

**Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm
on Thursday 9 January 2024 at the Lido, Havre des Pas**

Chairman: Sam Mezec (SM)

Present: David Warr (DW), Tom Coles (TC), Beatriz Porée (BP)

Apologies: Simon Crowcroft, Julia Lydford, Mary Gillen, Sandra Routier, Ric Mallet, Huw Williams

Approval of Minutes for 12 December 2024.

SM started the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. The Minutes were hereby approved.

Matters arising

It was confirmed that the licence signs for the Lido had arrived. Marcus Calvani (MC) noted that there was still no lease but confirmed that rent has been paid.

Update from the Police

Apologies were noted from the Police. Due to resource constraints, it was noted that the Police will only attend meetings when residents deem it necessary to discuss specific issues rather than attending every month. It was requested that a monthly update be provided via email in place of physical presence from officers.

Residents are still encouraged to report anything to 01534 612612 or email sthelie@jersey.police.je.

An update was provided on the Green Street one-way, with officers reporting that some enforcement had been conducted and communications put out on social channels. It was noted that there had been issues in the area on the day of the Meeting due to a burst water main.

Update from Government and Parish Officers

No Parish or Government Officers attended the meeting. SM noted that work has begun on La Collette Gardens by the Jersey Field Squadron on a 'Place to Remember', the Care Memorial. It was noted that the memorial has been designed to face the sunrise.

It was confirmed that the Havre des Pas Seaside Festival will be held on 2 and 3 August 2025. It was requested that Connor Burgher attend a meeting to gather feedback from residents ahead of the event.

Any other business

Lido update: It was reported that since submitting the expression of interest there has been no communication from Government. It was noted that the advert for applications still appears to be live online, however the deadline was 31 December. It was expressed that the number of expressions should be made public, however SM suggested that this may not always be possible if a very low number of expressions are received to protect confidentiality.

Questions were raised by residents over the fairness and impartiality of the expressions process, highlighting the lack of transparency as to who the panel making the decisions would be. It was expressed that it would be unfair for Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) to be the decision-maker. It was further highlighted that it was not public what the judging criteria for the expressions would be. BP noted that in her experience as a market trader the panels usually consist of 4 people, two of which are independent bodies and that businesses needed to present a full business proposal to the panel. BP further noted that the decisions over such matters remain within JPH rather than Government.

MC confirmed that he will surrender his lease if the charity wins the tender but expressed that from a business perspective, he needs stability as he is currently uncertain as to whether he can sell weddings for next year.

It was questioned as to why the contracts, such as the tender documents, are not in the public domain when they have been signed by Government. It was suggested that Government use the excuse of

contracts being commercially sensitive to avoid publishing them. It was noted that Richard Le Sueur would be asking the Information Commissioner for a statement to confirm that Government must release any contract that has been signed.

MC confirmed that he has not been involved with the process and that DW and the charity governors are heading up the 'Love your Lido' expression of interest. MC expressed that the display of community interest in the Lido outside the Royal Court recently should be good evidence that the charity is the right choice.

Lucas House development: it was noted that the head of department has received the assessment ready to make the final decision. It was further noted that there were enough comments on the application that it will go to committee around March irrespective of the decision.

Election concerns: it was questioned what would happen in 2026 if the deputies representing the area change. It was confirmed that all contracts signed during the 4-years will stand but that new deputies are under no obligation to continue any previous work. MC noted that a 9-year-lease had been approved under the previous Government, but this was never seen after the change in Ministers. It was expressed that a lot of passion and energy has been spent and that things are nearly at the end of the road, stressing the importance of bringing things to completion before the next election/

Parking: it was requested to add parking to the next agenda and for SC to provide an update. It was noted that there had been discussions about parking being included in the reclamation project, especially regarding an underground car park, however it was confirmed that there is no budget for parking within the scheme. It was noted that there was no protection for the Lido included in the scheme, other than to ensure it is watertight. It was further noted that Steve Fitzgibbon is happy to be contacted.

Christmas Day: MC noted his thanks to manager Jay and the charity governors for volunteering on Christmas Day to serve mince pies. It was expressed that the day was amazing and raised record breaking funds for the Jersey Swimming Club.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13 February at 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas.