

**Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm
on Thursday 13 February 2025 at the Lido, Havre des Pas**

Chairman: Sam Mezec

Present: Deputy Tom Coles, Deputy David Warr, Constable Simon Crowcroft (SC), John Baker (Procureur du Bien Public and Procureur de la Vingtaine de la Ville, JB)

Apologies: Tom Bunting, Deputy Beatriz Poree

Approval of Minutes for 9 January 2025.

The previous Minutes have the wrong year noted. The Minutes were hereby approved.

Matters arising

Marcus Calvani (MC) noted that the licence (not a lease as minuted) was signed before Christmas.

Proposals for new St Helier skate park

Toby from I&E presented South Hill skatepark proposals and circulated a leaflet. It was confirmed that this group forms part of the stakeholder engagement programme. It was noted that planning advice has been positive as the site is no longer deemed to be in an area of archaeological special interest. It was confirmed that only 1 of the 3 reversing bays is to be used. Concerns were raised about the size of the proposed facility, which will be one third of the size of the park at Les Quennevais, which was deemed inadequate to serve the needs of the capital. It was raised that public toilets will be needed, with this being noted as possibly forming part of the Jersey Development's South Hill project. Potential impact of noise and light nuisance on neighbouring properties was also raised.

Update from the Police

Police update from officers PC Guelper and PC O'Donnell. Only 4 offences have been reported including a case of shoplifting where the offenders were caught. Abuse of one-way system in Green Street raised by members: clarification to be sought on whether the exit from Havre des Pas Gardens can ignore the one-way system. Signage required to make clear to drivers what's permitted. No reported issues with speeding whereas Rue de L'Etaun the Waterfront is a hotspot.

Update from Government and Parish Officers

SC updated members on various Government and Parish matters:

a) extension of the coloured lights along the promenade to the west – estimated cost of £38K no longer in public realm budget, and installation may be pointless in the light of proposed Shoreline Management scheme; SC has raised with Parish CEO as 2032 is too long to wait for this matter to be addressed; perhaps Parish can carry out the necessary works more quickly and at less cost.

b) Edinburgh House parking – confirmation that subject to Planning agreement excess spaces will be offered to residents at market rate; SC still working on potential for off street parking on the car hire site but Planning objection and likely cost make this problematic; the proposed Shoreline Management scheme may deliver much needed visitor parking.

c) Expressions of Interest process – SC read an email from Property Holdings Dept giving timetable for process with successful operator to be announced early May. Concern expressed over the length of time being taken to run the EOI process. The group agreed that it would appreciate being consulted by the proposed operators as part of the process; also, that EOI bidders should be given chance to approve membership of the panel.

d) The Seaside Festival will take place on 2 & 3 August. A briefing by the Parish on the festival would be appreciated by members at the next meeting on 13 March. MC asked for urgent contact with the Parish due to a wedding being held at the Lido that weekend.

Allix Shipyard update (JB)

JB outlined his hopes to see Allix's Shipyard improved and the formation of a group, Friends of Allix's Shipyard including community gardening. Richard Le Sueur explained his role as architect for the area in 2002. SC clarified the status of the Parish's Community in Bloom initiatives.

Any other business

MC updated the group on current plans at the Lido including new entertainment programme planned for the year. Uncertainty last year cost his business in the region of £90K with a member of staff being laid off. He expressed concern about the standard of current decorating works and the management of it, including spillage of paint and questioned whether the right colour of blue is being used. DW said that he is continuing to question the funding of the current work in the States Assembly and would like to see the leak repaired in the roof.

Concern was raised over the fact that some gardens in coastal areas e.g. St Brelade's and Gorey, are maintained by Government out of taxation whereas Parish ratepayers have to fund the majority of gardens in St Helier. SC suggested that the Group's position on this matter should be considered at the next meeting.

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