

**Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm
on Thursday 13 June 2024 at the Lido, Havre des Pas**

Chairman: David Warr (DW)

Present: Beatriz Poree, Simon Crowcroft, Tom Coles

Apologies: Sam Mezec, Andy Jehan, Mary Osmond, Andi Mallet, Lynne Capie, John Baker, Richard Le Sueur, Sandra Routier

Approval of Minutes for 2 May 2024.

The following corrections to the previous minutes were noted; Tom Coles chaired the previous meeting, a spelling mistake in the surname of Malcolm Ray was noted in the apologies section and Lynne Capie was incorrectly noted as an apology. Following correction of these points, the minutes were hereby approved.

Matters arising

It was raised that a request had been made to add an update on the Government funding for Havre des Pas to the agenda, which had not been done.

Update from the Police

St Helier Community Police Officer, Ian McCallum (IMC) addressed the group. IMC expressed that there are currently four community officers in St Helier who are split into two teams of two.

An update on the shelters was given, confirming that there have been no calls regarding the shelters recently and that patrols have been conducted, with no issues identified yet. It was stressed that if the shelters are still an issue in the area, then any incidents need to be reported to the police. Incidents can be reported to the police via 999 if it is an emergency or by calling 612612 or alternatively emailing the community policing team at sthelie@jersey.police.je.

IMC explained that a beach safety initiative is currently underway and is a multi-agency campaign. Information posters have been put up around the area and the community policing team have engaged with local businesses in the area to gain intelligence of any issues and concerns.

IMC confirmed that the Summertime Police Plan was being developed which is a plan developed each year by the Senior Leadership Team at the Police to reduce reoffending and avoid repeat victims. The plan identifies four key hotspots; one being Havre des Pas and the others being St Brelade's Bay, the Waterfront and McDonalds, French Lane and Hilgrove Street area. It was noted that other secondary areas are included in the plan. The importance of reporting issues to the police was again stressed as it was explained that the plan is flexible and reflects on demand to best allocate resources.

IMC noted that there had been 5 logs since the previous meeting. The logs were as follows:

- A report of youths smashing up toilets. Arrests were made and interviews are being conducted.
- A report of an illegally parked car (a taxi on the pedestrian crossing). The person was given words of advice.
- A report of intoxicated youths. Safeguarding was undertaken by the police in this case.
- A report of individuals refusing to leave the roof of the Lido, refusing to accept that the area is licensed premises. They eventually agreed to leave.
- A report of youths throwing stones was reported by the lifeguards. The youths had dispersed by the time police had arrived.

It was noted that the public should see more officers around wearing high vis as summer patrols begin. IMC provided statistics from other agencies for the Havre des Pas area:

- Fire and Rescue responded to less than 5 logs in the area last year.
- Ambulance statistics reflect that 21-61-year-olds are the most regular attendances.

Residents raised concerns that youths 'run rings' around officers and behave themselves whilst being watched by officers, but as soon as the officers leave, the anti-social behaviour begins again. IMC

responded to concerns by explaining the complicated nature of situations involving children behaving in an anti-social way. It was noted that it is difficult to make decisions in these situations and that being anti-social is not a crime, but being disorderly or threatening is. IMC assured residents that the police do have powers where children are concerned and can make arrests, however it is often difficult to make such arrests if 20 children are all doing the same thing. It was also noted that officers are often reluctant to make arrests to not aggravate a situation unnecessarily. Cirsty de Gruchy Moseley (CdGM), Justice and Building a Safer Community (BASC) Coordinator for the Government of Jersey was in attendance at the meeting and explained that there is a much larger piece of work going on behind the scenes to understand why children and adults behave in certain ways in a bid to help vulnerable adults and children rather than criminalise them.

Marcus Calvani (MC) reported his concern for Lido Manager, Jay, who was threatened to be stabbed and attacked after removing someone from the premises. MC asked how they can address these situations whilst keeping his staff safe. IMC confirmed that he will take the reports back to his seniors and come up with a solution. Another resident reported that she had told a group of children off by the Lido and was then approached by the same group later in another part of town. It was expressed that people are concerned to report children as there is no protection for them afterwards and nothing seems to be done once a report is made. IMC expressed that there is still an importance in reporting the issues, so the police can build up intelligence as to what is happening and better focus their resources where needed. He further expressed that the community policing email can be used to report anything.

CdGM confirmed the possibility of holding a community stakeholder meeting in Havre des Pas, such as the one recently held in St Brelade's, which she believes could be of great help to the area.

It was raised that there has been a spat of drag racing along the Havre des Pas front late on weekends with cars reaching 70-80mph. IMC expressed that the police rely on reports of speeding to know where to target their checks. It was requested that any incidents be fed through to the community police email and that speeding checks in the area can be planned to tackle this. It was confirmed that the police CCTV cameras do not pick up speeding issues and that the only data available is from the smiley face monitors. Havre des Pas and Green Street were both identified as areas that could benefit from these monitors. SC confirmed he would have his team investigate this.

Update from I&E

Havre des Pas Coastal Flood Alleviation Scheme update

It was confirmed that the community engagement sessions had been organised and residents were encouraged to attend and voice their views. It was stressed that not everything can be done but a promise was issued to listen and implement as much as possible. It was noted that a report will be produced following the feedback which will feed into the outline designs of the scheme later in the year. It was confirmed that there will be more of a drop-in session later in the year. A timeline was given explaining that the baseline study was underway, with planning expected to be submitted by the end of 2026 and building and construction to begin in 2028. It was confirmed that in the meantime, existing measures will be used and that a flood preparation plan is in use, being used during Storm Ciaran. It was further confirmed that the new plans will be for the next 100 years and will cover storm surges. The scheme is funded by the government. The Havre des Pas scheme is the first of this kind of scheme on the island.

Update on the Havre des Pas Seaside Festival

Connor Burgher provided an update on next month's Seaside Festival:

- The festival is to close early on the Sunday at 7pm due to the Royal Visit the next day to not put too much strain on the agencies involved.
- Road closures will remain the same as last year with a resident's letter being distributed soon with all the information.
- Over 36 stalls have been confirmed, a main stage, DJ stage and Prince's bar area.
- There will be more of a focus on well-being with a sauna, ice baths, an introduction to sea swimming with Sally Minty-Gravett and more confirmed.

- The Parish has introduced reusable festival cups which will be used across all its festivals.
- Security has been increased this year, with a bill of just under £20k, to keep everyone safe and create an enjoyable festival for all impacted.
- Resident's bands will be issued to those who live in the area again. Details will be included in the resident's letter drop. CB stressed to please not take more than you need as 2,500 were given out last year and to consider that these are subsidised by the ratepayer.
- It was confirmed that if you enter the festival arena you will have your bag searched regardless of whether you are a resident or not. This is to keep everyone within the arena safe. If you are carrying alcohol, a marshal will escort you back to your premises. It will not be removed from you.
- The large fairground ride is not coming this year.
- Swimmers are welcome to use the Lido before the event begins at 12pm but after that time will be expected to pay to enter the festival.
- CB confirmed he will find out the exact licensing details for the festival for MC.

Any other business

It was noted that there have been issues in the media recently regarding the Lido. SC confirmed that the lease is under negotiation, and he could not discuss it. DW reported that I&E allegedly don't have the budget to maintain the Lido and that there are different ideas about its future. Malcolm Lewis, Chair of the Jersey Hospitality Association (JHA) expressed that the Lido is a real gem and is a historical asset that should be preserved. He continued that the Lido has a lot of life left in it and that the JHA will support where it can. SC confirmed he had recently been to Guernsey and visited their Lido and is confident that the Parish could run the Lido. He went on to express that it is of enormous importance to St Helier, and he would be willing to ask Parishioners to take it on and that we must wait and see what happens next. SC confirmed that the lease needs to be sorted and that we should let government spend the £100k on the property this year and then discuss the possibilities.

The media reported that the Lido created no income, which was questioned by the group as the Lido is leased. MC explained that they were effectively handed an eviction notice to vacate the premises by September and that an emergency steering group meeting was held. He further confirmed that rent payments had been refused by the Treasury and Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) has requested that rent not be paid until the lease had been agreed. Subsequently, MC has not paid rent at the Lido for 2 years. He confirmed that he had offered to pay both rent and utilities and all offers had been refused. MC described the state of the Lido as an 'outright disgrace' and that JPH were incapable of managing it. DW and TC both confirmed that they had tried to get information from JPH about the building to no avail. DW expressed that he believes following the media reports, the situation has come to a head and will be dealt with. It was confirmed that Tom Binet had conducted a report, which is hidden. MC confirmed he has read the report and believes it reveals what needs to be revealed.

It was noted that the defibrillator on the premises is out of order and all attempts to get a replacement have been unsuccessful.

Max Treharne, Co-President of the Jersey Water Polo Association (JWPA) confirmed that the JWPA has used the Lido and on-site storage for decades and 4 years ago all their equipment was moved to Fort Regent. He confirmed that JPH will not give them any solution and constantly creates excuses as to why they cannot store their equipment at the Lido. He further confirmed that the JWPA had had to hire a telehandler at the club's own expense to fix the pool last week.

DW confirmed that he will be submitting a written question to the states to request where the funds ringfenced for Havre des Pas are and how they are planned to be used.

A request was made to obtain a breakdown from Government as to how the purported £100k per year is spent on the Lido.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 July at 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas