



Minutes

**Minutes of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group meeting
held on Thursday 13th April 2023**

1	<p>Welcome and apologies Chair: Constable Crowcroft Present: Sam Mezec, David Warr, Tom Binet and John Gollop (Guernsey Deputy) Apologies: None <i>[Minutes by Elise Wetherall.]</i></p>	
2	<p>Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023</p>	
	<p>The minutes were hereby approved.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issues surrounding Green Street will be added to the next agenda for TB to update everyone on. • SC confirmed that Sovereign Hire Cars is continuing to push their planning application and if this fails, they will reassess the plan. It was raised that planning permission had been given to a property directly opposite for a 75-space car park. Richard Le Suer explained that the issue with the Sovereign Hire Car development is visibility from the entrance/ exit which is still being investigated. • SC explained that he withdrew his amendment to the Waterfront Development Plan after government agreed to fulfil all his amendments, including money for the public realm, some of which will be designated to Havre des Pas. • SC has received assurance from the Chief Minister and other Ministers that they support the idea of a Town Council and SC is continuing to push the idea. • In relation to the coastal defences, TB explained that this is a long-term project which is complicated and expensive, so whilst work is ongoing nothing is expected to happen in the next 12 months. Residents expressed their concerns regarding the increased flooding in the area. • Connor Burgher, Town Centre and Events Manager will attend the next meeting to provide an update on the Havre des Pas Seaside Festival. • Andrew Sugden provided an update on the Shipyard Gardens explaining that the Vingtaine de la Ville elect two procureurs to manage their assets and they have been looking into any contracts and agreements that have been made. He explained that progress has been made, just slowly and that they hope the gardens will be better maintained and things like more bike racks can be added to the area in the future. 	
4	<p>Visit from Andium Homes with update on various projects (Mike Porter and Will Gardiner)</p>	
	<p>The La Collette development is progressing well, and the first block has already been delivered. The development in its entirety, including the carpark is expected to be completed by August.</p>	

	<p>In relation to the car park the planning conditions of the car park state that the spaces can only be used for residents of the development, however Andium believe the planning conditions can be changed if there is enough uptake of residents wanting to rent spaces.</p> <p>Phase one of the Limes development is due this time next year, with phase two being completed at the end of next year. Andium are happy to offer tours of the site to any residents who are interested.</p> <p>The community room in the La Collette development will be ready in August. Jersey Cheshire Homes will be using the room weekdays during the day, so the room will be available for community use weeknights and weekends.</p> <p>Andium confirmed that the whole of the La Collette development is social housing, whereas one block of the Limes is designated social housing and the other block is affordable homes for sale.</p> <p>When questioned as to whether there are plans to build any houses in St Helier as opposed to flats Andium explained that they are limited by the Island Plan sites and are limited to building flats in St Helier due to land value and meeting the affordable housing targets.</p> <p>Andium confirmed that their philosophy is to have mixed age ranges in all of their developments to create a diverse community.</p> <p>SC asked about the future of the Haut du Mont site, to which Andium explained that due to the sensitivity of the site they are working with a number of agencies and key stakeholders to explore all of the options for the future of the site. They also confirmed that the road remains closed as activities are still happening on the site.</p> <p>Andium explained that the affordable housing is sold with a 25% bond for first time buyers. Those that fit the criteria will be those who cannot secure a mortgage in the private sector. Deputy Warr explained there is a policy under development with a large amount of funding to help people into first time buyer properties.</p>	
5	Update from IHE (Deputy Binet)	
	<p>The issue of toxic waste at La Collette was raised and TB confirmed that the original plans have been withdrawn and IHE have 6 months to come up with a comprehensive plan for La Collette. TB is happy that things are to continue as normal so that the construction industry is not brought to a complete halt. TB explained the complex nature of the issue and explained that there is no easy or simple fix for the problem. TB agreed to invite IHE to a residents meeting within the next 6 months to give the group a presentation on the complicated issues that they are facing so that the residents can feel better about the decisions which are made regarding this in the future.</p> <p>TB confirmed that discussions between the Lido and the landlord are going extremely well, and that more detailed and long-term arrangements are being put in place for the future.</p> <p>SC requested that TB provide an update on the South Hill regeneration. TB confirmed he will provide systematic updates on various issues throughout the Summer.</p>	
6	Anti-Seagull Signage	
	TB did not get round to giving an update on this so this will be added to the next agenda.	
7	Any other business	
	<p>Marcus Calvani explained that he has reached out to Guernsey about their bathing pools. £14million has been invested into the facilities at Guernsey's Lido half from government grant and half from fundraising through a charitable trust. Marcus went on to explain that the Guernsey Lido is run by a charitable trust which is run by a steering group and has a commercial lease over the Lido. Marcus is keen to explore a similar idea in Jersey. Marcus went on to confirm that the Lido will be housing one of Durrell's tortoises as part of the Tortoise Trail this summer and that a UK performance group will be starting performances inside and outside of the Lido from next week. He ended by answer resident's queries about the kiosk and the toilets stating that the kiosk will be opened when the toilets are opened.</p>	

	The issue of increased seaweed in the area was brought up. SC will add to TB's list.	
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The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 March 2023.
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