

[Minutes typed by Samantha Sugden]

## HDP improvement group

Lido

4 August 2022 18:00

Chair: Constable Crowcroft

In attendance

Deputy Mézec

Deputy Binet, Minister for infrastructure

Apologies

Deputy Coles

Deputy Porée

Deputy Warr

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Thanks were offered to Marcus for the use of the Lido and a welcome was extended to officers Tim Daniel's (JPH) and Andy Skate (IHE), to Community Police Officer Alex Guelpa and to Parish of St Helier, Town Centre Manager, Conner Burgher.

### 2. Update from IHE

- Pedestrian crossing by the Oomaroo has not been completed. This will be addressed when it is decided what other works are to be completed. Speed bumps are needed by the Prince's bar and Fort D'auvergne. It was agreed that painting 20 mph on the Havre des Pas Road can be pursued now, without further discussion.

Time will be allotted for a fuller discussion of the HDP Village Improvement Scheme at the next meeting.

Action: programme a longer meeting to discuss the Village Improvement Scheme

- The improvement group expressed disappointment that improvements have been discussed for years but little progress is made. It was hoped that progress will be made with the support of the new Minister for Infrastructure. It was felt there was a lack of transparency as to why plans which are approved are not ultimately delivered.
- The group observed that the wider HDP area needs to be protected and there is need for investment in public realm, gardens and planting.

- A key aspect of the Improvement Scheme is making HDP one way. Further options include making the road one way at certain times of the day or closing the road – for example between 6pm and 6am.
- The Minister for Infrastructure acknowledged these ideas and requested that issues and tensions are teased out and resolved quickly, with closer working with the Parish
- Concerns were raised at the volume of development in Green Street. It was felt there is no coordination, no measurement of amenity and need. There was disappointment in decisions refusing planning applications to create additional parking. The Minister for Infrastructure believes that these issues and parking problems are becoming better understood.

### 3. Anti-social behaviour in HDP - Alex Guelpa

- There have been complaints regarding unruly behaviour at the bathing pool, including visitors whose holiday and impression of the island has been spoilt
- Alex acknowledged that the area has become a hot spot and encouraged residents to offer feedback so the problem can be better understood.
- Marcus (Lido Tenant) observed that problems are getting worse. People have cancelled weddings at the Lido venue because of the reputation of the area. Problems include physical assaults, tables thrown off the pool, damage to the lido. Lifeguards spend significant amounts of time dealing with ASB, they can be dealing with 30 to 80 children, with no parents in sight. Fairly young children are often drunk.
- There was disappointment that the new CCTV cameras, after a seven year wait, never capture the incidents as they are facing down the road. It is not clear why the cameras are pointed away from the Lido.
- SOJ Police are aware of the issues and agreed that it is unacceptable. Alex assured that group that they are seeking to get traction on the issues.

Action: SOJ Police will produce a cost analysis investigating a further camera installation. They will also move the new camera to face the Lido at the appropriate times or report back on why the camera cannot be moved

Action: Home Affairs Minister and Youth service to be invited to the meeting to discuss ASB issues

- The Improvement group asked police to be proactive and maintain a presence at the critical times
- It was also suggested that the youth service or Street Pastors could assist. The group asked that effort is made to support these children and give them something to do so they have 'green light activities' and not red lights all the time. Young people could be invited to this meeting
- Residents also expressed concern about cycling on the pavements and lack of signage indicating that cyclists may cycle down Green Street.

#### 5. Havre Des Pas Seaside Festival Connor Burgher

- Connor informed the meeting that the recent Wonky Festival was not a parish event, but the Parish have received and collated a number of complains with have been passed to public health
- The 2023 HDP seaside festival will be a family friendly parish event. The group are invited to comment on what they would like to see.

#### 6. Maintenance and future of the Lido Tim Daniels

- Members of the group argued that the bathing pool and Lido should be valued and protected. It was suggested that the facility is moved from Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) to Jersey Heritage.
- Tim Daniels explained that the amount of maintenance required for the building is challenging. A review of the structure is programmed for the coming winter. Progress has been made regarding the toilets being open and JPH recognise there are problems but note that there are finite resources.
- The improvement group raised concerns about the amount of litter and broken glass which the early morning swimmers clean themselves. The group asked JPH to increase cleaning of the pool and the site so it is safe. The group asked JPH to recognise these responsibilities.
- The current tenant is still dealing with lease issues. The Minister for Infrastructure assured that group he anticipates that the commercial issues can be resolved quickly. The Minister suggested that he attend future meetings or ensure a representative is in attendance

#### 6. Close

The Constable brought the meeting to a close and proposed that the September meeting be extended to two hours to enable discussion of the Village Improvement plan