St Peter Port Douzaine Minute Book

Meeting of the St Peter Port Douzaine took place on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 19:00 hrs in the Brock Room at the Constables’ Office

**Present:** Mrs Z C C Lihou (Constable ZL), Mrs C Goodlass (Dean CG), Mr B Cash (Vice Dean BC), Mrs J Robin (JR), Ms D Sebire (DS), Mr D Falla (DF), Ms M McDermott, Mrs R Henderson, Mrs J Tasker, Mr T Bush (TB), Mr M Harris, Mrs J Gallienne, Mr B J N Nicholls, Mrs O Duerden, Dr N Lloyd, Fiona Malley (Secretary FM)

**Apologies were received from:** Mr DH Le Moignan (Constable DLM), Mr S Place (SP), Mr N Forman, Mr R Skipper

**Declaration of Interest**

TB advised that his son was a director and shareholder of Submarine Ltd.

**Ratify the Remede**

The Douzaine was asked to ratify the Remede. Proposed by **CG** and Seconded by **BC** All were in agreement.

**Minutes of the meeting 19 February 2021**

These were accepted and signed

**Matters arising from minutes – 19 March 2021**

**DLM** has sent a letter to ACLMS regarding the walls at Candie Cemetery. This was received by Jan Dockerill. **BC** advised that the walls belonging to the States and at the most risk of crumbling were in precarious position. **Action: FM** to flag urgency of conditions of walls with ACLMS.

**Constables Report**

**ZL** advised that she and **DLM** had been obtaining quotes for the tarmacking required at Cambridge Park. Two quotes had already been received that varied considerably from each other. Again, it was raised that a proper report should be prepared so that all knew precisely what they were quoting for. The cost of repairing the railings and pump at Cambridge Park was recalled as this was an example where the final costing was significantly higher than the original quote.

**ZL** said that it would be good to have a general overview of the current state of repairs of the Douzaine assets including pumps. **OD** has agreed to photograph everything so the conditions can be appraised. This was accepted by the Douzaine.

**JT** advised that she would be leading a tour of the assets on Saturday 27 March 2021 for the new Douzeniers and any other interested parties, starting at the Bus Terminus at 09:30am

**School Reports**

There were none.

**Committee Reports**

The Townie report was circulated

**Liquor Licences etc**

The following were issued and approved;

**BORNEMENTS**

Silverwood Brock Road – demolish existing building containing two flats and erect three flats with new ramp access and sheds for Mr G A Kaye

Rose End, Collings Road – install replacement windows and doors and demolish section of front roadside wall and extend vehicular access for Mr P Batiste

Blocks E & F, Hougue a la Perre – install balconies for GHA

La Tonnelle, La Bouet – infill vehicular access and form pedestrian access to roadside for Smith Properties.

2 – 4 Lower Vauvert – alterations to rebuild front walls and roof structure and replace door and windows for Freehold Asset Management Limited

**LIQUOR LICENCES**

Royal Terrace Locale – Change of DO to Janis Lucans

Additional Hours or on Unlicensed Premises –

• Les Folies D’Amour – GMT to BST on 28th March

• Fusion - GMT to BST on 28th March

• St James – marquee from 13th – 21st August

Al Fresco

Creaseys – The Quay Mon – Sun 7.30am – 9.30pm yearly

It was later raised with the Douzaine that the licence reports state the ‘Constables and the Douzaine has no objection to the licence’ yet the Douzaine and not both Constables has sighted the documents. This was objected to.

**Liquor Licensing**

Who attends the Liquor licensing inspections was discussed. **RH** commented that the law states a Constable and a Douzenier should attend. Traditionally this allowed both Constables to attend as both are on the Douzaine as well. **ZL** said that the wording of the documents stated the Constables and the Douzaine approved and asked how the Douzaine felt about reports going out in their name without sight. **CG** commented that the Douzaine used to have sight of the Liquor Licenses. It was agreed to resurrect this. In the event that there was a quick turn around of the license it was agreed that quorum would be acceptable of approval. **JR** proposed this and **ZL** seconded. All were in agreement.

**Emails**

**ZL** said that now lock down was over the move to give all the Douzaine their own St Peter Port email would happen. **Action: FM** to arrange this through Resolution ASAP.

**Womble Day**

 Following on from the success of the wombling social media post **DS** and **OD** felt it would be a good initiative for the Douzaine and Parish to hold a Womble Day in St Peter Port. Those interested in attending should let **DS** and **OD** know. **Action:** **FM** to identify hotspots in St Peter Port that need attention from recent emails to office and local knowledge. Such as Catherine Le Pelley Steps.

**Town Bunting**

**RH** and **OD** declared an interest.

Andrew Pouteaux organises the bunting in St Peter Port. This is displayed traditionally from Easter until September. It costs circa £2,000 to erect and maintain. Ravenscroft have until this year been supporting this but the agreement has come to and end. Andrew Pouteaux has asked if the Douzaine will commit to £600 per annum for a fixed period of five years. **JR** felt that the Parish already provided enough funding through the floral Big Plan. **MMD** questioned whether we could reduce the Big Plan to allow additional funding. It was felt this wasn’t an option. **DS** asked wasn’t the Guernsey retail Group taking over and if so, how would people know that the Parish was funding it. **DF** suggested perhaps the money could come from the Constables account, **JT** countered this with perhaps it could be collected from Public Improvements. **BC** said that he felt it was a worthy cause and good for the look of St Peter Port. It was agreed to defer a decision until the April meeting and the request received from Mr Pouteaux would be circulated to the team. **FM**

**Any Other Business**

**CG** asked if the Douzaine should revisit the idea of excluding the Lord’s Prayer from the meeting and considering an alternative. It was agreed to defer this until the April meeting.

**CG** said that Moores Hotel would be pleased to rebook the Douzaine meal. The dates available are the 23 and 30 April. Members to let **CG** know which date suits.

**CG** reported that there was now a drain in place at the steps from Victoria Road to Cordier Hill which is stopping the rainwater cascading down the steps and making them unsafe.

**MMD** asked if there could be contingency planning for the future. **ZL** said this was something to discuss.

**MMD** asked if during lock down any of the staff had been furloughed. **ZL** advised that no one was furloughed, the office continued to operate on a daily basis with Ann and Fiona working alternative days in the office and from home.

**MMD** asked if name badges could be prepared for the Douzaine to have at the Parish meeting. **Action: FM** to prepare badges

**MMD**  asked about safety issues concerning lone workers in the office. **ZL** said that she always advised when she was planning to be in the office outside of working hours and locked herself in.

**JT** has passed on changes to the website to **FM.** These have been done, however if there arestill amendments to be made please let **JT** and **FM** know.

**JG** said there were a number of pictures in the basement that could be displayed within the office and it was a shame to hide them away. **JG** proposed that the artwork be bought up and displayed. **MG** seconded it. All were in agreement.

It was mentioned that there were a number of out-of-date Townies in the basement, and we should look at recycling these. **Action: FM** to contact Steve Byrne, GSPCA, to see if he would like them for pet bedding.

**MH** commented that there were lose slabs along the Bordage by Tudor House that were dangerous for pedestrians. **Action: FM** to contact Highways. **Note:** Since the meeting the work has already taken place.

The meeting ended at 10pm.