



ST HELIER
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Poonah Road/ Pomona Road Neighbourhood Improvement Group held in the Old Magistrates Court, Seale Street at 6pm on Tuesday 24 October 2023.

Welcome and Apologies

Chairman: Simon Crowcroft (SC)

Apologies: Deputy Rob Ward

Present: Deputy Catherine Curtis, Deputy David Warr, Deputy Steve Ahier, Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Stuart Fell and Tim Norman architects and volunteers from Societe Jersiaise

Approval of minutes

It was resolved to add Rachel Fay to the list of attendees at the previous meeting. The minutes were hereby resolved.

It was noted that for anyone who had not been at previous meetings, a record of all previous minutes along with the draft plans for the NIA are available at <https://sthelie.je/resident-and-community-groups/>.

Presentation of a heritage audit for Pomona and Poonah Roads by members of La Societe Jersiaise

Stuart Fell and Tim Norman gave an insightful presentation on the history of the roads within the NIA. This will be made available in the form of a booklet/ leaflet both online and in print shortly.

Matters arising

As suggested at the previous meeting, the idea to provide cobbled streets was discussed. A potential issue that was raised was that cyclists would need to be able to use the streets as well and it is near impossible to cycle along cobbles. It was resolved that whatever is decided for the road surface needs to be practical when considering that the roads are dug up frequently and needs to be a surface that can be maintained locally. It was also raised that people who have driveways off the road will not have access to their parking for months as cobbles take a long time to install.

SC confirmed that his officers are in discussions with the police about whether or not the Parish could trail Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR). SC further confirmed that one member of the police is particularly keen on using technology to assist with enforcement.

SC confirmed that the States have agreed to £15million over 3 years for the regeneration of St Helier. He further confirmed that the Chief Minister has not closed the door for states money being used on Parish roads. St Helier is facing the brunt of the island's developments and should be receiving investment in return.

Any other business

The Heritage presentation highlighted the fact that some houses within the NIA open straight onto the street with very little pavement acting as a buffer between their front door and the road. It was resolved to investigate how the lives of these individuals could be improved by looking at widening pavements, etc.

It was questioned whether yellow lines are necessary in the small access only roads.

It was suggested that blocking one end of access only roads, if possible, would stop people being able to use them as 'rat runs'. SC confirmed that the Roads Committee is against access only roads because they believe that all rate payers should have access to all Parish roads.

SC confirmed that he has plans for an Urban Taskforce to deliver the NIA schemes but that the Chief Minister believes that the Future Places Ministerial Group is capable of delivering the schemes.

SC expressed his belief that money should put into the back/ residential streets and not just into the main streets.

SC confirmed that the Parish has the funding for technical drawings to be done and that things will take longer without the backing of the States however he is confident that he can locate funding for the scheme.

When funding is approved the process would be to reach a consensus of those who attend the meetings on what improvements they would like to see, the plans will then be circulated to everyone who lives in the area for feedback, the final plans will then be submitted to the Roads Committee for approval.

It was noted that updates on funding, ANPR and updating drawings be added to next month's agenda.