felt about the current waste situation. The consensus was that the situation had evolved as the Douzaine had anticipated.

Steve Falla felt that the waste standing charge was pitched at the wrong level. He asked if it was fair that a single, older person should pay the same as a bigger family. **Sasha Kazantseva-Miller** said these were in the process of being reviewed. **BC** said the application there for the provision was the same for all.

DF said the more we recycled the bigger the bill would get. We had to be careful that we didn't reach a point that recycling didn't become a burden on public if it goes too far. **Sasha Kazantseva-Miller** said this was not a problem yet.

MH said the contract was renewable in a couple of years. **ZL** said we would need to be careful what is brought in as it was important to protect the elderly and the vulnerable. **Sasha Kazantseva-Miller** suggested the Douzaine invite a waste representative to meet with them rather than relying solely on media coverage.

DLM suggested now might be a time to approach Jersey again about taking our waste. Previously the costs had been too restrictive, but with new representatives this may longer be the case.

JR asked if anyone knew if churches needed to have a trading license as she had heard the Forest Church has been approached to take one as they sold items. The answer was unknown.

ACTION: JR to investigate further

Sasha Kazantseva-Miller discussed the subject of community growing / allotments. She asked if this were something the parish could facilitate. **MMD** spoke of a UK project where people help others grow on their own land. She was happy to offer her services to this. **RH** said that in 2017 she went to the States about using the available land at Beau Sejour (this is where the former trim trail was) for allotment space. Perhaps this could be revisited? **CG** spoke of another UK project where they marry up elderly people who have gardens but cannot manage them with those that have only flats and no garden, to keep the gardens thriving. All have a vested interest. **JR** suggested that Sasha Kazantseva-Miller speak to



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Floral Guernsey as idea was an interesting one. **ZL** said there was lots of positivity surrounding the ideas and proposed that the Douzaine establish a link in the New Year.

BC commented that the Douzaine had sent a signed letter to the States regarding the Planning and Regeneration project, but it was his feeling that the States did not wish to listen to the views of the Douzaine. **DF** felt that the issue lay not necessarily with the States, but that it was a complicated issue with not a lot of local expertise to drive the project forward.

AG suggested that the discussion had been useful and that in moving forward perhaps the Douzaine could engage more by writing to the deputies about concerns surrounding the Billet D'état for consideration and debate.

The Deputies left the meeting

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

Apologies were received from: Mrs JM Tasker (Constable JT), Mr SW Place (SP)

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from minutes

Old Quarter Archway - DLM said the maintenance of the Old Quarter Archway was still ongoing

Candie Cemetery Walls - DLM has met with the engineer about the remaining works due to be undertaken on the cemetery walls. The walls facing onto the Priaulx Library needs work as is subsiding because of the subsidence of the graves and needs repointing. This will be started in the New Year. **MMD** asked that it be noted she had requested an up-to-date report rather than using the previous version from 2016.



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Victor Hugo Artwork - MMD has listened to the September minutes and can confirm that no artwork had been agreed. An in-principal agreement had been met but no definitive agreement. **DF** advised that at the PAC meeting they agreed the hire of the scaffold was excessive and it was agreed at the meeting that **JT** should go back to artist for expenses inclusive of scaffold. It was agreed that this has dragged on and may no longer be viable.

Twining with Lunel, France - DLM had emailed them regarding the discussion at October meeting. He had received no response to date. He is also pursuing the possible links with Pleutuit.

Party Alignment - It was agreed to align with just the deputies of each party.

Parish Election Feedback - DLM said the feedback from various was very similar **MMD** asked how the feedback would be used. **DLM** advised he wanted to do this in the New Year with the new Constable. **ZL** asked if there were any preferences to how the feedback was received. **BN** suggested it be ordered in priority.

Constables Report

DLM advised that by moving to the new system Xero from Sage will enable the office to present the Douzaine with information in a timely and easier manner.

ZL queried the implementation of a new Dog Programme / Database when Xero can be used to produce licenses. It was proposed by **ZL** and seconded by **MMD** that Xero be used as opposed to a new Dog programme. It was agreed unanimously.

AG asked how we evaluate whether a nightclub license application should go ahead. **DLM** said that the size of the venue, complaints about noise pollution and surrounding residential areas were all taken into consideration.

School Reports

There were none

Committee Meetings

The PAC meeting draft minutes had been circulated and were awaiting amends before the final notes are issued.

Rising from the minutes – The Youth Liaison Officer role is to be activated with both **BN** and **DLM** interested in the position. **ZL** said we should invite people in to discuss what youngsters wanted she suggested touching base with the Youth Commission. **DF** suggested creating a Junior Douzaine. (This could be done like other junior ‘parliamentary days’ for



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senior school children in conjunction with local schools where children discuss local issues etc)

DS Notes for Agenda

What would we like devolved to us – DLM said he wanted scaffolding devolved back to the Douzaine. **TB** suggested that not all planning applications are considered full and it would be good for the Douzaine to take responsibility for the smaller projects. It was agreed that road closures was not something the Douzaine wished to handle. **ZL** said we should be mindful of the skillsets and resources within the Douzaine and office when having projects devolved to us.

If we are in a party, do we need to disclose? – ZL said transparency was paramount. Due to data-protection we can't publish any interests on the website. It was agreed to keep a declaration of interest as an agenda point for each meeting.

Any thoughts on sending 3 to 4 representatives to the DLG that are voted on to represent us? – It was unanimously agreed that each Douzaine must be represented. **ZL** read an email sent to Deputy Heidi Soulsby about the need for all Douzaines to be represented.

TB said it was important to collaborate with other Douzaines

RH asked what part of the law applies to the role of the States to the Douzaine – what governance is there that States have. **DLM** said the only written documentation was the Charter which the Douzaine had opted not to sign. **DLM** said he felt there was a flavour in the States that the Douzaine was no longer relevant. **JR** asked when the Douzaine representatives stopped attending the States meetings was anything written to say what powers we have. **DF** said it was worth reading Shane Langlois' definition of a Douzenier.

DS suggested the Douzaine organise a social event for the summer including the Deputies. Party in the Park 2021 was suggested with a social event tied into this immediately following. **DLM** said subject to Covid this would be a good idea. **DS** proposed and **JR** seconded the proposal to hold the event. All agreed. **MMD** proposed forming a social planning committee in the New Year to lead on all social events **BN** seconded this. All agreed.

Bournements etc

BOURNEMENT

Longfield Bungalow, Guelles Road – demolish existing dwelling and erect 8 dwellings and form new vehicular access for HVC Limited.



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La Rue Marguerite site, Rue Marguerite – erect office block with associated parking for Marguerite Holdings Limited

Field at Longfield, Maurepas Road – erect 6 new dwellings with associated parking and landscaping for Guernsey Housing Association.

LIQUOR LICENCES

Little Big Brew Co Limited – new Cat A licence and DO, Simon Emile da La Rue

Koi Koi – application for nightclub licence

Chop House (formerly Villa) – change of DO Maciej Antoni Dudiak

Additional Hours or on Unlicensed Premises –

- Buho – application to extend New Year Eve licence not supported
- Bella Luce Hotel – Collas Crill Christmas event at Market Inner Street 1st December 5.30pm – 8.00pm
- Pingquay - Martel Maides Public auction 14th December 6.00pm – 10.00pm

EVENTS

Guernsey Marathon – Sunday 28th March 2021

Any Other Business

DLM asked that the Carol Service on Saturday 19 December be put on Social Media. **DLM**, **JT**, and **JR** will be attending, and the Bailiff will give a reading.

CG enquired about timings for the Parish Office Drinks on New Year's Day. The office will be open from 11:20am with people coming directly from the Bailiff's Reception from 12 noon. It is anticipated the event will conclude by 13:30. **CG** asked that everyone double check that their personal emails were correct in the mail groups. **CG** advised that Sir Richard Collas would be the guest speaker at the Douzaine Dinner in January.

AG enquired as to what work was being undertaken at the Brock Road Gardens. **DLM** confirmed that this was an ongoing insurance claim to repair the wall and railings.

TB raised a concern about the Sydenham, St Jacques development and the loss of a much-needed parking space on the road.

MH raised the importance of complying with data protection citing the Dog Competition as an example of information gathered for one purpose being used for another (chasing unpaid dog tax). Training for the Douzaine and staff will be organised for the New Year.



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BN has been asked by a parishioner in a commercial property what they can be expected to do with regards disposal of food waste **DLM** said that commercial property is not included in the Parish agreement with SWD and they will need to make own provision for disposal.

The meeting concluded at 21:30pm