

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
6.55pm on Monday 29th January 2018

Present	<p>Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Messrs M de Garis (MdG), R de Garis (RdG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs S Gibbs (SG), J Gillson (JG), P Harris (PH), J Norman (JN), A Tempest (AT), P Connolly (PC) and N Le Poidevin (NLP) (Senior Constable – presiding).</p> <p>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>	
Apologies	None	
Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 th December 2017	<p>RdG opened the meeting by welcoming CC, JG, PH and PC to the Douzaine.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017 were agreed and signed by NLP.</p> <p>The draft minutes had previously been circulated (electronically) and none of the current Douzeniers had indicated (to the Constables) that there were any errors.</p> <p>However, NLP advised the Douzaine that he had received a letter from a retiring Douzenier (who is also a SSCC Trustee) suggesting errors in the section that referred to St Saviour’s Community Centre (SSCC) and the use of Parish funds.</p> <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that immediately prior to the December Douzaine meeting there had been a meeting of the Property Committee to discuss some accounts (totalling almost £17k) that SSCC Trustees had presented for payment without agreement of the Douzaine. The Committee had agreed to recommend that the Douzaine should arrange payment of these accounts, but that the Constable should remind the Trustees that they should seek the agreement of the Property Committee before committing to spend further Parish funds.</p> <p>The letter suggested that NLP had not actually stated that he would ‘write to the Trustees’ as referred to in the minutes.</p> <p>DB said that he could not recall whether the term ‘write to’ had or had not been used.</p> <p>JN assured the Douzaine that NLP most definitely said that he would write to the Trustees. The December meeting had been JN’s first since being elected and he was paying particular attention to proceedings and clearly remembers the term being used.</p> <p>NLP said that he remembers accurately reporting the recommendation of the Committee but cannot be 100% sure he used the term ‘writing to’. It is possible that he might have used another term such as he ‘would tell’ or ‘remind’ the Trustees</p> <p>KF said that she agreed with JN, that NLP did say that he would be writing to the Trustees.</p> <p>JN said that one retiring Douzenier had asked him (privately) if the minutes reflected what was said and that JN had assured the questioner that they were accurate.</p> <p>RdG proposed (JB seconded) that the minutes were a true record of the December meeting.</p> <p>There were 7 Douzeniers present who were at the December meeting, 6 members agreed that the minutes were accurate, - 1 member abstained.</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes should be published in the normal way.</p>	

SSCC, Parish Funds	<p>NLP reported that the letter referred to above also suggested that;-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The term Parish funds should not be used when referring to money used for the redevelopment of the Community Centre, and 2. That the Trustees should not have to seek the consent of the Douzaine before committing to spending Parish funds. <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that prior to the sale of the former Douzaine Room there had been an assurance given to parishioners that '<i>the Parish never loses control of its funds</i>'.</p> <p>Parish Funds.</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed that since the term Parish funds was used in the presentation prior to the 2014 Parish meeting and has always been used to refer to the spending of proceeds from the sale of the former Douzaine Room, there was no reason to change the term.</p> <p>Committing to Spend Parish Funds.</p> <p>With the 2014 commitment to parishioners in mind the Douzaine reaffirmed that the correct procedure to be followed (when the Trustees wished to commit to using parish funds – the proceeds from the sale of the former Douzaine Room) was to consult with the Constables and Property Committee.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constable should reply to the Trustees and remind them of the promise given to parishioners, - that the Constables should retain control of 'parish funds'. The Douzaine supports the development of the Centre, and has not refused to support any request for the spending of 'Parish funds'</p>	NLP
Sub Committee Minutes	<p>AT suggested that minutes of Sub Committee meetings should be circulated to all Douzeniers in order that they could be aware of what business is being conducted.</p> <p>It was agreed that this should be future policy. However, because there are often several months between sub-committee meetings it was agreed that draft minutes should be circulated to Committee members by email and that they should confirm within 7 days whether they were in agreement with the minutes. On completion of this process the minutes will be circulated to all Douzaine members.</p>	NLP
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy D de Lisle (DDL) attended the meeting (at 7.20pm) to discuss future States' Business.</p> <p>Longer Working Lives.</p> <p>DDL said that there would be a request made to authorise the Committee for Employment and Social Security to investigate how islanders are able to adapt to longer working lives, with emphasis being given to the ability to do a job rather than age.</p> <p>SG asked if the Trades Unions had a view on this matter.</p> <p>DDL said that there had been wide consultation. However, the current proposals are suggesting further consultation.</p> <p>DB asked if people were to work longer would there be a deferred State Retirement Pension.</p> <p>DDL said that if pension age rises it would mean the more people fail to reach the age at which a pension becomes payable and the only financial beneficiary would be the States.</p> <p>JN asked why there is no availability for a deferred pension to be paid at a higher rate when eventually paid, - adding that this is not possible in Guernsey, but is the case in the UK.</p> <p>Guernsey Economic Vision.</p> <p>DDL reported that the report relating to Guernsey's Economic Vision is likely to be withdrawn, because of recent changes to the members of the Committee for Economic Development, but DDL understands that the</p>	

	<p>new Committee President is keen to pursue a University of Guernsey. It is also likely that a ferry operator for the summer Guernsey – Jersey service will be announced shortly.</p> <p>Land for Industrial and Storage Uses.</p> <p>DDL highlighted land at Mont Crevelt, Longue Hougue, Brickfield House and Griffiths Yard has been earmarked for industrial and storage use. He added that there are many potential users of such sites anxiously waiting for suitable premises.</p> <p>JN asked why the land at Route Militaire – land that was similarly earmarked several years ago, has not been identified within this report. JN reminded DDL that the States had constructed the infrastructure to allow development but that no further development had taken place. DDL said that he did not know the reason, but would ask the Committee.</p> <p>Island Wide Voting – Date for Referendum.</p> <p>DDL confirmed the proposed date is Wednesday 10th October 2018.</p> <p>Parochial Church Property Management Boards.</p> <p>DDL said that the remaining parts of legislation relating to this law would become active in the early part of 2018.</p> <p>Financial Services Regulation.</p> <p>DB asked DDL if the Regulator would be spending more time in Guernsey.</p> <p>DDL said that the Regulator worked jointly with Jersey and that approximately 40% of his time was devoted to Guernsey.</p> <p>Secondary Pension</p> <p>DDL asked if anyone had a view on the Secondary Pension.</p> <p>DB said that many employers already have private pension arrangements in place, sometimes they are complex, but that it is important that everyone has arrangements in place for a financially secure retirement. He voiced concern about potential management costs of the proposed secondary pension scheme.</p> <p>SG said that his understanding is that management costs would be relatively low, and that to introduce the secondary pension scheme is the correct way to go.</p> <p>Welfare.</p> <p>DDL said that as far as he could see the only growth industry in Guernsey is welfare. He said that changes to benefit arrangements would cost £4 million annually, and that he would not be surprised to see proposals that would reduce payments or grants in other areas.</p> <p>JB said that he hoped that there would be no reduction in the grant made towards the costs of primary care visits to doctors and nurses.</p> <p>NLP thanked DDL for attending the meeting, - DDL left at 7.50pm.</p>	
Matters Arising	<p>St Saviour’s Tunnels.</p> <p>NLP reminded members that in November 2017 the Building Control Department had written to the Constable asking for certain matters (relating to means of escape from the tunnels) to be implemented. Following a site visit on 6th December 2017 the Building Inspector has now written to the Constable to say that these measures are no longer required, that the wall as built is satisfactory and that a retrospective building licence would be issued. The Constable is now in receipt of the licence.</p>	
Douzaine Rules of Procedure.	<p>NLP referred to the Rules of Procedure. The December meeting had reviewed the rules and some changes had been suggested. These changes had been made to the document and NLP asked if the document was now satisfactory.</p> <p>PH pointed out that one paragraph on page 2 was duplicated on page 3.</p>	

