

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7. 00pm on Monday 25th January 2016

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), R de Garis (RdG), P Duquemin (PD), Mrs A Foley (AF), Messrs E Higgins (EH), 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.	
Apologies	Mr M de Garis (MdG) and Mrs K Fooks (KF)	
Billet D’Etat	<p>Deputy A Wilkie (AW) attended the meeting. AW outlined various items listed for debate at the January States’ meeting.</p> <p>Measuring Relative and Income Inequality in Guernsey and Alderney. AW said that this was a matter that should have been dealt with already but that it was an issue that he was keen to see properly researched so that appropriate measures could be put in place to assist those members of society who properly needed help.</p> <p>Review of States Members and Non States Members Pay. AW has seconded an amendment that would see all States Members (with the exception of the Chief Minister) have equal salaries. He could see no reason why Ministers of Departments should be paid more than those who did not hold a ministerial position, his view was that all deputies should have their pay increased from £37k to £42, with an additional expenses allowance of £2k. By taking away the additional salary paid to ministers there would be no additional cost to the taxpayer. AW said that he also supported an additional ‘disabled allowance’ for any person with a disability who was elected as a deputy, - the amount of this allowance was not specified.</p> <p>Review of the Land Planning and Development (Use Classes) Ordinance 2007. AW supported the move to reduce the number of classes of land use but said that there was likely to be a move to put the item on hold until a review of the housing stock had been carried out.</p> <p>Offences (Fixed Penalties) Law 2009 – Parking on Hospital Grounds. AW said that the Home and Health Departments had identified that the various laws made no provision that allowed for the regulation and control of parking at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital. It was believed that Town commuters were parking in spaces at the hospital and leaving their cars there all day making it difficult for genuine callers at the hospital to find space to park. AW supports the proposal. JB suggested that the president of the Health Department publically expressed the view that the parking problem was not significant. RdG said that in general he supported the proposal provided that it was not going to lead to visitors to the hospital having to pay to park cars. AW confirmed that, to his knowledge, this had never been suggested. AC said that the car parks at the hospital should be for use by staff and genuine visitors to the hospital, something that could be policed by the Health Department issuing a permit to staff (and patients at the time an appointment was confirmed). The Douzaine was supportive of the proposal.</p>	

Greater Autonomy in the Legislative Process and International Affairs for Guernsey.

AW explained that this measure was aimed at shortening the process for enacting new laws by removing the need to have Guernsey Law approved by the Privy Council in London. The Isle of Man currently has an arrangement whereby the Governor of that Island gives assent to new law and it is proposed that a similar arrangement should be introduced in Guernsey.

The Douzaine supported this proposal.

Reciprocal Health Agreement with the UK and EU.

AW highlighted that this initiative had been spoken about many times in the period since the previous arrangements had come to an end but there has always been reasons not to reintroduce it, largely because it would cost the island about £500k annually.

AW said that he had spoken to a member of the UK government who believed that the UK was wrong to unilaterally end the arrangement with the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, - however subsequently both Jersey and the Isle of Man had negotiated arrangements with the UK government for its reintroduction.

AW said that will listen to the debate before deciding whether to support the proposal.

RdG said that he believed there was no good reason not to re-introduce the reciprocal agreement because there were islanders who were 'trapped' on the island and unable to visit friends or relatives on the mainland because they either could not afford or in some cases could not obtain travel insurance.

This was a view supported by the Douzaine.

Annual Independent Fiscal Review.

AW said that the report highlighted that the Island had reduced expenditure quite well but had not done as well as it might in generating additional income. This is the major reason for a deficit.

Some finance institutions are suggesting that 2016 will prove to be better than the previous year.

Discretionary Financial Penalties under the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC).

AW said that the proposals involved increasing the maximum fines to £4 million or 10% of a company's turnover – whichever is the greater.

DB suggested that some of the larger companies considered the cost of fines to be a part of annual business costs.

PD suggested that some companies are reluctant to come to Guernsey, or (those currently here) leaving Guernsey because of the heavy handed approach from the GFSC. He cited instances whereby the GFSC had been asked for advice and the response was that 'the information is available – we will tell you if you have got it wrong once you have implemented your compliance procedures'. PD suggested that the GFSC should be in a position to give appropriate guidance about enforcement measures.

AC said that he believed that the GFSC has improved over recent years. If some companies choose to ignore the regulations the GFSC must act because Guernsey will stand or fall on its reputation.

DB said that he believed that the GFSC adopted a policy of issuing warnings before implementing fines and if companies ignored them they should expect to be fined.

PD said that governance is becoming very expensive and is more and more of a concern to new businesses.

	<p>AW said that he understood that the GFSC was very good with new business.</p> <p>February States' Meeting.</p> <p>DB pointed out that the States meeting on 16th February was before the Douzaine next met and suggested that if any Douzenier had any comments to make that they should email them to AW.</p> <p>AW confirmed that any comments would be most welcome.</p> <p>AT thanked AW for attending and AW left the meeting at 7.40pm.</p>	
Minutes of Meeting held on 7 th December 2015	The minutes were agreed without alteration and signed by AT.	
Matters Arising	<p>Bi-fold Doors in the Douzaine Room (Lihou).</p> <p>AT said that he was aware that water is still finding a way into the room through the door and asked PD if there was any update concerning remedial work.</p> <p>PD said that Mr L James (LJ) had met with CA Duquemin and the suppliers of the door and that the proposed solution is to drill additional holes through the bottom of the door frame so that water can have a more direct way of entering the drainage system. This should be done within the next 7-10 days.</p> <p>MT (who has experience in the door and window fitting trade) said that the proposed solution would not solve the problem. He firmly believed that the door has been fitted incorrectly and not in accordance with the manufacturer's specification, the correct solution will be for the frame to be removed and refitted with a higher bottom threshold.</p> <p>It was agreed that if the supplier's solution proved to be inadequate that MT should attend any further meetings with the supplier and CA Duquemin.</p> <p>Purchase of Defibrillator.</p> <p>AT said that the device has now arrived in Guernsey and has been paid for. There are still issues to be resolved with the planning authorities concerning the precise location for installation, but AT is hopeful that it will be on the gable wall of the Community Centre as approved by the Douzaine.</p> <p>Dates for Douzaine Meetings.</p> <p>AT said that it had been hoped that MM would have been able to establish what other Douzaines had planned (in the light of the States of Guernsey changing their meeting dates post April 2016) but the meeting of the Douzaine Liaison Group had been postponed. However, it has been established that other Douzaines are keeping their meeting dates as the last Monday of the month (Forest, St Andrew and Torteval were not contacted).</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed that the meeting should be on the last Monday of each month.</p> <p>HM Queen Elizabeth II – Birthday Celebrations.</p> <p>RdG confirmed that Forest was unlikely to seek to join with St Saviour for this occasion, but this would be confirmed after the Forest Douzaine January meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that should Forest request to join with St Saviour they should be allowed to do so but Forest would have to contribute to the cost pro-rata according to the size of both parishes populations.</p> <p>AC suggested, and the Douzaine agreed, that the Constables should include £1k for this event when they prepare the 2016 secular remede.</p> <p>AC also confirmed that he anticipated that the celebrations would be</p>	<p>AT/PD/MT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>

	similar to the 2015 Liberation Day celebrations and involve the Community Centre, Women's' Institute as well as the Douzaine.	AC/RdG/AT
Environment Department	No plans – other than those already requested by the Constables – were asked for.	
Ecclesiastical Remede.	<p>RdG indicated that the likely ecclesiastical remede for 2016 would be in the region of £48k. This is up from £32k in 2015 but includes a sum of almost £20k for extraordinary repairs to the Rectory kitchen floor and walls.</p> <p>AC suggested that these extraordinary repairs should be funded by taking some money out of the reserve fund which currently has in excess of £140k.</p> <p>PD asked if it was possible to establish an ecclesiastical reserve by providing funds from the remede on an annual basis.</p> <p>JB said that he thought that this was unlikely but the Constables agreed to seek advice on the matter.</p> <p>RdG will invite Reverend M Charmley to attend the March Douzaine meeting, and the Constables will invite the Dean of Guernsey to attend the April Parish Meeting</p> <p>Land Under St Saviour's Church.</p> <p>RdG pointed out that the tunnels under land adjacent to the church are currently for sale with an asking price of £150k and asked if this is something that the parish should purchase.</p> <p>PD said that the proposed price is far too high but if the land proved to be suitable for future cemetery use it might be worth investigating.</p> <p>RdG said that he was unsure if the land above the tunnels was included in the sale.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should contact the vendor's agent to establish what is included in the sale.</p>	<p>AT/KdLM RdG</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>
St Saviour's Community Centre (SSCC) – Surrender Document	AT confirmed that the variation to the original surrender document (outlining the agreed apportionment of utilities and other costs) had now been prepared and signed by all parties.	
2016 General Election	AT said that the Registrar General had requested that St Saviour nominate a Deputy Returning Officer for the West Electoral District. RdG had agreed to fulfil this role and the Douzaine confirmed that RdG should be nominated.	AT/RdG
Inspections of Streams	<p>AT said that during the last 3 months of 2015 the Constables had dealt with several issues concerning the condition of streams within the parish. It was noted that some of the streams in the upper part of the parish were not as well maintained as those in the lower part and asked that inspections should be conducted so that a similar standard was adopted throughout the parish.</p> <p>The Douzaine confirmed that inspections would be twice yearly – once in June at the time of hedge inspections and again during the first 2 weeks of October as required by legislation.</p>	
Douzaine Room Privacy	<p>AT highlighted the fact that if the kitchen adjacent to the Douzaine Room was being used it was possible for conversations in both rooms to be overheard. He asked if the Douzaine considered that a greater level of sound insulation should be provided.</p> <p>JB said that the only way to deal with the matter would be to block the connecting doors up.</p> <p>PD said that he did not believe there was a problem, a view supported by AF.</p>	

	<p>MM asked why there was a perceived need for privacy and confidentiality when the minutes of Douzaine meetings are publically available on the parish website. She added that potential users of the room might find it attractive to have the adjacent kitchen available for use.</p> <p>It was agreed that the arrangements should remain unaltered.</p>	
Sub Committee and Canton Memberships	<p>AT pointed out that the rules require the memberships of Sub Committees and Cantons should be confirmed at the January meeting each year. He suggested that since there had been no changes to the Douzaine that memberships should remain as they were in 2015, a view supported by the Douzaine.</p>	
Christmas Lights at SSCC	<p>AC highlighted the fact that there was no Christmas illumination of the SSCC site in 2015 and suggested that it might be appropriate to arrange for some decoration in 2016. The SSCC LBG has agreed to fund 50% of any costs. He suggested that the amelioration fund should be used to provide funds for this purpose.</p> <p>The Douzaine expressed general approval for the initiative but asked AC to prepare a budget so that the Douzaine was aware of the cost implications. It was agreed to discuss the funding at the February meeting when costs are known.</p> <p>2016 Remede.</p> <p>AC requested that, in view of the Ecclesiastical Remede issues and other funding matters, the Constables might be in a position to present a draft secular and refuse remede to the Douzaine at the February meeting. The Constables agreed that they would endeavour to do so.</p>	<p>AC/AT</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>
Correspondence	<p>Kerbside Collection of Recyclable Waste.</p> <p>AT advised the Douzaine that he had been copied in on a letter from Castel Constables to the Public Services Department (PSD) highlighting the fact that the contract for collection is due to conclude at the end of the first quarter of 2016.</p> <p>PSD has failed to confirm that they will be continuing to fund the collections after 1st April.</p> <p>It was agreed that the parish would be unable to fund these collections without continued support from PSD and that the Constables should write to PSD expressing concern.</p>	<p>AT/KdLM</p>
Any Other Business	<p>Chairs for Douzaine Room.</p> <p>JB pointed out that there are 12 chairs of the previously agreed design for use around the Douzaine Room table. He suggested that he should purchase another 4 chairs (of exactly the same design) at a cost of £120 each, - to be funded from the amelioration account.</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed with JB's proposal.</p> <p>Flagpole.</p> <p>PD reminded the Douzaine that the flagpole that was previously at La Grande Rue is being refurbished and subject to a minor amendment from the planning Department will be positioned adjacent to the front entrance to SSCC where it would be able to fly the parish flag on a regular basis. PD anticipated that the cost for installation would be in the region of £800. He suggested that SSCC LBG should pay for this and the Parish pay all of the costs of Christmas lights.</p> <p>JB said that he was firmly of the view that the parish should pay for the flagpole and the costs for the lights should be shared.</p> <p>DB agreed adding that parishioners would expect the cost of relocating the flagpole to be paid for from the proceeds of the sale of the old Douzaine Room, a view supported by JJJ.</p>	<p>JB</p>

	<p>It was agreed that the flagpole costs should be paid from the sale proceeds, and Christmas lights shared with SSCC LBG.</p> <p>Pavement at Le Mont Saint. EH highlighted a pavement causing concern at Le Mont Saint.</p> <p>Douzaine Liaison Group – Meeting. MM pointed out that there was a meeting planned for 29th February 2016 and she would raise the matter of Douzaine meeting dates and litter. If there were other matters to discuss please advise her in good time.</p>	<p>AT/KdLM/ PD</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm</p>	
	<p>The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at 7.00pm on Monday 22nd February 2016.</p>	