



Minutes

Minutes of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group meeting held on Thursday 13 July 2023

1	Welcome and apologies Chair: Deputy Sam Mezec Present: Deputy Tom Coles, Deputy Tom Binet Apologies: Constable Crowcroft, Deputy Poree, Connor Burgher, John Ruddy <i>[Minutes by Elise Wetherall.]</i>	
2	Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023	
	The minutes were hereby approved on the condition that the following line is added: 'David Warr was robustly challenged on his vote in the states against funding for improvements in the Havre des Pas area'.	
3	Matters arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Coles met with the ministers and the bus company, and it has been agreed that the St Helier South Deputies will go out with the CEO of the bus company to look at the issues in the area. 	
4	Update from the Police (Andy Buxton (AB) – Community Police Officer)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB confirmed that the police were keen to get ahead of the issues in preparation for the summer holidays. AB confirmed that between 8pm and 2pm the police camera will turn towards the Lido. AB explained that the Lido needs both the CCTV and lighting to be upgraded in order to be able to obtain clear enough footage of illegal activity taking place. Progress is happening on this. Regular patrols from both the States Police and the Honorary Police from the parishes of St Clement, St Saviour and St Helier have been agreed. This was described as a major win for the area and is something that is not easily put in place. AB emphasised the importance of residents reporting incidents that they witness so that the police know what's going on as they cannot be present all the time. Reporting can be done using the online reporting system or by calling 612612. Marcus Calvani explained that he cannot install external cameras as outside the Lido is a public place and this breaches data protection laws. He did say that the internal cameras often pick things up from outside and are sent to the police. It was explained that the person with sole access to the computers is part of the landlord company and lives the other side of the island, so the police often struggle to get access to view the CCTV. It is expected that someone else is to take over this role soon and the police are hopeful this will result in them being able to access the camera footage almost immediately, which will help them to get convictions in court. Motion triggered lighting is being looked at as an option as police patrols will be able to tell from the road that there is activity happening. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB said that discussions had been had about making the boardwalk and area in front of the Lido pedestrianised and that the Town Centre Manager fully supported installing bike racks at the start of the board walk. • Marcus explained some of the issues that they had experienced with groups of teenagers recently and explained that the sheer size of the groups is a real issue. • AB explained that one possible solution was to install devices that emit a low-level frequency that only young people can hear which would make it uncomfortable for them to hang around. These can be turned on at certain times of day so as to not cause issues for people's dogs walking past, etc. 	
5	Update from IHE (Deputy Binet), including presentation on La Collette and South Hill area	
	<p>A presentation was given of which the following were the key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately, hazardous waste is a result of daily life and is a problem for all of us not just the government • The only option is to dispose of the waste locally and it is done so in cells. • The waste management at La Collette is heavily monitored to ensure the safety of the public and the environment. Boreholes allow for water to be tested and the sea water around the site is also sent to the UK for testing. The water level in the cells is also monitored so nothing spills out. It was emphasised that no pollution incident has ever been recorded. • It was emphasised that the process of waste management is heavily regulated under the waste management laws. • The cells are designed by independent specialists and presented to the regulator. • Planning applications for the current mounds was applied for in 2016 and was rejected in March 2023. They were then asked to prepare two new applications one retrospective for what's already there and one future for the continued management. These were submitted on 30 June and are available to view on the planning register. • The retrospective application contains no increase to the height of the existing mounds, proposals for the landscaping of the current mounds to make them look more attractive and a proposal to increase the public access around the perimeter from 310m to 875m. • The future planning application contains an increase to the height of the mound that can be seen from Havre des Pas by 4.5m, the opportunity to deliver some aspects of the Havre Des Pas Village Improvement Scheme (ideas being looked at are the interpretation/ art trail and the La Collette headland observatory) and to extend public access around the entire reclamation site. • South Hil and La Collette Garden plans are ready to be progressed whenever funding is allocated. Alternative site for the skate park is being considered. <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was explained that funding has been awarded in the Government's Island Plan for improvements to the public realm including Havre des Pas but that does not mean it can be used for this scheme. • A member of the group explained that an FOI request had been made into the waste management system and had still not been answered and he expressed concerns over the fact that the testing done at La Collette is not made public. He believes that the idea of landscaping the mounds feels like a disguise for the fact that waste is stored rather than disposed of. He also explained that he believes that the government did not have permission to store the waste where it is currently. In response Deputy Binet suggested that some highly charged statements had been made and that the area where the mounds are was designated for that purpose and that the issue of planning comes down solely to the heights of the mounds not their location. He explained that waste is a problem for which we are all responsible and that it is managed adequately and is heavily regulated. TB refused to accept finger pointing and the idea that there is a simple solution to the issue. The group member had previously discussed with TB 	

	<p>the use of modern technology which can convert some hazardous materials into glass, however TB explained that this tackles such a small amount of the waste produced and costs a phenomenal amount when the money needs to be put towards healthcare and housing within the cost-of-living crisis. The group member requested that test results be made public which TB agreed he will look into doing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group member expressed that burying waste is not sustainable and concerns over emissions were raised. A call for public information was made so that people can make informed decisions. It was highlighted that Havre des Pas has to take the brunt of an issue that should be an island-wide issue. • TB explained that a lot of the work they are doing is to fix legacy issues caused by previous generations and emphasised that toxic waste is on the decline as people are more cautious about what they are using. • It was agreed that a tour of the La Collette waste site can be organised for any residents who would be interested in attending as the government strongly believe that education is key. • A group member expressed their frustration that the states pay for lovely gardens in parishes like Grouville and St Brelade but nothing in Havre des Pas. TB confirmed that he is gaining support for improvements in the Havre des Pas area and as part of a plan to improve the coastal defences more land may be reclaimed which will extend the public realm. However, this is still in the very early stages and no plans can be shown at this time. 	
6	Update on the Havre des Pas Seaside Festival	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The official launch of the festival will be Fri 21 July • Entry is £3 per day or £5 for a weekend pass. Under 10s are free. • A detailed traffic plan is in the final stages of approval, we have tried to minimise disruption for all residents in the area and we hope that you will be satisfied with the outcome. We hope to be able to share a copy of this with you in the next week or so for your feedback. • For resident's bands, we are just finalising which roads will qualify for free entry. We will be sending letters to all properties that qualify in the next month. To collect your resident's bands, you will need to come into the Town Hall with a copy of your proof of address to be able to collect them and they will be limited to 4 bands per household. If you are unable to get to the Town Hall, we will be able to post bands out to you if you contact Customer Services. • In response to concerns about residents being able to re-enter their properties, this won't be an issue provided you are wearing your residents band and are not bringing any alcohol in with you. Please be aware that if you are bringing alcohol into the festival site, then you will be required to have a marshal escort you to your property. • It has been highlighted that upon closing time there have been issues with people throwing glass at properties and general unsocial behaviour. This year we aim to minimise this as much as possible and will have marshals on all exits to ensure that where possible people do not leave the festival with alcohol, and we will have an increased security presence to monitor behaviour on the side roads. • The Parish is very excited about this year's festival and is working hard on finalising activities and entertainment to ensure a great weekend. • We are really keen for the residents of Havre Des Pas to get involved this year and would like to set up a small group of people who would be interested in running community beach games. Our ideas so far include sandcastle competitions, build your own kite, tug of war, etc. but we would love for you to bring your own ideas as well. If you would be interested in getting involved, then please leave your email with me at the end of the meeting and we will get in touch within the next week or so to hold a meeting. 	
7	Update on Allix Shipyard (AJS)	

	<p>The Gardens are owned by the Vingtaine de la Ville which has its own governance structure. They are currently sorting issues within this so are not ready to make decisions yet. They will need a new procureur in September who must live in the Vingtaine so Andrew Sugden encouraged members of the group to apply. The ideas presented to the Vingtaine were well received. Funding needs to be secured.</p>	
8	Any other business	
	<p>Update on the Lido application – the retrospective planning application was sent to the landlord for consent 18 weeks ago and has still not been signed with no reason given and the states have been unresponsive also. Sam Mezec asked that Marcus send him an email so he can action this.</p> <p>A group member asked why the lifeguards had stopped hosing down the pools when the tide is out so that people don't slip. Marcus confirmed that the Ports of Jersey had turned up to power wash and that the Lido was not cleaned when it was empty a few weeks ago. The kids pool has not been cleaned. Marcus confirmed that he had paid for powerwashers to clean the outside of the Lido.</p>	
	Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 August 2023, 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas	