

Minutes of Waterfront Residents Association meeting

Tuesday 30th July 2024

1. Apologies received from Constable Crowcroft, Deputy Poree, meeting chaired by Deputy Warr
2. Minutes of 28th May 2024 approved
3. Matters arising –

Issues dealt with under subsequent headings

4. **Lee Henry (LH) CEO of States of Jersey Development Company gave an update**

Underpass commentary –

Hair pin issue at entry to underpass (Esplanade side) has been recognised with some drivers finding it difficult making the turn in one go. LH said an adjustment would be made.

Murals on walls of underpass due to be painted September / October 2024

Although raised later in the meeting the following falls under the "Underpass" heading.

Mike Capraro raised concerns over the opening and closing times of the underpass and whether it's necessary. LH stated that it was a risk management issue and that he was the one ultimately responsible should there be an accident.

A reduction in the number of speed bumps on the road leading into the underpass was also requested as it seemed "overkill".

Need to make life easier for cyclists and should be promoted as such.

One observation was that the more the underpass is used the less the noise and pollution on Rue de L'Étau.

LH committed to considering the above and reviewing the current arrangements

LH spoke about the desire of SOJDC to develop the "place making" element of the Waterfront.

The following activities are now being delivered:

Yoga / Tai Chi being well supported in Marina Gardens

Ibiza evenings (5-7pm) on Fridays in Trenton square over the July and August period are proving popular.

Will be refurbishing the "Arcadia" premises to enable a soft play area.

Installing 42 additional cycle hoops in Marina gardens with a further 16 outside Fitness first.

There will be a new art installation in the Horizon development with an emphasis on Student education pieces. The Meanwhile Art exhibition has proved popular with 30 local artists getting involved.

*Development of road crossings, bollards and general road issues – the number for reporting infractions is **01534 448669**.*

St. Helier roads committee have approved 2 table crossings and 1 surface crossing on Rue de L'Étau (27/28th June 2024). An installation date has yet to be confirmed.

4 of 6 electric bollards are now operational. There will be 8 further bollards installed outside the Horizon development to prevent illegal parking.

Although there was confusion at the meeting as to pavement ownership (Parish or SOJDC), it was subsequently confirmed that a transfer to the Parish had been made, so all future policing was now the responsibility of the Parish.

Any repairs to the road now fall under the remit of the Parish

One audience member raised an issue around the lack of clear road markings at the roundabout in front of the Radisson. Given the greater usage of this roundabout it was felt that an improvement could be made here. LH committed to checking this out.

A concern was raised over the creation of a "rat run" between Horizon and La Fregate.

On-going concerns over abuse of available street parking and the wider lack of unloading bays for such a large development. Lessons need to be learned when developing future projects.

Future developments

The Government led "Regeneration steering group" had met and the SOJDC were now working up a new design for the Waterfront.

The new development will not be available for share transfer or overseas buyers. Following a States proposition, 15% will be for "down sizers", 50% for "First time buyers" of which 15% will be shared equity and 35% supported via a deposit savings scheme. A question they are asking themselves is "what do empty nesters want?"

There was a final question around funding for the West park bathing pool. It was confirmed that all funding had now been withdrawn.

5. Policing initiatives

The presentation was made by PC Iain McCallum (PCM), one of our community officers. We were reminded once again that any concerns should be reported to sthelmer@jersey.police.je The main police telephone number is 01534 612612. Only by reporting incidences can the police build up a picture of the level of resource they need to allocate to the Waterfront area.

It was noted that there had been no emails received over the last 4 months.

PCM confirmed that there are 4 Waterfront cameras. One by the Radisson that points to La Fregate. One by Cineworld and Aquasplash and finally one outside Coopers CQ pointing towards the underground car park.

Some confusion as to who to report incidents to. There had been a "knock and run" issue which got reported to G4S with whom the police work. G4S will escalate an issue to the police if it is something they can't deal with.

Cycling priorities etc

There was a long discussion around bikes, electric bikes and e-scooters. Deputy Warr agreed to take this away and to work with the police on an information initiative. In light of Government priority to promote active travel and the significant number of cycle ways in and around the Waterfront area it was agreed that a valuable piece of work should be initiated. Further discussion with the association will now take place.

Policing of the Waterfront area

Jardin de la mare saw police patrols on 44 of the last 48 days. On 36 of those days everything was found to be in order. On 8 of those days there was a need to engage with drivers. This is a well policed primary location and the high level of police visibility is keep the area safe for residents.

6. **Any other business**

John Baker (JB) reminded the meeting of the on-going development of murals in the arches that surround the marina area. 5 artists will each paint 3 arches. This involves the Jersey Arts Group and Harbour Gallery.

At the last meeting JB handed out leaflets around pollinator patches and community gardens along with community composting. Whilst the pollinator patches had garnered interest, community composting had failed to get off the ground. (I'm sure there's a pun there!). If you are interested please talk to JB.

There being no further business the meeting closed at circa 7.15pm. The next meeting is scheduled for the 24th of September in the Chart room, Castle Quay. Please do get involved, that's how change happens.