

[Minutes typed by Samantha Sugden]

HDP improvement group

Lido

1 September 2022 18:00

Chair: Deputy Mézec

In attendance

Deputy Warr
Deputy Coles
Deputy Binet, Minister for infrastructure
Tim Daniels, Jersey Property Holdings

Apologies

Constable Crowcroft
Deputy Porée

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Minutes approved

3. Presentation by Stuart Fell, Société Jersiaise 'The unique character of Havre des Pas'

Stuart Fell delivered a presentation offering pictures and maps of the area over time and buildings and cottages of interest, some of which have high historical and architectural value.

Société Jersiaise are undertaking research in Havre des Pas, seeking to publish a book. They requested support of residents to facilitate and take part in meetings and exhibitions

Comments from the improvement group included disappointment at some developments in the area, the lack of trees and planting and concern for the future of Green Court.

Société Jersiaise offered to deliver the full presentation about Havre des Pas if a suitable venue can be found.

Thanks were extended and the meeting expressed their appreciation for the presentation.

3. Update from Infrastructure Minister and Jersey Property Holdings

It was noted that 20 mph road markings have been added. Residents were unsure if this would be sufficient.

Further discussion was held over the size on the 20 mph road signs, visibility and potential to detract from the nature of the area. Infrastructure confirmed that further requirements can be reviewed, and they are considering additional signage for cyclists.

Upkeep of the Lido and bathing pool was discussed. Funds for a structural survey will not be available until 2024.

The issue of a zebra crossing at the Oomaroo Hotel and Prince's Bar was raised and it was suggested that officers from Infrastructure, Housing and Environment could comment on this at a future meeting. Residents suggested a written report from Infrastructure with timescales would be helpful.

4. Litter

Residents raised concerns regarding Litter. This is becoming an increasing problem in Roseville Street and on the beach. It would be useful if clearance had been stepped up during the hot weather as the litter issue is unpleasant for residents and creating a bad impression with visitors.

Residents were assured that the Parish is aware of the issue and these comments would be shared with the Refuse Team

5. Update from States of Jersey Police, Chief Constable Robin Smith and Alex Guelpa

The Chief Constable addressed the meeting and assured residents that the States of Jersey Police (SOJP) are committed to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour problems in the area. They are seeking to apply a problem-solving approach. ASB has been an enduring issue at HDP, So SOJP are working with youth services to provide solutions rather than criminalise young people. However, the Chief Constable stressed that enforcement will be deployed when necessary.

Police hold incident logs on when ASB and criminal activity is most likely to occur and patrolling strategies are designed around this data. Residents were encouraged to report incidents to the police.

Issues of speeding and anti-social driving were discussed. SOJP are working on improving driving behaviour with 'behaviour insights' and also deterrence.

Residents commented that bathing pool toilets are closed at 18:00 due to vandalism. A camera directed towards the toilets might enable them to stay open later than 18:00.

SOJP agreed that additional cameras can be considered, and cameras have proved useful in identifying people and taking action. Officers wear body cameras which can be used for evidence but also shown to parents. The camera is now pointed at the Lido.

Thanks were extended to a resident who observed young people destroying Lido Furniture and was able to engage with them.

The meeting was informed that the youth service will attend the next meeting

7. Update issues surrounding the Lido

Carried forward

8. Village improvement scheme

Residents considered the Village Improvement Scheme Plans and noted that funding will have to be fought for. The Chair asked the group for their thoughts on the plans.

First priority

Traffic is the biggest issue. Reducing to one lane will allow pavement and café-life to open up. The group agreed that addressing the issue of one way and reducing traffic flow should be progressed, noting that it will be difficult to achieve support from people outside HDP. Claims regarding traffic flow through HDP are unsubstantiated. Currently the pavements are too narrow and a single lane of traffic would allow for a cycle lane and remove cycling on pavements. This would support Carbon neutral ambitions.

The group identified a need for both visitor and resident parking. If the area is to develop a mix of residential and tourism, parking will be critical to develop commerce. Parking at the sovereign site would have been useful

The group were disappointed that the hopper bus does not come into HDP (or pier road)

Second priority

Planting and public realm, street scape improvements to create an open sea-front look. Ideas included a notice board, 'welcome to Havre des Pas' sign, road surface could be changed (reference St Mary) to indicate the village area.

Third priority

Public amenity space comprising primarily a 'La Collette walkway', including plans for an observatory or similar focus point and renovation of South Park with family amenities and parking. This area could also provide community garden space.

It was agreed that the allocation of sufficient budget will be an issue and that the HDP Deputies and Constable will have an opportunity to address this in States debates

9. Close

Deputy Mézec brought the meeting a close and thanked those in attendance and the group for their contributions.