

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.00pm on Monday 30th January 2017

Present	<p>Messrs J Brache (JB), D Bertrand (DB), P Duquemin (PD), M de Garis (MdG), S Gibbs (SG), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), M Tanguy (MT), A Tempest (AT), K de la Mare (KdIM) (Senior Constable – presiding) and N Le Poidevin (NLP).</p> <p>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>	
Apologies	<p>Miss M Macdonald (MM). Mr R de Garis had given notice that he would be a few minutes late.</p>	
	<p>KdIM welcomed SG and AT to their first meetings as Douzeniers (AT has previously held the position of Constable).</p>	
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy A Dudley-Owen (ADO) attended the meeting to discuss forthcoming States' business.</p> <p>ADO said that, with the agreement of the Douzaine) she would like to highlight two items for discussion at the States Meetings to be held on 2nd February and 15th February.</p> <p>Environmental Pollution (Guernsey) Law 2004 – Air Pollution.</p> <p>ADO said that the Committee for Environment and Infrastructure (E&I) was proposing new legislation to prohibit a wide range of activities that resulted in smoke being emitted into the atmosphere.</p> <p>DB commented that he noted that the proposals included the prohibition of domestic bonfires at weekends, when only garden waste could be burned. He added that this was the time when most people were able to tidy up their gardens since Saturday and Sunday were the two days that the majority of islanders were not attending their places of employment.</p> <p>MT said that he was aware (from personal experience) that the present law works well. He cited an instance where a neighbour, when requested, did not desist from burning noxious materials. After MT had made his concerns known to the Environmental Health Department that Department's officials contacted the transgressor and there has been no re-occurrence of the nuisance bonfires. MT believes that the Environment and Infrastructure Department are making a 'mountain out of a molehill'.</p> <p>AT said that this matter was closely related to an item for discussion at the States Meeting scheduled for 15th February, namely disposal of waste. He went on to suggest that if the States were likely to agree to the proposals, including new charges for waste disposal, this may encourage some islanders to burn their household waste. In this event the inability to have a garden bonfire producing dark smoke would be welcomed. It would, however, leave islanders with no choice but to incur charges for the disposal of waste. This could in turn, he believes, lead to a significant increase in fly-tipping in the rural parishes.</p> <p>RdG attended the meeting at 7.10pm.</p> <p>JB said that he recognised that it would be inappropriate to have bonfires in more urban areas but in the right place burning waste has happened for many years and he could see no reason for it to change. He asked ADO what the E&I Committee expected islanders to do with their waste. ADO said that the Committee expected people to take it to the waste disposal facility and pay the appropriate fee to dispose of the various items.</p>	

