

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur  
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Douzaine Room at the Community  
Centre on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7pm

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| Present  | <p>Messrs D Bertrand (DB), R de Garis (RdG), S Gibbs, (SG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), R Murray (RM), J Norman (JN), Mrs S Roughsedge (SR), Ms S Watson (SW), and Messrs P Connolly (PC) (Constable – presiding), and J Gillson (JG) (Constable presiding and Douzenier).</p> <p>Ms M Scott (MS), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>   |                           |
| Apologies  | Mr J Brache (JB) and Mrs P Kennedy (PK).   |                           |
| Minutes of Meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 | The minutes were agreed and signed by the Constable.   |                           |
| Matters Arising / Outstanding                            | <p>The following matters arising were discussed:</p> <p><b>Outstanding Rates</b><br/> PC advised that there were outstanding rates relating to 5 owners. These amounts would continue to be chased.</p> <p><b>Potholes – La Terre Norgiot</b><br/> KF advised that these had now been repaired.</p> <p><b>Liberation Day</b><br/> JG advised that he had been in touch with the other Douzaines in a personal capacity to gauge their views on Liberation Day. Responses had not been received from all parishes, but it was noted that several other parishes were also not happy with the proposed plans to move the celebrations away from town and only celebrate in town every 5 years. JG felt that ESC was not fulfilling their mandate.</p> <p>RM informed the Douzaine that it took approximately 500 people to organise the events in town many of whom were volunteers. The difficulty was generating these people. It was noted that was an Island wide problem to attract volunteers. The current police force did not also have the sufficient workforce. He stated that it was not the reluctance of ESC to hold the events in town but the capability to provide the services to host such an event. He confirmed that there was no intention of allowing the importance of Liberation Day to fade but the celebrations may have to be held on smaller scale.</p> <p>JG noted the comments and suggested it may be useful for ESC to publicise the reasoning behind the change in future Liberation Day events due to the lack of capacity to host the event.</p> <p>SR suggested that the significance of Liberation Day could continue to be promoted through the schools.</p> | <p>PC/JG</p> <p>PC/JG</p> |

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|                                      | <p><b>Motor Rally</b></p> <p>PC advised that we had received approximately 30 objections to the rally either directly or copied in on correspondence to Guernsey Rally LBG and Traffic and Highways.</p> <p>Highways have confirmed to us that the routes have been approved in principle and the final permits will be issued in accordance with policy. They advised that the Guernsey Rally Committee have gone above and beyond with their PR more than any other event held on the Guernsey roads and have been very proactive in dealing with any queries.</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed that they would respond to those who have written directly to the Constables to advise that any decision on the Rally is made by Environment and Infrastructure.</p>  | PC/JG |
| Parish Working Group (“PWG”)– Update | <p>KF advised that she had attended the latest meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Items discussed were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Protection</li> <li>• Use of dedicated emails</li> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> <li>• School Committees</li> </ul>   |       |
| Bats in Tunnels and Box Site         | <p>La Société Bat Section had requested permission to place bat boxes to south side of the trees at les Buttes, facing the field.</p> <p>Several concerns had been raised by the Douzaine as follows with the response from La Société:</p> <p>Concerns as these trees are now mature and as such, we have them inspected every 18 months due to their proximity to the road and tree surgery is often required to ensure they remain safe to surrounding properties and the road</p> <p><i>La Société responded that:</i><br/> <i>The maturity of the trees might be a reason for us <b>not</b> to choose the site, but we going to decide pending permission from you.</i></p> <p>One of the Douzeniers had raised the point that he was under the impression that there were fines if bats were disturbed. Is this the case?</p> <p><i>La Société responded that.</i><br/> <i>As for fines, it is technically illegal to intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat roost. However, the law provides an exception for professional tree surgeons if "all reasonable precautions are taken"; which we can take to mean that any bat boxes are first checked for bats and then, if bats are at home (not as likely as you might think), an ecologist contacted, and further works carried out sensitively.</i></p> <p>Check what being legal responsible for the box would entail</p> <p><i>La Société responded that.</i><br/> <i>If the box fell on someone as a freak accident, maybe after many years (an extremely unlikely scenario). The boxes are made of woodcrete and are heavy.</i></p> <p>Advice had also been sought from the States Veterinary Officer who advised:</p> |       |

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|                            | <p><i>Bats are a protected species, and you may be guilty of an offence, under the Animal Welfare Ordinance, if you knowingly disturb them. Bats do not use bat boxes all year round so if one of the trees that a bat box was attached to needed to have some arboriculture work it could be done at a time of year when the bats were not resident. Alternatively, once the bats had left the box for an evening flight and feed the box could be blocked to prevent them from returning to it. In this situation, the bats would have to use another bat box in the vicinity or natural shelter. The trick is to put up multiple boxes and block boxes when they are empty of bats before undertaking work on a particular tree. There are a lot of kudos associated with looking after bats so I would encourage the Constables of St. Saviour to embrace this opportunity.</i></p> <p>The Douzaine continued to be concerned due to the proximity of the road and also the maturity of the trees and agreed that they would not allow the boxes to be placed at this site.</p> <p>Further La Société Bat Section had advised that they are working with experts in the UK and Jersey in respect of the bats in the tunnels, and one suggestion was the possibility of widening one or more of the holes in the partition walls because at the moment they believe that both holes - one in each partition wall - are quite a tight squeeze for the Greater Horseshoe Bats which are a focus for conservation. The hole in the northern wall is likely too narrow, and the southern one is very borderline.</p> <p>The Douzaine all agreed that there were no objections to this.</p> |  |
| Church Property Management | <p>The Douzaine noted the contents of two letters from the Church Property Management Board in respect of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• La Grande Lande</li> <li>• Boundary Dispute</li> </ul>  |  |
| Bornements                 | <p>The Douzaine approved an application for bornement at Fort Richmond.</p>   |  |
| Any Other Business         | <p><b>Letter from Scrutiny Management Committee</b></p> <p>PC advised that the Scrutiny Management Committee wish Constables to contact them regarding any areas of concern or question which its members believe should be explored during the SMC's programme of Public Hearings. Details of forthcoming hearings are announced on the Scrutiny web page <a href="http://www.gov.gg/scrutiny">www.gov.gg/scrutiny</a>.</p> <p>It was agreed that they would ask them to consider Plurality again.</p> <p><b>Training about the Prevention of Discrimination (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2022.</b></p> <p>It was noted that training in respect of the above Ordinance was now taking place. Several members of the Douzaine would be undergoing training via their workplace.</p>   |  |

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|              | <p><b>La Gazette Officielle</b></p> <p>RM reported that progress was being made on setting up a website for the above which would therefore mean moving away from notices in the Guernsey Press.</p> |  |
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| Next meeting | The next meeting is to be held on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm.   |  |
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|              | The meeting closed at 8pm.   |  |



