

**Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm  
on Thursday 8 August 2024 at the Lido, Havre des Pas**

**Chairman:** Same Mezec (SM)

**Present:** David Warr (DW), Tom Coles

**Apologies:** Simon Crowcroft, Beatriz Poree, Simon Crowcroft

**Approval of Minutes for 11 July 2024.**

The minutes were hereby approved.

**Matters arising**

SM noted that the Auto Electrics planning application discussed at the previous meeting had received a healthy number of comments. SM requested that any residents who have queries should direct them to Deputy Tom Coles who sits on the Planning Committee. It was confirmed that as the application had received over 6 comments it will go to a planning hearing where the public have the chance to make their comments. It was further noted that if the application is rejected, they can request for the committee to review it again.

**Update from the Police**

PC Ryan O'Neil introduced himself to the group as a new member of the community policing team. It was confirmed that the Summertime Policing Plan has been operating since 12 June and runs from 1pm to around 2am every day. This has included regular patrols by officers and engagement with the public. It was noted that 6 reports had been received since the last meeting which were all confirmed to be minor incidents involving intoxicated individuals or reports of antisocial behaviour in the shelters. Following on from previous discussions about speeding issues in the area, it was noted that there are plans within the police to introduce a mobile speeding camera which can be deployed to known hot spots. It was confirmed that a couple of e-scooters had been seized in the area. It was confirmed that a piece on active travel education is being created to include things such as who has right of way.

**Update from I&E**

No I&E officers were in attendance. SM confirmed he will insist on their attendance next month as it has been a while since they last provided an update.

SM confirmed that tender was going out for structural work on the pool and that any money left over after this would be used for utilities and then any money left after that would be used for redecoration. The whole budget was confirmed as £350k. DW confirmed that the South Hill Gardens project has been abandoned due to lack of funds.

**Lido pools – option to secure future**

DW and Marcus Calvani (MC) gave a presentation to the group following a trip by some of the members of the Lido Steering Group to the Guernsey Lido this week. It was noted that the Guernsey Lido is a charity which receives funding from Government and private sources. DW noted that the actual ownership of the Lido is vague, and it is important that clarity is sought as to who owns the property. DW continued that lots of maintenance is needed around the Lido and that there are lots of cautionary signage around telling people what they cannot do whereas it would be nice to see more positive signage around. It was confirmed that the concrete around the Guernsey Lido is power washed twice a month during the warmer months and once a month during the winter.

Max Treharne (MT), Co-President of the Jersey Water Polo Association (JWPA) addressed the group to confirm that the recent International Tournament held at the Lido was a resounding success with 16 visiting teams and over 60 matches played. MT expressed the belief that the tournament generated £150k for the local economy, including flights, hotel stays, etc. MT confirmed that the tournament had sold out within 48 hours with 10 teams on the waiting list. However, MT went onto to express his disappointment with the state of the site when they arrived for the tournament, stating that there was broken glass around, no toilet or soap in the toilets, the surfaces around the pool were very slippery and multiple people tripped on damaged concrete. MT confirmed that Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) were

aware that the tournament was happening, and an event license had been signed. DW confirmed that he has not have a response from JPH on any of the issues highlighted by MT. MT expressed the importance of the Lido site to the JWPA and that they rely on the Lido for storing their equipment.

MC expressed his gratitude that high profile people such as blues artist Giles Robson and swimming legend Sally Minty-Gravett MBE are supporting the Lido Steering Group and wish to be part of the charity. It was confirmed that a proposition was approved by the States back in 2022 to create the Lido Steering Group, but no progress has been made.

The opinion was expressed that if the Lido received more investment, then anti-social behaviour will reduce naturally as more people will be around using the site and people will have more respect for the site. It was confirmed that this has been the case in Guernsey.

DW expressed that he believes that the costs for maintaining the site should be spread across all departments that benefit from it such as Sport, Tourism and Education.

It was noted that deputies and tenants cannot be governors on the board of the proposed limited company by guarantee.

DW confirmed that no one knows what parts of the site are listed.

MC requested that thanks to DW for his support in taking on this fight within government be recorded. SM expressed that there is an island-wide problem that Jersey is awful at maintaining its properties and instead let them get into a state of disrepair that is then very expensive to rectify. SM further expressed that the States are not funding things properly and then wondering why they fail.

It was noted that JPH are so concerned with risk that they are spending huge amounts of their budgets concerned with safety issues rather than actual property maintenance. It was noted that systems have been replaced a year after they were installed as JPH changed their minds about things being deemed safe. It was further noted that all this work is outsourced and that JPH do not have any trained staff internally to carry out the work.

SM suggested not to bother with a petition as he believes them to be a waste of time but instead expressed that the best way to win the fight is to put forward a really credible plan which shouldn't need much backing because it should already have the support of the necessary ministers. DW confirmed that he plans to have informal chats with the ministers to find out what is acceptable and what's not ahead of putting forward any plans. DW expressed his determination to ensure that we do not lose the momentum.

#### **Any other business**

None.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 September at 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas**