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Havre des Pas Improvement Group Meeting

The Lido

Thursday 12 October 2023 at 6pm

Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm on Thursday 12 October at the Lido, Havre des Pas

Chairman: Tom Coles
Present: Tom Binet, David Warr
Apologies: Sam Mezec, Simon Crowcroft

Approval of Minutes for 14 September 2023.

The minutes were hereby approved.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Update from the Police

The Police were not in attendance.

Update from IHE (Tom Binet)

Tom Binet provided the following updates:

- The lights are being sorted, but unfortunately, he could not give a timeline.
- Covering the exposed black pipes may require planning but plans are underway to get this sorted.
- Plans have been drawn up for the regeneration of South Hill Park which include a skatepark behind South Hill Gym. TB explained that everything in the park is listed so everything requires planning permission. He further explained that everything is in the early stages so no costs or timelines could be provided at this stage.
- TB confirmed that there will be serious investment into the Town Centre with the market being the focal point.
- The metal spike at HDP that someone tripped over has now been fixed.
- TB is hopeful that a new arrangement with the contractors that clean and maintain the toilets on the Lido will be finalised in January and will include year-round opening hours for the toilets/ changing rooms.
- It was mentioned that the cleaning of the toilets/ changing rooms has not been maintained recently. TB will look into issues with the contractor and has agreed that a sign with contact details for the contractor should be displayed to report issues.

Feedback from the Havre des Pas Festival (Connor Burgher)

CB was delighted to announce that the event had been generally very successful. He explained that the heat had impacted the numbers on the Saturday, but the weekend saw 4,500 visitors and 2,500 residents. It was confirmed that tighter residents' restrictions will be applied next year as so many residents' bands were given out. CB confirmed that from a health and safety perspective the event was a success with only 3 guests removed from the premises by security. There were 34 stallholders, 3 stages, 1 scavenger hunt, 1 tug-of-war, water polo and beach volleyball. CB thanked Elise Wetherall behind the scenes for helping to organise and run the event. CB was delighted that feedback from this year's festival was much more positive than last year. He explained that the date for next year has not been confirmed as there are not many neap tides next summer. Finally, he confirmed that next year will include more community led activities and explained that there was still work to do with changing the reputation of the festival.

The residents present at the meeting expressed that they were very happy with Prince's Bar this year, that security was great, and the residents were able to access their properties with no issues, that the clean up after the event was great and that there was no noise after the event closing time. The residents wished to record their thanks to Connor and Elise for a great event.

Any other business

The gas situation was brought up by Deputy Warr. It was confirmed that Roseville Bistro, De L'Etang and elderly residents in the area had suffered. It was suggested that the gas issues have been an unpleasant reminder of the

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Haut Du Mont incident last year that was close to the HDP area. Deputy Warr confirmed that government will be investigating what has happened. It was noted that the Town Hall have been offering help to vulnerable parishioners who are known to them and have publicised that anyone who needs assistance can contact Jacqueline Jolley on 01534 811854 or at jacqueline.jolley@sthelier.je. It was noted that Jersey Gas were helpful in signposting support when contacted. It was discussed that there are major reputational issues for Jersey following the gas issues. The deputies present agreed that this will be a catalyst for an island wide move from gas to electricity and a strategy will be discussed in the states. It was agreed by all that safety should be the priority and the gas should be reintroduced as slowly as is necessary.

A discussion was had about the impact of bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters in the area. It was highlighted that there had been a number of accidents on the promenade recently due to bicycles and that there should be signs asking cyclists to dismount at the start of the promenade and some kind of chicane to stop cyclists from going in a straight line down the promenade and gaining speed. It was proposed that the cycle path should stop at Green Street slip and cyclists should be pushed onto the road as the walkway around to the Lido is not wide enough to be a shared space. Jason Lagadu confirmed that this had been discussed by the St Helier Roads Committee at the most recent Branchage in September. It was also raised that the area by the Good Egg Café should be pedestrian only. It was confirmed that the first prosecution has happened involving the dangerous operation of an e-scooter. It was further confirmed that the law drafting department are reviewing all motoring laws. It was agreed that infrastructure is required around e-scooters and bikes within the sustainable transport policy to be able to enforce safe use. It was further agreed that the safest place for bikes on the island is on the road. Finally, it was confirmed that cycling on a pavement is only illegal if the pavement is not marked as a shared space.

A resident raised concerns about plans for Express Auto Parts which is to build 1 retail unit, 41 flats and 14 car parking spaces. They confirmed that planning has not yet been lodged but will update the group when it has been submitted so anyone who wishes to can object to the planning application. Deputy Coles requested that the resident email him so he can look into this and Jason Lagadu asked to be cc'd.

More pedestrian crossings were requested between the Lido and Mount Bingham as it was highlighted that it can be dangerous crossing where the bus stop is.

It was raised that the 20mph signage on the way down the hill of Mount Bingham is too high and that the 20mph signage throughout the zone should be made clearer, perhaps including road markings as it is not clear where it begins/ ends.