

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.00pm on Monday 26th November 2018

Present	<p>Messrs K Ball (KB), D Bertrand (DB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Mr M de Garis (MdG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs S Gibbs (SG), J Gillson (JG), P Harris (PH), J Norman(JN) and N Le Poidevin (NLP) (Senior Constable – presiding).</p> <p>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>	
Apologies	<p>Messrs J Brache (JB), R de Garis (RdG) and J Liddy (JL). Mr P Connolly had indicated that he would be unable to attend until 8.00pm.</p>	
Billet D’Etat	<p>Deputy A Brouard (AB) attended the meeting to discuss forthcoming States’ business.</p> <p>AB outlined the legislative business laid before the States for approval, explaining that this has previously been agreed.</p> <p>Legal Aid Service.</p> <p>AB explained that the current legal aid service was not actually a service that the States was legally bound to provide. The proposal before the States in November is that the service should become one that is provided by statute. AB did not believe there would be any opposition.</p> <p>Minimum Wage.</p> <p>AB said that the minimum wage rates were due to increase to £8.10 per hour for adults and £7.50 per hour for younger employees. He added that there are suggestions that the rates should be linked to average earnings, but whilst he conceded that there was probably a need to increase the rates so that they were more in line with the ‘living wage’ AB could see no relevance to a link with average earnings.</p> <p>Organ Donation.</p> <p>AB reported that the Committee for Health and Social Care (HSC) were seeking to introduce a policy where a deceased person will have opted in to donating their bodily organs for transplant unless they had specifically indicated their wish not to do so.</p> <p>JG asked if there was the facility to carry out transplant surgery within Guernsey.</p> <p>AB said that he was not 100% certain but believed that any such surgery would be conducted in UK hospitals.</p> <p>JN said that he believed this to be the case and understood that arrangements are in place for the transportation and safe keeping of donated organs.</p> <p>JG asked if it is HSC’s intention to screen people to identify if their organs would be suitable in the event of an unexpected death.</p> <p>AB said he could not see how this would be possible because HSC would have no way of knowing if and when any one person was going to unexpectedly die.</p> <p>Banking Deposit compensation Scheme – amendments.</p> <p>AB explained that there are proposals to amend the scheme with a maximum of £100 million being available within any 5 year period.</p> <p>DB said that he did not believe the scheme to be worth ‘the paper that it is written on’ highlighting that any one financial institution (of any worth) is likely to (at any moment in time) have more than 2000 accounts, each with a balance in excess of £50k and any such institution becoming insolvent would wipe out £100 million instantly.</p>	

JN agreed with DB's comments but suggested that the scheme was necessary so that Guernsey could be seen to have a compensation scheme in place.

AB confirmed that it was necessary for Guernsey to be compliant.

Economic Development Strategy.

AB detailed the areas that he expected the Committee for Economic Development (ECD) to focus on, - Transport links to the UK and Jersey, the digital economy and the finance industry.

Development and Planning Authority – Annual Monitoring Report.

AB said that the report says that the development plan (as approved by the States) is doing the job that it was designed to do, although he is aware that parishes in the north of the island might not agree because there is a belief that there is (currently) too much development in these areas. Pressure on roads and schools is often highlighted as a cause for concern but it was a States' decision to concentrate development within St Peter Port and St Sampson, - adding that there is a lot of detail in the report.

SG said that as a self-assessment the Committee are unlikely to suggest other than that they are getting decisions right.

Channel Island Lottery.

AB suggested that, although this is a report on the accounts of the lottery, some Deputies might wish to broaden the debate and highlight the financial difficulties that some people are finding themselves in because of their 'addiction' to gambling on scratch cards. AB confirmed that his view is that the States should no longer be looking at finance from the lottery to fund entities such as Beau Sejour, a view supported by the Douzaine.

Requete reference Availability of Prescribed Drugs.

GC asked AB for his view on the Requete tabled by Deputy Roffey (PR) which is seeking to instruct HSC to ensure that drugs available to Guernsey patients (who receive treatment) in the UK continue to be available to them on return to Guernsey. GC suggested that the principle is sound but nowhere in the Requete is there any indication where the funds for these drugs will come from or any suggestion as to which services currently provided by HSC (or any other Committee) should be reduced in order to free up funds for the drugs. It is all very well to say that Jersey or the UK has access to these drugs so Guernsey should have them, but Jersey and the UK have GST and VAT but Deputies have ruled that source of income out.

AB commented that this is often the way – Deputies get the States to approve a proposal to provide a service without identifying the source of revenue (as witnessed by many amendments to the proposals in the recent budget debate).

KF suggested that it is wrong for PR to compare Guernsey with the National Health Service in the UK because this is not a national service, - there are many anomalies within the UK with availability to drugs and services varying greatly from region to region and even within regions.

AB asked the Douzaine for their view on the matter and there was agreement that it is wrong to instruct Committees to improve services without identifying where the finance for that provision is to be found.

Waste Water Charges.

KF Asked AB for his view on the proposed introduction of waste water charges for householders who have a water supply from a borehole or well instead of mains water.

AB said that he will support the installation of meters so that a correct

	(percentage) waste charge can be made. NLP thanked AB for attending the meeting and AB left at 7.30pm.	
St Saviour's Community Centre (SSCC) - Update	<p>Mr D Farrimond (DF) attended the meeting at 7.30pm to provide the Douzaine with an update about SSCC and the 2017 accounts relating to the Centre.</p> <p>DF explained that the St Saviours Community Trust was the fundraising arm of the Centre and that any money raised is transferred to the operating arm. 2017 was a relatively quiet year with only two events (strictement dance challenge and Christmas fayre).</p> <p>KF asked why funds from donations were so reduced in 2017 (compared with 2016).</p> <p>DF explained that this was because there were no specific 'project' that funds could be allocated to. It is normal for charities to promote a project – in 2016 SSCC sought (and received) funding for the lower toilet block but 2017 had no such projects.</p> <p>DF went on to explain that St Saviours Community Centre LBG is financially sound. Income is derived from the anchor tenant and other users, any surplus being ploughed back into the Centre. There is a mix of organisations using the Centre – some are commercially viable (keep fit classes etc) and these pay rents but there are charities that use the Centre at reduced rates (in some cases for free).</p> <p>The first 10 months of 2018 show there has been a significant increase in users with a projected income that will significantly increase on 2017. The Centre management are always looking to take on new users (the recently refurbished 'Andy's House' now has a tenancy agreement for 3 years) and talks are ongoing with some organisations about use during daytime hours. Recently there have been examinations (held) and training courses at the Centre and Trustees hope that this can be built upon.</p> <p>Phase Three.</p> <p>NLP asked how far the preparation of plans for phase three have reached (the cost having been approved by the Douzaine in March 2018).</p> <p>DF said that technical drawings are almost complete and with this at hand the Trustees will be able to commence meaningful fundraising early in 2019. Although the Trustees recognise that the sums needed are significant they are determined to do their best to achieve the target and see the project through to completion.</p> <p>SG suggested that rather than the Douzaine having an update from Trustees annually there should be dialogue every 6 months.</p> <p>DF agreed that this would be sensible and confirmed that should there be any developments between these regular updates he will contact the Constables to arrange to meet sooner.</p>	NLP/PC
Minutes of meeting held on 22 nd October 2018	The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by NLP.	
<u>Matters Arising</u>	<p><u>Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) – Charges for Delegation of Powers.</u> NLP confirmed that the WDA are currently unable to give any guidance about what charges parishes can expect when the initial 2 year agreement expires.</p> <p><u>Identity Cards.</u> The October meeting suggested that parish officials should be provided with identity cards. NLP has established that there will be an initial 'set</p>	

	<p>up' cost of £45 with each card costing £2.75. Every parish official will need to have their photograph provided. It was agreed to proceed on this basis with an early start to the December meeting so that photographs can be taken. <u>Tunnels under St Saviour's Church.</u> NLP confirmed that a letter has been sent in response to a query about the internal wall. NLP also confirmed that the annual inspection of the tunnels took place on Saturday 3rd November 2018 and that the tunnels appear to be in a satisfactory condition. <u>Rectory – Boundary Wall.</u> NLP reported that he has met (on site) with the architect and a stonemason to discuss potential remedies to the (partial) repairs to the wall. An application has been made to the Planning Authority and when this process is complete the Constables will arrange for 3 quotes to have the work completed <u>Visit to Les Reveaux Housing development.</u> NLP said that the visit took place on Friday 26th October and those in attendance were impressed by the quality of the properties. <u>Island Wide Referendum.</u> KF confirmed that she had written to the States Assembly and Constitution Committee with her comments about the process and that the Committee have taken her comments on board.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p>
<p>Waste Strategy – Delegation of Powers to the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA)</p>	<p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that it has previously been decided that St Saviour would delegate certain Douzaine functions under the Parochial Collection of Waste (Guernsey) Law 2015 to the WDA. To formalise this decision it is necessary to agree this statement;- <i>We the Constables and Douzeniers of the Parish of St Saviour agree that the Constables are able to sign on behalf of the Douzaine in order to delegate the Douzaine's functions under the Parochial Collection of Waste (Guernsey) Law 2015 ('the Law'), to the Waste Disposal Authority.</i> <i>The functions of the Douzaine to be delegated are those conferred under</i> <i>(a) Part III (enforcement) of the Law including, without limitation, under sections 10 (warning notice), 11 (civil fixed penalty notice) and 16 (authorised persons); and</i> <i>(b) section 3 of the Law (duty to have regard to Waste Management Plan) insofar as it applies to the functions of the Douzaine under Part III of the Law.</i> <i>This is done in accordance with section 18 of the Law referenced above.</i> <i>We agree that this delegation will be for an initial two year period with the option for this to be extended or terminated early at the discretion of the Douzaine after consultation with the Waste Disposal Authority.</i> DB proposed (KF seconded) that the Douzaine should formally adopt the above statement and that the Constables can sign an instrument of delegation on behalf of the Constables and Douzaine. The proposal was unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p>
<p>Finance Report</p>	<p>NLP reported that the Finance Sub Committee had met on 7th November and that the Committee was satisfied that Constables' Accounts were in order. There was some concern about the uncertainty of refuse costs because of the changes to the waste strategy and the budget might be tight. KF reported that the Cemetery Committee expenses should be within</p>	