<p>PD said that the views he was hearing mirrored those when the Douzaine last discussed this matter in 2015. At that time the Constables had written to the then Environment Department outlining the views of the Douzaine. It was agreed that the Constables should make a copy of the letter (referred to by PD) available for Deputies.</p> <p>Implementation of the Waste Strategy.</p> <p>ADO reminded the Douzaine that this matter was due to be debated on 15th February 2017.</p> <p>ADO added that she was disappointed that the policy letter had little substance. The Committees bringing this matter to the States (E&I and the States Trading Supervisory Board (STSB)) seem not to have achieved very much in the time since the matter was last discussed by the States. There seems to have been no desire to drive down costs, indeed costs have only risen because several important factors had not been allowed for. The States are now being asked to ‘rubber stamp’ a solution to the Island’s waste problem because we are left with no choice. ADO has established that the proposed collection of food waste has not even been tested, and there is no confirmation that the proposals will work –especially in summer months.</p> <p>ADO went on to suggest that the suggested cost of £7 per household per week will squeeze those on lower incomes, and also suggested that the Deputies concerned with the implementation of the strategy seemed not to recognise the value of the Douzaines and parish involvement with waste collection. She suggested that some Deputies would like to see the responsibility for waste collection taken from the parishes and become the responsibility of central government. ADO asked for the views of the Douzaine.</p> <p>RdG said that he entirely agreed with the views outlined by ADO, adding that he could see problems for people in flats and apartments, especially during the warmer summer months, who would be asked to keep food waste within the property.</p> <p>JB suggested that the £7 weekly charge would not include collection of food and glass waste. Current collection charges (to the parish) for recyclable waste are almost the same as for residual waste. If there is a requirement to collect food and glass waste separately this will no doubt cause additional costs and together with disposal charges (JB believes) that the cost will soon exceed the quoted £7 per week.</p> <p>MT said that he believes that the various Departments involved have always had a preferred solution based on ideology and that now, with the waste disposal facility (Mont Cuet Refuse Site) almost at capacity they are presenting the States with this solution as the only option.</p> <p>GC said that in 2015 the then Public Services Department had asked the parishes for input. The Department had asked for parish secretaries/clerks to contribute to the on-going discussions relating to the practicalities of implementation of the new strategy and collection of charges via the Parish rates LAPIS system. To this end had requested 4 parish secretaries (they wished to include representatives from large and small parishes and St Peter Port, Castel, St Saviour and St Andrew were asked to send representatives) to attend meetings. There has been no meeting since the autumn of 2015.</p> <p>PD said that he is concerned to hear that the collection of food waste has not been tested. He understands that glass collection was tested in St Peter Port.</p> <p>ADO confirmed that glass collection was successful in St Peter Port with very few complaints.</p>	<p>KdIM/NLP</p>
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	<p>SG said that he viewed the £7 per week charge as an additional tax. It might be dressed up as an environmental charge but really it is a tax. DB asked why everything concerned with the waste strategy is over budget. The most recent example being the transfer station which has doubled in size from the original proposal which equates to £75k per month inflation. It appears that the waste strategy is requiring the island to 'write cheques that it cannot cash'.</p> <p>PD suggested that the long term aim of the waste strategy is to take the responsibility for collection away from the parishes. He is of the opinion that if there is just one central contractor operated by the States the island will become vulnerable to industrial action. In other locations PD has experienced situations with refuse piling up on the streets because of industrial disputes and does not wish to see this happening in Guernsey. The current system of collection has worked well for many years and PD sees no reason to change it. He added that the likely outcome of a States run collection service would be for them to appoint a UK based firm to provide the service.</p> <p>ADO said that she understands the risk, adding that the States Works Department is expensive to charge out because of the way it is structured. ADO said that she has been alarmed by some Deputies expressing the opinions that more and more services should be run by the States and gave the example of private nurseries (pre-school facilities) that are currently privately run which some politicians would like to see brought under States' control. Many of her colleagues are quite happy to quote European Union conventions as justification for following similar processes.</p> <p>SG said that it is firmly his opinion that local accountability is preferable to States' control.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables would prepare a document summarising the views of the Douzaine and forward it to ADO before the debate on 15th February.</p> <p>Accident and Emergency Charges.</p> <p>JJL asked ADO if she was aware that the Accident and Emergency Department (A&E) are now charging patients needing treatment £400 per visit.</p> <p>ADO said that the feedback she has had is that the medical professionals are pleased with the new arrangements. Previously patients treated at A&E were invoiced by the Doctor who attended to them. Now that the doctors are directly employed by the States the only difference is that the charge is invoiced by the States instead. ADO said that she would ask about the charging arrangements because £400 per visit seems excessive.</p> <p>Reciprocal Health Agreement with UK.</p> <p>JJL asked ADO if there is any progress on this matter.</p> <p>ADO said that she understood that the Health Department are looking to introduce a locally based insurance scheme to provide cover for islanders (who cannot obtain travel insurance) when visiting the UK. The scheme will not provide for UK residents who visit Guernsey.</p> <p>ADO left the meeting at 7.40pm</p>	
<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 12th December 2016.</p>	<p>KF asked for one correction. A comment concerning education had been attributed to KF when it should have been to Deputy D de Lisle. With this change the minutes were agreed and signed by KdIM.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p>Refuse Disposal Matters.</p> <p>KdIM reported that the final refuse tonnage for 2016 had been as</p>	

