

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.00pm on Monday 27th February 2017

Present	<p>Messrs J Brache (JB), D Bertrand (DB), R de Garis (RdG), P Duquemin (PD), S Gibbs (SG), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Miss M Macdonald (MM), Messrs 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>Messrs M de Garis (MdG) and J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL)</p>	
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy D de Lisle (DdL) attended the meeting to discuss forthcoming States' business.</p> <p>UK Leaving the European Union – Arrangements concerning Protocol 3.</p> <p>DdL highlighted the implications for Guernsey when the UK leaves the European Union (Brexit) with emphasis on the fact that Protocol 3 which details the arrangements that Crown Dependencies have with Europe will no longer exist.</p> <p>Several Douzeniers expressed concerns about possible implications. KF asked if professional expertise from the finance industry would be sought.</p> <p>DdL said that he sincerely hoped that this would be the case since the area highlighted (in no particular order) are customs and goods, access to Europe for Guernsey people, finance and agriculture/fisheries.</p> <p>DdL confirmed that the Policy and Resources Department are asking for almost £200k per year to fund officials tasked with negotiating on Guernsey's behalf – at a time when there is supposed to be no additional recruitment of staff.</p> <p>DB said that this matter was so important, Guernsey had to 'get it right'. The funds spent on staff would be well worth it if the outcome is favourable.</p> <p>SG suggested that Guernsey should be working closely with the governments of Jersey and the Isle of Man to co-ordinate a united approach, a view supported by DdL.</p> <p>PD said that it is essential that the States have experienced people dealing with this matter, if the outcome does not prove to be favourable it is likely that Guernsey's economy will be badly affected.</p> <p>DdL said that he would make this point most strongly during the debate, and he supported the view that experienced people were essential.</p> <p>SG said that the third party status enjoyed by the Crown Dependencies means that Guernsey can negotiate directly with the European Union and that it was essential that these negotiations were conducted by someone with experience in dealing with Brussels. He added that this might make the UK Government irritated and that to suggest that 'Brexit' could be completed within 2 years is very optimistic.</p> <p>Open Market (Guernsey) Law 2016 – Open Market Housing Register.</p> <p>DdL explained that the proposal includes the requirement for owners of open market property to notify the Committee for Environment and Infrastructure if there are any changes to their property. The little used paper register will no longer be maintained and replaced by an electronic register. This register will be available for public scrutiny but how much detail it would include DdL was unable to say.</p>	

	<p>PD said that considering the beneficial ownership of companies and property would soon be publically available he could see the logic to the proposals.</p> <p>MT said that as far as he could see the proposals were part of an attempt to control population</p> <p>AF commented the proposals were un-necessary and a dreadful interference in people's affairs.</p> <p>DB asked what the benefit and purpose of the proposals might be.</p> <p>DdL said that he did not know the benefits but he knew that sales of open market housing properties was at the lowest for over 20 years and needed stimulating – but he did not believe these proposals would in any way assist.</p> <p>SG commented that the 'new' States has been elected for 10 months now and all he has seen from them is unnecessary tinkering with things that do not matter – last month it was hours of discussing bonfires. The States should be dealing with the important things that need to be done to shape the future for Guernsey.</p> <p>Sark Machinery of Government.</p> <p>PD asked DdL if he could explain the implications of this item.</p> <p>DdL said that he had no idea what the legislation involved but added that in his view the ongoing political difficulties in Sark was not good for that island and reflected poorly on Guernsey.</p> <p>It was suggested that Guernsey's Policy and Resources Department should speak directly with Chief Pleas in Sark to try and influence opinion.</p> <p>DdL said that Guernsey has no influence at all and that Sark has direct access to Westminster if it needs advice.</p> <p>SG said that he could only see more difficulties for Sark unless all of the interested parties reach an agreement and if this does not happen it will only be a matter of time before Sark asks Guernsey for financial assistance.</p> <p>JB said that he knows some people in Sark and they do not seem to be too worried about the future. Most of the people who are due to be made redundant by a major employer in Sark have arrived in the island as economic migrants and will be leaving when their employment comes to an end.</p> <p>DdL left the meeting at 7.30pm.</p>	
<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 30th January 2017</p>	<p>The minutes were agreed and signed by KdlM.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p>Perelle Slipway.</p> <p>NLP advised the Douzaine that he held a meeting with managers from the States Works Department (SWD) at Perelle Bay to discuss the current concerns. They had agreed that, following stormy weather, recovered debris would be returned to the beach so that slipway access is maintained. NLP said that following the most recent high winds and stormy conditions this was satisfactorily implemented. However, debris is not being returned to the foot of the sea wall with foundations becoming exposed. NLP explained that it is the view of local people that the sand, shingle and boulders at the foot of the wall give protection to the wall. The SWD seemed to believe that placing recovered debris adjacent to the slipway was adequate and that the action of the sea would return the debris to the foot of the sea wall. It was agreed that the Constables should write to SWD outlining these concerns.</p>	<p>NLP</p>

	<p>Tunnels under St Saviour's Church. KdIM confirmed that the block boundary wall was now complete and that he was satisfied with the work.</p> <p>Floral Guernsey – Request for Photographs. KdIM confirmed that Mr A Courtney had passed all documents to Mrs E Pirouet-Douglas and that the request was being dealt with by Mrs Pirouet-Douglas.</p> <p>Sea Defences and Flooding, Sub Committee. KdIM advised the Douzaine that he had contacted Messrs A Courtney (AC) and P Harris (PH) – both local residents at Perelle Bay- to determine if they would be interested in being part of this committee of the Douzaine. AC had declined but PH has agreed to join the committee. The appointment of PH was confirmed.</p> <p>Moorings Committee. NLP said that he had contacted Mr T Brehaut to establish if he would be interested in joining this committee. Mr Brehaut is considering his response but has not declined the invitation.</p> <p>Streams Committee. KdIM reminded the Douzaine that the January meeting decided to defer any decision as to whether a dedicated Streams Committee should be set up. It was agreed that the various Canton members should continue to inspect streams within their areas but the Les Rouvets streams would be inspected by JB, MdG, AF, SG and the Constables.</p>	<p>KdIM/NLP</p> <p>KdIM/NLP</p>
Refuse Disposal	<p>2016 Disposal Costs. KdIM advised that weighbridge issues at Mont Cuet in 2016 had resulted in an overcharge for over 14 tonnes of refuse (£2,800). SWD has agreed to arrange a refund for this sum. PD suggested – and the Douzaine agreed – that any surplus (possibly in the region of £4k) from the 2016 refuse rate should be held in reserve for any unforeseen circumstances in 2017.</p> <p>Parish Waste Collections. NLP referred to an email from Deputy S Langlois concerning future waste collections. The suggestion is that collections based on island wide arrangements could be more cost effective and this is to be discussed at the next Guernsey Douzaine Council (GDC) Meeting in March 2017. NLP confirmed the parish's current waste contractor is keen to continue and will adapt his arrangements to fit in with whatever the final waste strategy might be. JB said that the costs for collecting recyclable waste is too high. PD said that this cost is currently borne by the States albeit through a levy imposed on charges at Mont Cuet. PD suggested that the parishes should not just dismiss the suggestion that waste collections should be arranged on an island wide basis. However, there has been no discussion concerning this and no justification for the suggestion that there might be savings to be made. He said that the States should be asked to provide costings to back up their claim that savings might be possible and how collections might be arranged. This should then be analysed before any decision is made. He added that he doubted the claim that savings might be possible. It was agreed that MM would put the Douzaine's position at the March meeting of the GDC and that the Constables will provide MM with the tonnages and costs for the last 10 years.</p>	<p>KdIM/NLP</p> <p>MM/KdIM/ NLP</p>

