

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur  
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at  
7.00pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Present	<p>Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Messrs M de Garis (MdG), R de Garis (RdG), S Gibbs (SG), P Harris (PH), J Norman(JN) 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	Mrs K Fooks (KF) and Mr J Gillson (JG).	
Billet D’Etat	<p>NLP welcomed Deputy A Brouard (AB) to the meeting to discuss forthcoming States’ business.</p> <p>AB said that he would detail as far as he was able the business to be conducted at the September 2018 States’ Meeting.</p> <p>There are to be elections for members to the States Trading Supervisory Board and Guernsey Electricity and an appointment of a Civil Aviation Director.</p> <p>Legislation already approved involves data protection, income support, Housing and waste.</p> <p>Business listed for debate includes;-</p> <p><b>Policy and Resources Department, Revision of Proceeds of Crime Legislation.</b> This involves the tightening of regulations and due diligence and AB doubts that there will be opposition to these proposals.</p> <p><b>Social Security Department</b> will be making provision for benefits for those who have the misfortune to suffer a stillbirth.</p> <p><b>Pension Age.</b></p> <p>AB said that the Department has confirmed that although the pension age will rise to age 70 there is no proposal to increase the number of contribution years required to achieve a full pension, - currently 45 which is nominally 50 contributions each year for 45 years totalling 2,250 weeks of contributions.</p> <p>JN said that the Department has a discriminatory policy because people who have ‘retired’ before the age at which a State pension is payable are required to continue paying social security contributions until they reach retirement age. Those who are unable to complete 45 years of contributions are allowed to cease payments sooner in as much as they can cease paying contributions as soon as they complete the last full year before pensionable age. For example, someone who can achieve 38 years and eleven months contributions (at pensionable age) is allowed to cease paying once 38 full years have been paid. However, another ‘retired’ person who is under retirement age has to continue paying until retirement age is reached. JN said that he had taken the matter up with the Department but they had refused to alter their procedures.</p> <p>AB asked JN to provide him with details via email so that he might make further enquiries and JN agreed to do so.</p> <p><b>Dates for Future States Meetings.</b></p> <p>AB said that despite a previous resolution of the States to hold meetings on the last Wednesday of each month, the dates for 2019 have yet to be approved. AB is surprised that there is still a proposal to hold meetings every 3 weeks and anticipates some annoyance from Deputies since it was agreed that this would not be the system.</p>	JN

	<p><b>Runway Extension – Requete.</b></p> <p>AB asked if the Douzaine has a view about proposals to extend the airport runway – something he expects to be debated in either September or October. He indicated that those proposing the extension of the runway are suggesting that the Runway End Safety Areas (RESA) should be reduced from 190 to 90 metres and replaced by an Engineered Materials Arrestor System.</p> <p>DB suggested that assurances should be in place, to the effect that there was an airline prepared to fly larger capacity aircraft to Guernsey, before any runway lengthening was commenced.</p> <p>AB agreed but pointed out that EMAS has a predetermined life span and has to be replaced at the end of its ‘life’.</p> <p>SG asked how quickly replacement could take place – would the runway have to close whilst EMAS replacement was taking place.</p> <p>AB said that he could see further problems in that if there was an incident whereby the EMAS was used to arrest an aircraft, would the runway have to close until the EMAS was replaced? Would Guernsey have to stock spare EMAS which would be using up its ‘life’ in a storage compound? An airport, such as Guernsey, with a single runway does not have the luxury of operating essential flights on a second runway as is the case at some airfields with two runways. It is easier for such airfields to feel confident that they will not be isolated for lengthy periods if EMAS is used in an aircraft incident.</p> <p>SG asked if anyone has considered where ‘spare’ EMAS could be stored.</p> <p>JB said that a longer runway would reduce the number of flights available, something he did not wish to see.</p> <p>SG said that he would like to see the ‘open skies’ policy reversed and asked AB if he thought it likely.</p> <p>AB doubted whether it would be, certainly in the short term, adding that ‘open skies’ was widely supported by the business community in Guernsey and they have significant influence.</p> <p>JB pointed out that the business community lobbied (for years) to get a daily link to London City Airport but when it was introduced they did not use it in sufficient numbers to make the route economically viable with the inevitable result being that it stopped.</p> <p>AB said that his view is that the policy will only be reversed if it is shown to damage Guernsey’s economy or perhaps the business community changes its collective mind. Personally AB could not see what was wrong with the licencing system, - it has served Guernsey well and without it Guernsey might not have the links to Gatwick that it has today.</p> <p>AB left the meeting at 7.25pm.</p>	
<p>Minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.</p>	<p>The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by NLP.</p>	
<p>St Saviour’s Community Centre (SSCC) – New Trustee</p>	<p>Mr R Murray (RM) attended the meeting at 7.30pm. The Trustees of SSCC had proposed that RM should be appointed as a new Trustee and the June Douzaine meeting had agreed that RM’s cv was impressive but wished to meet RM before approving his appointment.</p> <p>DB complimented RM’s extensive cv and parish officials introduced themselves to RM.</p> <p>NLP asked RM if he had attended any meetings of SSCC Trustees.</p> <p>RM confirmed that he had been acting as an advisor for several months.</p> <p>SG asked RM what he considered he might be able to offer the Trustees in their efforts to develop the Centre.</p>	



	<p>used by all parishes and it would require agreement from all parishes to change the system. If a problem was not resolved following a first letter, subsequent warning letters always included photographs. Following the last hedge and stream inspections the Constables sent about 60 letters and there had only been this one property owner who suggested that the letter did not provide sufficient detail.</p> <p>SG said that he had resolved the matter with the person in question but had agreed to raise it with the Douzaine.</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed that there was no need to change the process.</p>	
Referendum on 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	<p><b>Deputy Ballot Officer.</b></p> <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that RdG had previously agreed to be the Deputy Ballot Officer for St Saviour but that he was now not able to fulfil this roll. PH had offered fulfil the roll and the Douzaine agreed that he should do so.</p> <p><b>Promotional Video.</b></p> <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that he had circulated a promotional video (prepared on behalf of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee, (SACC)) who had asked for feedback.</p> <p>Views expressed included;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fine for five year olds, but a bit trite for 50 year olds;</li> <li>• Too fast, especially for those with poor hearing, learning difficulties or for whom English is not a first language;</li> <li>• The display of the winning post just flashed by and perhaps should not have been in red;</li> <li>• Maybe there needs to be an option for subtitles in other languages?</li> <li>• Those with poor sight or who are colour blind may have difficulties with the colours;</li> <li>• The most important part was at the end - don't use a cross as we are used to but use a sequence of numbers starting at 1.</li> <li>• Anyone who has filled in an online questionnaire is used to having 1 for bad and 9 for best, the opposite order.</li> </ul> <p>PH said that he understood that the original video was informative and clear but the production company had been instructed to 'dumb it down' with the result attracting the comments above.</p> <p>NLP said that the message he would send to voters is that they should only vote for the option they want. Voting for second and third choices will end up with the vote being presented as voting for an option that you may not want.</p> <p>The Constables will to respond to SACC expressing the views made by the Douzaine.</p>	NLP/PC/PH
Planning Department	There was a request for the Constables to obtain a copy of one application.	NLP/PC
Rates Update	NLP said that there is still some £10k outstanding and that (about 2 weeks ago) the Constables sent reminders to outstanding accounts warning that accounts not paid before August would attract a penalty. This penalty will be applied on 2 <sup>nd</sup> August to unpaid accounts.	NLP/PC
Correspondence	<p><b>Montebourg Society – Letter to Trustees of SSCC.</b></p> <p>NLP said that the Constables had received a copy of a letter from the President of the Montebourg Association to the Trustees of SSCC concerning the location(s) that memorabilia within the Centre.</p> <p>NLP added that this had briefly been discussed by the Douzaine at the meeting held in April 2018 and decided that it was not a matter for the Douzaine.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed that the SSCC management should decide what the internal decorations of the Centre should be. The Constables will reply to the Association and also inform the SSCC management of the Douzaine's position.</p> <p><b>La Gazette Officielle – Publications.</b> NLP reported that he had responded to an email from the Principal Officer of the Douzaine Liaison Group asking for information about notices published in La Gazette on behalf of the Constables. NLP commented that hopefully this will be part of the review considering the need to continue with such publications.</p> <p><b>Schools Grants.</b> NLP said that he has received letters of thanks from both La Houquette and La Mare de Carteret High Schools for the cheques sent on behalf of parishioners.</p> <p><b>La Houquette School Swimming Pool.</b> NLP said he has received an email from the President of the Education Department confirming that repairs will be effected to the pool and that staff will be allowed to use it during the autumn term. NLP will forward a copy of the email the School Representative.</p>	NLP/PC
Any Other Business	<p><b>Floral St Saviour.</b> NLP complimented the St Saviour's Floral Group for the results that their work has achieved in 2018. He said that he is aware of favourable comments from people visiting both the Constables' Office and SSCC, - a view unanimously endorsed by the Douzaine. DB suggested that the group might be able to use the avenues of the parish magazine and the parish website to promote their work and NLP agreed to suggest this to the co-ordinator.</p>	NLP/PC
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm	
	The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room (immediately following the Douzenier bi-election (scheduled for 7.00pm)) on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2018.	