

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7. 00pm on Monday 28th September 2015

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), A Courtney (AC), M de Garis (MdG), R de Garis (RdG), P Duquemin (PD), Mrs A Foley (AF), Messrs J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Miss M Macdonald (MM) and Mr A Tempest (AT) (Senior Constable – presiding). Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.	
Apologies	Messrs J Brache (JB), E Higgins (EH), M Tanguy (MT) and T Robinson (TR)	
Billet d’Etat	<p>Deputy R Perrot (RP) attended the meeting to brief the Douzaine about matters to be discussed by States of Guernsey at their September meeting.</p> <p>RP congratulated the Douzaine on the building work, now complete, that has resulted in a new Constables’ Office.</p> <p>Plurality.</p> <p>AT asked if RP would update the Douzaine on progress made to date. RP informed the Douzaine that he understood that following the consultation work conducted by St Saviour’s Constables the Policy Council was now seeking advice from the Law Officers before preparing a policy letter to place before the States. RP said that he had no idea how long this process might take but hoped that it would not be too long.</p> <p>Public Sector Reform.</p> <p>RP advised the Douzaine that the CEO of the States was developing a strategy to amalgamate and reorganise the civil service to ensure that it became more efficient, - something that RP supported.</p> <p>First Time Property Buyers Scheme.</p> <p>RP said that a joint review by Housing and Treasury Departments had concluded that if the States provided any financial support (such as a scheme that assisted with deposits) there would be inflationary pressure on already high local market house prices. The conclusion reached by the review was that more sites should be made available for the Guernsey Housing Association to build affordable social housing. This was a view he supported.</p> <p>Regulation on Sunday Trading.</p> <p>RP said that this had been discussed many times previously and the proposals were to deregulate completely, amend the current legislation to simplify it or leave it as it is. RP preferred the latter option, - a view that had previously been supported by the Douzaine.</p> <p>Purchase of a Replacement Fisheries Patrol Vessel.</p> <p>RP said that he was aware that there would be an amendment placed calling for a review into whether there was a need for a replacement vessel, or if in fact the current vessel could be refurbished.</p> <p>The Douzaine was firmly of the view that the matter should be reviewed and that any refurbishment to the current vessel or replacement (if needed) could be carried out by marine traders on Guernsey.</p> <p>Distribution and Retailing of Milk and Milk Products.</p> <p>RP said that prior to the last debate on this matter he personally had believed that the milk retailers had licences to distribute in specific areas. This had been shown to be inaccurate by Commerce and Employment and the Law Officers.</p> <p>RP said that he believed that the milk retailers had not been very co-operative with the review conducted by Commerce and Employment,</p>	

	<p>and that he was now in favour of the Dairy being allowed to sell directly to all retailers.</p> <p>KF suggested that the retailers had not helped themselves. RP agreed suggesting that there is a view held in some quarters that the retailers had not sought to develop their rounds and encourage doorstep deliveries. He said that some might be lost but that also some who were prepared to work hard would prosper.</p> <p>DB agreed and supported the view expressed by RP, adding that although some retailers might suffer, the needs of people had changed and if more people bought milk at shops as opposed to having it delivered they were expressing their preference by their actions.</p> <p>Bus Fleet Replacement.</p> <p>RP said that Treasury had ensured that the Environment Department should look carefully at the type and size of buses to be purchased but he supported the proposal.</p> <p>AC suggested that the model employed to run the bus service in Jersey by HCT Group (the same company that runs Guernsey's buses) should be employed in Guernsey since his recent experience suggested that it worked very well.</p> <p>PD asked that any new fleet should include buses suited to the needs of rural parishes, especially St Saviour since currently the parish is poorly served.</p> <p>Distribution of Deputies' Seats Amongst Electoral Districts.</p> <p>RdG asked RP if he supported the reduction of Deputies in the Western District from 6 Deputies to 5.</p> <p>RP said that he did and also that he wished that the States would make more use of 'non States Members' sitting on the Boards of Departments. RP left the meeting at 7.30pm.</p>	
Forthcoming Elections	<p>Mr Mark de Garis (MdG2) (Chief Officer of the Home Department) attended the meeting at 7.30pm to discuss arrangements for forthcoming elections.</p> <p>Parochial Elections.</p> <p>MdG2 advised the Douzaine that anyone wishing to vote in the November Parochial Elections would have to register on the electoral roll by 15th October 2015 in order to be eligible.</p> <p>He went on to detail the methods to be adopted via the various media outlets to inform island residents how they can apply to be inscribed on the roll.</p> <p>MdG2 said that several of the suggestions (including the preparation of a phone app) made by Douzeniers had already been considered and dismissed on the grounds of cost or because the potential benefits were not clear.</p> <p>DB suggested that recent States' decisions should encourage residents to register on the roll.</p> <p>AC asked if it was possible for electors to vote by post in parochial elections – as was the case in the election of Peoples' Deputies.</p> <p>MdG2 said that he did not know if this was possible but would find out and advise the Constables.</p> <p><i>It was subsequently established that postal voting in parochial elections is not allowed.</i></p> <p>General Election.</p> <p>MdG2 explained that for the April 2016 General Election island residents had until 29th February 2016 to register on the electoral roll.</p> <p>AC questioned the safeguards to fraudulent online registration.</p> <p>MdG2 said that the only safeguards involved 'spam reply' and the</p>	

	controls exercised by officials at polling stations. The States' Assembly and Constitution Committee oversee the whole process. He added that it was entirely possible that for the 2020 General Election the electronic census might be used to establish the electoral roll. MdG2 left the meeting at 7.50pm.	
Cemetery Committee Accounts	RdG presented the accounts for the 2014 financial year, apologising for the delay caused by the ill health of the previous Treasurer, (a copy of the accounts are attached to these minutes). DB asked if the balance suggested that there might be less of a call on ratepayers in 2016. RdG said that it was not likely to be the case since the Committee had some remedial work (involving edging stones) to carry out at the churchyard, but this was not yet finalised.	
Minutes of Meeting held on 27 th July 2015.	The minutes were agreed without alteration and signed by AT.	
Matters Arising	Traffic Signage at St Saviour's Community Centre (SSCC) MM reported that she had not yet finalised her thoughts on the matter and would consult with the proprietor of Maylands Nursey before making any recommendation. Rue Mahaut – Ruelle Tranquille AT reported that as requested by JJL he had written to the Environment Department suggesting that Rue Mahaut should become a 'Ruelle Tranquille' but for various reasons the idea had not been supported. SSCC – Articles of Incorporation. AT confirmed that Mourant Ozannes had been asked to make the necessary alterations and that they had confirmed their willingness to do so and would recall the necessary files from storage.	MM
Building Work - Update	PD confirmed that work was almost complete. Douzaine signage would be put in place within a week and the only delay now was delivery of the carpet. PD suggested that the parish notice board should be located to the left of the doorway to the Constables' Office – this was agreed. AT said that there were several invoices to be paid but that these could not be paid until MT returned from holiday. AC asked if the invoice approval system (agreed at the April 2015 meeting) was working. AT confirmed that it was and that when invoices were received they were checked by PD, Les James (LJ) the project manager, and MT. If they were happy AT then arranged for invoices to be paid. AT confirmed that the August 2015 account from CA Duquemin had not yet been paid because of there was a query and also because of holidays (PD had been away and MT was currently away). PD requested that £25,000 of the August account should be paid before signed off by MT. The Douzaine agreed that this should be done. AC asked if the current financial statement concerning building expenses could be sent to all Douzeniers. <i>This was subsequently done (by email on 29th September 2015).</i> Working Party – Meetings. PD said that since the April meeting of the working party (JB, AC, PD & MT), which agreed work to the Constables' Office, Douzaine Room, Corridor and Car Park there had been no further meeting to discuss progress. It was agreed that there should be more frequent meetings of the working party. AT will arrange one as soon as possible after MT	AT

	<p>returns from holiday.</p> <p>Further Work – Phase 3.</p> <p>PD confirmed that the Quantity Surveyor is reviewing the plans for phase 3, it is hoped that the costs can be reduced by lowering the building height. If approved by the Trust and working party plans will be prepared.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>PD</p>
Furniture for Douzaine Room (Lihou)	<p>PD suggested that any purchases should include chairs that were 'stackable' and a table that was 'collapsible'. All purchases should reflect the suitability to make as much use of the room as possible.</p> <p>PD also confirmed that SSCC had been donated 12 chairs with an option for 6 more together with 2 projectors.</p> <p>AT said that he had received 2 quotes for furnishings and that he understood JB was awaiting another.</p> <p>Various opinions as to suitability of furnishings were expressed but it was agreed that the working party should assess the options available and submit a recommendation to the Douzaine.</p>	AT
Abbeveur Repairs	<p>AT detailed the position (up to 14.09.15) of repairs and maintenance of the various abbeveurs.</p> <p>DB suggested that the cost of legal advice should be allocated the legal cost budget and not the repairs budget. This was agreed.</p>	AT
Rates Update	AT reported that less than £200 was outstanding.	
Douzaine Liaison Group	<p>MdG reported on the meeting held on 11th September 2015.</p> <p>Hedge Inspection Legislation.</p> <p>MdG said that most representatives wished to see the legislation reflect that of Streams and Rates in that the owner and not occupiers should be responsible and that the Law Officers would investigate the possibility of making changes.</p> <p>Kerbside Collection of Recyclables.</p> <p>Public Services (PS) are investigating the purchase of vehicles, for leasing to contractors, in order to facilitate glass collections.</p> <p>The collection costs were not disclosed and there is a suggestion that PS will seek to bring in a waste disposal charge.</p>	
Environment Department	There were no requests to see any additional plans to those already requested by the Constables.	
Bornement	The Douzaine consented to the granting of a Bornement for work to a boundary wall in Longue Rue.	AT
Proposed Air Pollution Legislation	<p>The Douzaine had considered the proposal from Ms V Cameron (dated 31st July 2015), previously circulated by email.</p> <p>The consensus was the Environment Department (ED) was struggling to cope with their current responsibilities without adding more, that there is no need to mirror every piece of UK or European legislation for the sake of it, there are few complaints to the police or parish officials about bonfires and that existing powers are adequate.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should reply to the ED outlining these concerns.</p>	AT
Refuse Collections	<p>The Douzaine had been asked to decide if small businesses should be admitted to the parish waste collection arrangements and whether parishes should collect any waste collection charge imposed by PS.</p> <p>It was agreed that a sub committee consisting of DB, JB, JJJ and AT should consider these matters and make a recommendation to the Douzaine.</p> <p><i>On 1st October 2015 PS wrote to the Constables advising that there would be no changes to the existing arrangements until 2017 at the earliest. Consequently DB and AT conferred and decided to delay any work on these matters until more information from PS is forthcoming.</i></p>	

Hedge and Stream Inspections	AT outlined the new arrangements for hedge and stream inspections – in line with the Parochial Administration Ordinance that became effective on 1 st September 2015. AT asked that all second inspection should be conducted by the various Canton members and any issues followed up by the Constables.	
Douzaine Elections	AT confirmed that he had received a letter of resignation from TR owing to his ill health. PD said that he spoke for everyone in wishing TR a full recovery and hoped that he might be able to re-join the Douzaine at a future date, a sentiment unanimously supported. MdG indicated that he did not intend to seek re-election at the forthcoming election. RdG Said that he would seek re-election and AT said that it was his understanding that JB would also seek re-election. AT confirmed that Mr L Falla would not be seeking re-election to La Houquette School Committee and that he had already had one enquiry about the vacant Constables position.	
Sunday Trading Application	The Douzaine supported an application for a Sunday Trading Licence between the hours of 2pm and 6pm on 22 nd November 2015. The event is a charitable fundraiser at the Farmhouse Hotel for 'Bridge2'.	
Correspondence	Litter. The Douzaine supported a suggestion – made by Mr J Fewkes – which suggested that the Education Department should be asked to initiate advice to students concerning our environment and the need to dispose of litter appropriately. MdG was asked to discuss this idea at the next meeting of the Guernsey Douzaine Council.	MdG &AT
Any Other Business	Book of Condolence – Air Marshall Peter Walker. AT advised members that there was a book of condolence in the Constables' Office should they wish to add their names? S SCC – New Trustee. The Douzaine agreed to a proposal that Mr T Chesney should be appointed a Trustee to replace Mt S Bichard. Douzaine Christmas Dinner. RdG asked if it was intended to hold a Christmas meal in 2015. It was agreed that AT would investigate the availability of venues for both 11 th and 18 th December. Souwester Magazine. RdG pointed out that the parish directory was less than coherent in the current edition. AT agreed to contact the editor to correct it. Parish Walks. AC said that he was in discussion with various States' Departments to establish some walks in the parish that would be indicated by successive 'green arrows'. Police Consultative Group. JLL asked if any further information had been forthcoming concerning this initiative. AT agreed to find out.	AT AT AC AT
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be in the Lihou Room on Monday 26 th October 2015 at the Community Centre, starting at 7.00pm.	