

# PARISH OF ST HELIER

## MINUTES

### Havre des Pas Improvement Group Meeting

#### The Lido

Thursday 14th September 2023 at 6pm

#### Apologies

Deputy Sam Mezec, Deputy Beatriz Poree.

Deputy Tom Coles took the Chair and the Constable took the minutes. Deputy David Warr was also in attendance.

#### Approval of Minutes for 10<sup>th</sup> August

Further discussion about the allocation of the extra regeneration funding following the Constable's amendment to the last Government Plan. It was pointed out that the other parishes don't contribute towards the cost of parks which is paid for out of rates in St Helier. Deputies have taken forward discussions with Liberty Bus about improving routes to serve Havre des Pas to avoid having to use Green Street.

#### States Police

No police representatives were present.

#### Infrastructure & Environment Dept update

Deputy Binet regretted that Deputy Warr had been criticised at the previous meeting over the state of the Lido when it is his department's responsibility. Deputy Binet said that a new lease will be prepared under his supervision which will make respective responsibilities of tenant and landlord clear. The Minister will be working with the Constable of St Helier to get more funding for the area including an upgrade of La Collette Gardens as presented to the Group by Ollie Brewster (£1.2m) and the provision of an extension to the coloured lighting. The Constable updated the Group on discussions with the owner of the former Hire Car site on the promenade which it is hoped could be used to create an off street public car park to support the area including beach users, restaurant goers and residents.

The Minister said that the pool will be subject to regular pressure washes involving the emptying of the pool. The toilets are maintained by a contractor whose performance will be monitored more closely. Winter opening of the toilets will be pursued.

#### Seaside Festival

One resident explained difficulty in driving to their home and inappropriate language from a member of the security team.

A noticeboard would have helped get volunteers involved.

Not as busy as expected? Excessive heat may have contributed. The bouncy castles may not be required next year.

Impressive clear up of the site by the following morning and the beach was also well cleaned and prepared for the event.

The Group would be interested in getting figures in relation to numbers involved.

#### A.O.B.

1. Glass bin position: new site is a long walk for some. Could it put back when the portaloo is removed at the end of the development.
2. Speeding on the cycle track: the Constable said that the St Helier Branchage visited the pinch point last week and would be writing to the Ministers responsible to look for a solution. Cyclists please dismount during busy times would be a potential solution.
3. Deputy Binet referred to exposed pipework that has been caused by the tide. He queried how much use the gardens will get once restored. Edinburgh House residents will increase usage.
4. De la Plage restaurant is being developed in two phases for accommodation and a bar/restaurant.
5. The need for planned maintenance of the Lido was stressed. I&E manage 1 billion pounds of property with £7m maintenance budget, only 0.7% of value which is inadequate. Situation not helped by there currently being no income from the facility.

Jay and Marcus were thanked for hosting the meeting. Next meeting Thursday 12 October.