	<p>JB asked that there should be a new paragraph inserted on page 5 under the heading of 'interest' to reflect that no Douzenier should be a Director of SSCC.</p> <p>AT suggested that paragraph (a) on page 6 should end after the word debated.</p> <p>All of the above points were agreed and the necessary changes will be made for final agreement at the February meeting</p>	
Planning Department	<p>The Douzaine reviewed plans for a development at Rue de L'Arquet and raised no objection to the application.</p> <p>NLP advised the Douzaine that a letter detailing objections to an application for development at La Grande Rue had been sent to the Planning Department.</p>	
Sub Committee Members	<p>The following Sub Committee memberships were agreed for 2018.</p> <p>Finance, - RdG, MdG, DB, SG and both Constables.</p> <p>Property, - RdG, JB, MdG, AT, CC and both Constables</p> <p>Floral St Saviour, - Mrs E Pirouet-Douglas, AT and PH</p> <p>Waste, - JB, DB, SG and a Constable</p> <p>Sea Defences and Flooding, - SG, JN, PH and a Constable</p> <p>Cemetery, - RdG, KF, PH, Mrs A Foley, and Mr V Renier.</p> <p>Moorings, - Messrs M de Garis, N Vine, D Albin and both Constables.</p>	
Canton Memberships	<p>The following Canton memberships were agreed for 2018.</p> <p>Les Jenemies, - JB (Senior), CC & JN</p> <p>Les Prevosts, - RdG (Senior), AT, & JG</p> <p>Le Gron, - MdG (Senior), DB & KF</p> <p>Les Rouvets, - SG(Senior), & PH</p>	
GDC/DLG Representative	<p>It was agreed that KF would be the Douzaine representative for Guernsey Douzaine Council and Douzaine Liaison Group Meetings. JN would be the reserve in the event that KF is unavailable</p>	
Refuse Collection from Self Catering Establishments	<p>NLP reported that he had received an enquiry from the owner of a self-catering establishment concerning the collection of refuse. The enquiry related to how many bags of refuse could be collected each week – there being multiple self-catering units at the one address.</p> <p>All properties are charged a refuse rate according to the TRP value, and the amount charged varies quite considerably. However, all properties are limited to 2 sacks of 'black bag' refuse each week. The Constables are of the opinion that the limit should be 2 sacks per address.</p> <p>JN said that if there is one TRP address the limit should be 2 bags per week, this was a view supported by the Douzaine.</p> <p>NLP will reply accordingly.</p>	NLP
SSCC – Changes to the Articles & Memorandum.	<p>JB reported that the Property committee had considered the changes to the documents and that everything seemed to be in order.</p> <p>AT said that he did not fully understand the legal terminology but the documents did not appear to be at odds with what had been agreed.</p> <p>DB asked for an assurance that the revisions ensured that the Douzaine and SSCC LBG were not conflicted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the documents should be circulated to all members so that they could satisfy themselves that the changes had been fully actioned and that the matter would be on the agenda for the February meeting.</p>	NLP
Correspondence	<p>Date for Island Wide Referendum.</p> <p>NLP confirmed that the date for the referendum is Wednesday 10th October.</p> <p>RdG asked if there would be 2 polling stations as for the last general election.</p>	

	<p>NLP confirmed that he would make the necessary enquiry.</p> <p>Litter, La Vieille Rue. NLP said that he had received another letter complaining about litter in La Vieille Rue, and had replied sympathetically but explaining that there is little that Parish Officials can do to improve the situation.</p> <p>Land adjacent to Richmond Slipway. JB reported that he had a letter of complaint from a parishioner about the land adjacent to Richmond Slipway. This land is managed by the Environment Department on behalf of the Crown. JB has asked the Floral St Saviour co-ordinator if the group would be interested in taking responsibility for the area. There was no interest in doing so with difficulty of growing plants in the sandy, salty environment but additionally there are insufficient volunteers to take responsibility for more areas. NLP to reply on behalf of the Douzaine.</p>	<p>NLP</p> <p>NLP</p>
Any other Business	<p>Douzaine Room Cabinet. NLP said that the Community Centre Manager had asked if there were any interesting objects that might be appropriate for the display cabinet. Members will give the request some thought.</p> <p>Dog Waste Bins. A parishioner has enquired why there is no dog waste bin outside the SSCC premises. The Centre Manager is happy that one should be placed adjacent to the entrance. It was agreed that the Constable should enquire whether States Works Department would agree to empty the bin on a regular basis, before any decision was made.</p> <p>Nuisance Cars. CC reported that there were cars parking – during the hours of darkness – along La Grande Rue, close to the junction with La Frie Baton. There was also concern voiced about the number of cars parking along Rue du Mont Saint at the Grande Rue end. It was agreed that the Community Police Officer should be asked to monitor the situation. <i>Subsequently the Police were informed and agreed to monitor the area.</i></p>	<p>NLP</p>
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm	
	The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at 7.00pm on Monday 26 th February 2018.	