	budget with approximately £7k of available funds.	
Planning Department	<p>PC attended the meeting at 8.00pm.</p> <p><u>Planning Applications.</u></p> <p>There was no request for the Constables to obtain any planning applications.</p> <p><u>Agricultural Land.</u></p> <p>NLP commented that there appeared to be a significant increase in the number of planning applications that involved the conversion of agricultural land to domestic curtilage or garden.</p> <p>JN said that all 4 Cantons should adopt a common approach to applications, - there have been applications that seek a small increase to garden areas and others that wish to adopt a whole field.</p> <p>NLP said that he understood Douzaine policy to be that agricultural land should remain as such since an increase in the size of a property's curtilage might persuade the Planning Department to allow development thereon.</p> <p>PH said that he considered part of the problem to be that the Planners allowed development with limited parking areas (as witnessed recently with the application to develop the former Strawberry Farm site) and that when properties are completed and occupied the occupiers realise the limits to parking and look to nearby areas to increase vehicle parking capacity.</p> <p>It was pointed out the a member of the Planning Department is attending the December meeting to discuss how decisions are arrived at, and that Parish Officials will be able to discuss the Departments' policy for such changes of use at that meeting.</p>	
Island Constables Meeting - Report	<p>NLP briefed Douzeniers about matters discussed at the Island Constables' meeting held on 12th November 2018 (a copy of the minutes is attached to these minutes) and he highlighted some of the items discussed</p> <p><u>Douzaine's Property Insurance.</u></p> <p>NLP said that St Saviour was one of 4 parishes that had supplied the information requested by St Martin so that St Martin could investigate potential savings from a combined property insurance policy for all parishes. NLP confirmed that St Saviour has only recently committed to a 5 year agreement, adding that if there was a combined policy a claim by one parish would probably effect any 'no claims bonus' for all other parishes when it came to renewal of the policy.</p> <p><u>Guernsey Douzaine Council (GDC).</u></p> <p>NLP confirmed that only 4 parishes have confirmed their decision concerning the suspension of the GDC. However, the majority of the Constables present believed that the GDC should remain suspended but not dissolved.</p> <p><u>Douzaine Youth Strategy.</u></p> <p>It had been agreed that initiatives that encouraged younger people to take an active part in parish affairs should be developed and perhaps the 'Digital Greenhouse' could be somewhere to target.</p>	
Dates for 2019 Douzaine Meetings	<p>NLP said that he had previously circulated a provisional list of dates for the 2019 meetings, and unless there were any errors he suggested that the dates should be confirmed.</p> <p>PH said that he had checked all of the dates and found them to be in order.</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed that these dates should be confirmed.</p>	NLP/PC
TRP Ratings	NLP advised the Douzaine that the States has introduced some new	

	TRP bandings and that a parish ratio will need to be applied to each ratio before the 2019 rates accounts are prepared. It was agreed that this matter should be deferred until the January 2019 meeting.	NLP/PC
Douzaine Christmas Meal	PC confirmed that the venue would be at 'Driftwood' on Friday 17 th January 2019, and asked that those who would be attending confirmed menu choices.	
Christmas Lights	NLP asked for assistance to put up the Christmas lights at SSCC and it was agreed that this would be done on Sunday 2 nd December at 10.00am.	
Correspondence	<u>Christmas Hampers.</u> NLP said that he has been approached by 2 organisations requesting guidance about any parishioners who might benefit from the receipt of a 'hamper' this Christmas. Parish Officials were asked to forward any names to the Constables before Wednesday 5 th December. <u>Sure Telephone Directory.</u> NLP said that St Peter Port Constables have suggested that the parishes should purchase (and share the cost) a page in the 'Sure' 2019 telephone directory so that all Constables' Offices telephone numbers could be located 'easily' by parishioners. Currently 8 of the 10 parishes list their telephone numbers under 'Constables of'. Castel and Forest are not currently doing so but Castel have indicated that they will request that their listing is changed for 2019 so that it is in common with the majority. NLP said that he is not aware of any complaints that the office telephone number is not easily accessible. The Douzaine agreed that the telephone listing should remain within the 'white pages'.	NLP/PC
Any Other Business	None	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm	
	The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at 7.00pm on Monday 10 th December 2018.	