

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7. 00pm on Monday 7th December 2015

Present	<p>Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), M de Garis (MdG), R de Garis (RdG), P Duquemin (PD), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), Miss M Macdonald (MM), Messrs M Tanguy (MT), K de La Mare (KdLM) and A Tempest (AT) (Senior Constable – presiding). Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p> <p>P Duquemin (PD), was absent at the start of the meeting but attended at 7.05pm.</p>	
Apologies	Mr E Higgins (EH).	
Billet D'Etat	<p>Deputy D de Lisle (DdL) attended the meeting.</p> <p>Pre-School Education. DdL pointed out that this item had been carried over from the November meeting and asked if the Douzaine had covered this previously. AT said that it had been discussed at the previous meeting but asked if any member wished to make comment to DdL. RdG said that he believed the proposed cut off at £75k was too high and that it should be lower, suggesting that £45k was more appropriate. JB asked why there was so much attention being paid to this subject when it has been established that 92% of pre-school children are currently receiving education, but at no cost to the tax payer.</p> <p>Sunday Trading. This item was also carried over from the November meeting. DdL said that he believed that the vote would be very close following the guillotine motion that was implemented during the previous debate. AT said that this had been discussed previously, with the Douzaine view being that there should not be total deregulation of Sunday Trading.</p> <p>Same Sex Partnerships. Opposition to same sex marriages was expressed by some members who considered that civil partnerships would be more appropriate.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Strategy. DdL said that the proposal from the Home Department was to be gender neutral, and something that would be supported by States' members. Whilst supporting any initiative that reduced domestic abuse RdG and JB expressed concern that this was yet another initiative that was going to cost yet more money and questioned where the funds would come from.</p> <p>Extension of Aviation Registry. DdL said that it was the intention to extend the registry which was developing well, particularly the leasing side of the operation. The operation was very efficient and expected to be paying a dividend to the States.</p> <p>Guernsey Electricity – Annual Report. DdL said that although there was a loss of some £2 million this could be attributed to the cable failure with over 40% of electricity having to be produced on island at a greater cost. Without this failure the financial position would have been much better.</p> <p>Guernsey Post – Annual Report. DdL reported that Guernsey Post made a profit of £1 million – a good result in difficult trading conditions.</p> <p>Maintaining Guernsey's Working Population. DdL stated that the Policy council were proposing to remove any cap on</p>	

	<p>target numbers for the population of Guernsey and was proposing that the population target should be redefined as the lowest possible to meet the needs of the island. He suggested that there was no understanding what such a move would have on essential services such as health and education to say nothing about housing.</p> <p>RdG said that once again the States was proposing an initiative that had no idea of the cost implications to housing, or schools.</p> <p>JB said that although economic activity was important he believed that some companies were now finding that their costs were lower in the UK than on Guernsey.</p> <p>DB said that anything that increased economic activity was to be welcomed because there are 40 fewer banking licences in the island.</p> <p>DdL suggested that the 0-10 tax regime should be implemented in the same way as in Jersey and the Isle of Man, but cautioned against tampering with it too much as he feared a 'race to the bottom' for corporation tax.</p> <p>AT thanked DdL for attending and DdL left the meeting at 7.30pm</p>	
Minutes of Meeting held on 23 rd November 2015	The minutes were agreed without alteration and signed by AT	
Matters Arising	<p>Road Signage at St Saviour's community Centre (SSCC) AT reported that a letter had been prepared and would shortly be sent to the Environment Department.</p> <p>Bi-Fold Doors at SSCC. PD said that there was no further update but he was aware that CA Duquemin were in discussions with the suppliers.</p> <p>Purchase of Defibrillator. AT confirmed that the order for the defibrillator would be placed shortly and that an application to the Planning Department would also be processed.</p> <p>Road Signs at Hougue Bachele. AT reported that there had been no progress on this item.</p> <p>Recycling Bags. MT reported that he did not yet have the information needed but would follow the matter up.</p> <p>Douzaine Photograph. JB said that he would delay this until January 2016 and would confirm a date with the photographer.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>PD</p> <p>AT</p> <p>MT</p> <p>JB</p>
Environment Department	<p>Planning Applications. The Constables were requested to obtain a copy of application FULL/2015/2918</p>	AT
Christmas and New Year Refuse Collections	AT Confirmed that there would be no collection Christmas week – instead the collection would be on Monday 28 th December (including blue bag recyclables) and that the collection due on 1 st January would now be on 2 nd January (including clear bag recyclables).	
Abbeveurs and Parish Land – Maintenance Contract	<p>AT reminded the Douzaine that previously EH had cleaned all of the Parish's Abbeveurs and land during the first two weeks of June and again during the last two weeks of September but that he would no longer be able to carry out this work in 2016.</p> <p>AT had obtained 3 quotes for the work.</p> <p>The Douzaine discussed the merits of each quotation and agreed that the contract should be awarded to Barrett Landscapes for three years.</p>	AT

	<p>Ecclesiastical Remede.</p> <p>RdG said that he had obtained quotes for work needed to the Rectory kitchen and these were in the region of £17k, but did not include any sum for contingencies or other work that might be needed once the floors had been opened up.</p> <p>AC said that he did not see why the Parish Reserve Funds could not be used for such items since the only property owned by the Parish was the Church and the Rectory – SSCC has responsibility for the maintenance of the Mont Varouf site.</p> <p>DB reminded the Douzaine that Royal Court consent has to be obtained before any of the Reserve Fund can be used.</p> <p>PD suggested that the annual rates should establish an ecclesiastical reserve fund that could be used for such expenditure.</p> <p>It was agreed that RdG should obtain a quote for all of the known work and the matter should be discussed at the January 2016 meeting.</p>	RdG
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>	
	<p>The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at 7.00pm on Monday 25th January 2016.</p>	