	<p>anticipated, - some 3.5% higher than the previous year. He suggested that the 2017 refuse remede should therefore allow for a similar tonnage (490 tonnes) and reminded the Douzaine that the disposal costs had increased to almost £212 per tonne (10.6% increase over 2015). This would mean that the 2017 total cost for collection and disposal of almost £140k.</p> <p>Refuse Disposal Costs for 2016. KdIM said that the Constables had written to Guernsey Waste Services outlining the position and requesting a refund for overcharged invoices in 2016. The States are due to respond to the claim within a few weeks.</p> <p>Perelle Slipway. NLP said that he is expecting to meet with Mr M Torode (States Works) to discuss the problems within the next week.</p> <p>Replacement Wall in St Saviour's Tunnels. KdIM reported that work to build a replacement boundary wall has commenced and should be complete within a few days. The immediate neighbour has been informed.</p>	NLP
Environment Department	There was no request for plans other than those already obtained by the Constables.	
Bornement	<p>The Douzaine approved a Bornement in respect of a development at Longue Rue.</p> <p>KdIM suggested that a letter advising those parishioners proposing to carry out building works should be notified of the law concerning the requirement to obtain a bornement if work is within 1.5metre of the public roadway. It was agreed that this should be done.</p>	KdIM/NLP
Floral St Saviour	<p>KdIM said that Mrs E Pirouet-Douglas (EPD), Co-ordinator of Floral St Saviour has confirmed that she will be content for the Constables to include a request for £2,500 in the 2017 Remede.</p> <p>It was agreed that in due course it would be appropriate to ask the new committee to appraise the Douzaine of future plans.</p> <p>KdIM said that the Floral Guernsey Central Committee would be donating a bench to the parish and asked for ideas about where it might be located.</p> <p>KF said that the cemetery had to replace some broken benches and would be happy to have it placed there.</p> <p>There was also a request from the Central Committee for photographs concerning the last 25years of Floral Guernsey. It was suggested that Mr A Courtney might have this sort of historic record. The Constables will contact him to determine if he can help.</p>	<p>KdIM/NLP</p> <p>KdIM/NLP</p> <p>KdIM/NLP</p>
Canton Memberships.	<p>The following Canton memberships were agreed for 2017.</p> <p>Les Jenemies – JB (Senior), MT and JJJ.</p> <p>Les Prevosts – RdG (Senior), MM and AT.</p> <p>Le Gron – MdG (Senior), DB and KF.</p> <p>Les Rouvets – PD (Senior), AF and SG.</p>	
Sub Committee Memberships	<p>The following Sub Committee memberships were agreed for 2017.</p> <p>Finance – RdG, MdG, DB, SG and both Constables.</p> <p><i>It was agreed that the St Saviour's Community Centre Working Party and the Property Committee should merge and carry out the business of both Committees. The committee would be known as the Property Committee.</i></p> <p>Property Committee – RdG, JB, PD, MT, AT and both Constables.</p> <p>Floral St Saviour – EPD, MM and AT.</p> <p>Waste Sub Committee – JB, DB, JJJ and KdIM.</p> <p>Sea Defences and Flooding – PD, SG and KdIM. It was agreed that</p>	

	<p>Messrs A Courtney and P Harris should be asked if they would like to be part of this committee.</p> <p>Cemetery Committee – RdG, AF, KF, Messrs V Renier and P Harris.</p> <p>Moorings – M de Garis, R Nippers, N Vine and both Constables. It was agreed to approach Mr T Brehaut to establish if he would like to join this committee.</p> <p>JB asked if the Douzaine wished to establish a streams committee to be responsible for the inspection of streams.</p> <p>RdG said that he understood that the various canton members took responsibility for checking the streams in the 4 cantons, a view supported by AT.</p> <p>It was agreed that there was no current need for a streams committee, but that members should give some thought to the matter and revisit the subject at the February meeting.</p>	<p>KdIM/NLP</p> <p>NLP</p> <p>KdIM/NLP</p>
2016 Parish Rates	<p>KdIM said that following legal advice he had written off a rates account in the amount of £850. This followed on from a dispute concerning the ownership of a property that had housed a business that was no longer trading.</p> <p>Currently the only account outstanding is for Approximately £120 and this is because the property owner passed away in July 2016 and the Constables have not been able to contact the estate of the deceased person.</p>	
Douzaine Liaison Group.	<p>KF reported on the most recent Douzaine Liaison Group meeting held on 20th January. KF had not attended this meeting and was referring to notes supplied by MM.</p> <p>There was nothing of note to report and a briefing note from MM is attached to these minutes.</p>	
St Saviour's Community Centre (SSCC)	<p>Douzeniers had been circulated with the audited accounts for SSCC Trust and LBG for the period ending 31.12.15.</p> <p>PD said that he had circulated a report with the accounts on 12th December 2016 and had nothing of note to add, other than provisional figures for the year to December 2016 were looking to be just as healthy. The Douzaine approved the accounts for 2015.</p>	
Correspondence	<p>Rue de La Corderie – application for temporary closure.</p> <p>KdIM reported that he had replied to a request to close Rue de La Corderie in July 2017 whilst a wedding reception was taking place indicating that there was no objection to this request.</p> <p>Data Protection Legislation.</p> <p>KdIM reminded members that if anyone wished to attend the talk on data protection legislation they needed to advise St Peter Port Constables before 31st January. KF indicated that she would like to attend.</p> <p>Sites of Special Significance.</p> <p>KdIM said that there would be a lunchtime briefing concerning this subject on Friday 3rd February 2017. AT indicated that he would attend.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>Toilet Facilities at SSCC.</p> <p>KdIM said that he was aware that there had been an approach from Guernsey Water to establish if there were public toilet facilities at SSCC. PD said that this matter had been discussed between Guernsey Water and the SSCC Trustees and agreed that public toilet facilities would not be made available.</p> <p>Flagpole.</p> <p>JB said that he was pleased to see that the parish flag was now flying from the recently installed flagpole and asked to be reminded who was paying for this. KdIM said that the January 2016 meeting had confirmed</p>	

