



Minutes

Minutes of the Belmont Road Neighbourhood Improvement Area meeting held on Monday 5 June 2023

<p>1 Welcome and apologies Chair: Constable Simon Crowcroft (SC) <i>[Minutes by Elise Wetherall.]</i></p>	
<p>2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 22 March and 3 May 2023.</p>	
<p>Both sets of Minutes were hereby approved.</p>	
<p>3 Matters arising</p>	
<p>The following matters were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC confirmed that he is chasing the Minister for the approval of 20mph signs. He further confirmed that the Parish’s Infrastructure department has agreed to include 20mph signs painted on the road. • SC expressed his interest in Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) software being implemented on the island to enforce the speed limits. He expressed his interest in using Belmont Road as the pioneers in this and asking the States for approval of use of ANPR in the road to catch speeders and that the revenue from fines be ringfenced for use by the NIA. • SC explained that the presentation given at the last meeting by Stuart Fell will be made into a booklet and distributed to all residents as well as being made accessible online. • SC confirmed that he has raised the Town Park maintenance issues with the Minister, although nothing has been done yet. SC encouraged residents to email the Minister directly at t.binet@gov.je to voice their frustrations. SC further confirmed that a Friends of the Town Park exists but is inactive and SC would like to see this group up and running again. • SC confirmed his support for the Ann Street Brewery development appeal which is being made by the residents of Belmont Court. He also expressed how great it would be if the group got behind the appeal as well. • SC has queried how the money from these developments as part of their planning obligation agreements is being allocated and why none is ringfenced for NIA’s or for improvements to the surrounding residential streets. This is something SC plans to raise in the States. • More frustration was raised from the residents regarding parking. 	
<p>4 Euro bin update</p>	
<p>SC confirmed that the Parish’s infrastructure department has looked into alternative sites for the Euro bins and come to the conclusion that there is no where else for them to go.</p> <p>It has therefore been decided that signs will be erected within the next 7 days to state that the bins will be removed due to the abuse of the bins and ongoing fly tipping issues. The sign will then ask people to get in touch with the Parish if the removal of these bins would cause them an issue so that the Parish can work with them to find a solution to their waste management.</p> <p>A resident raised a concern that a Hostel opposite the Euro bin site has been using the bins as their own personal dumping zone and would like the Parish to speak to them personally.</p>	

	SC is hopeful that the sign will encourage them to get in touch with the Parish and he hopes that people abusing these bins will change their behaviours.	
5	Drinking in public update	
	SC confirmed that there had not been much progress and that the issue was still sat with the Law Offices. SC confirmed that he will chase the Bailiff as he is receiving increasing pressures from New Street who experience the same issue and from Parade Gardens which has seen an increase in park drinkers. SC further confirmed that he intends to work with the police to greater enforce the laws around being drunk and disorderly in public.	
6	Discussion of potential improvements to the street	
	<p>The Parish of St Helier’s infrastructure department prepared a brief for the potential improvements that could be made to Belmont Road which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing to be erected on the carpark wall to remove the ability to sit there. The fencing would include hanging baskets with an irrigation system. • Road humps • Raised table at the junction to Museum Street and Ann Street • Additional crossing • 20mph signage • Speed cameras • Potential short stay on street parking (possibility of ANPR to monitor enforcement) • Greening of the street – locations for trees are being investigated. Planters and hanging baskets are also options. • Cannot commit to a one-way street as this would cause too many issues with traffic flow. • Safe cycle route being investigated <p>SC confirmed that the barrier to these improvements is funding. He has three possible solutions which are a) to put rates up at the next rates assembly, b) when SC withdrew his appeal to the Waterfront Development scheme, he was promised £15 million by the government for improvements to St Helier but SC is sceptical about this and c) planning obligation money from surrounding developments.</p> <p>SC explained that the next stage is to secure funding and then to undertake a detailed public consultation with all residents about what improvements they would like to see.</p>	
7	Any other business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents raised concerns about how traffic will flow with the new developments. SC confirmed that he will obtain a diagram of how traffic will flow post developments. • Residents raised frustrations with electric scooters being used on the pavements and pedestrian areas with no concern for pedestrians. SC confirmed this will be added to the list of items to ask PC Alex Guelper who will be invited to the next meeting. • Residents requested recycling bins to be included in the NIA plans. • There has been an issue with a black Ford Fiesta parking outside Spearmel Stores with the radio on loud and blocking the view of drivers coming down Museum Street. SC confirmed he will request more enforcement from the Parish wardens/ police. 	
The next meeting will be held on ??? at the Jersey Arts Centre.		