

PARISH OF ST HELIER

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Havre des Pas Improvement Group Meeting

The Lido

Thursday 11 January 2024 at 6pm

Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm on Thursday 11 January 2024 at the Lido, Havre des Pas

Chairman: Sam Mezec (SM)
Present: Simon Crowcroft (SC), Tom Coles, David Warr, Beatriz Porez
Apologies: Joe Nunes, John Metcalfe, Edward McGarragle, Mary Gillen, Andi Mallet, Ric Mallet
Janine Slous, Jason Maindonald, Sandra Routier

Approval of Minutes for 9 November 2023.

It was noted that the date on the previous minutes was incorrect. It was resolved to amend this, and the minutes were hereby approved.

Matters arising

SM began by apologising for the last-minute cancellation of the December meeting explaining that a meeting in the States debating the Island Plan ran late.

SC confirmed that the Roads Committee elections had taken place and encouraged the residents of Havre des Pas to attend the Roads Committee meetings. He confirmed that the dates can be found on sthelier.je.

SC asked the residents if they had had any Christmas lights in the area this year as he had requested some following on from complaints from residents about the lack of lights. It was confirmed that they had a Christmas tree with lights on it but that it arrived quite late.

SC confirmed that the community room, being run by Jersey Cheshire Homes, in the La Collette low-rise development is now available for public use weekday evenings and weekends.

SC confirmed that the Parish of St Helier is conducting a formal valuation of the Sovereign Hire Car site to see if it is a viable purchase for the Parish. If it is, then the next steps will be to work with the new Infrastructure Minister to see how the car park can work safely and then to obtain the support of the Planning Minister. Then finally the matter will be taken to Parish Assembly.

Update from the Police

The Police were not in attendance. This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Update from IHE

Due to the current Ministerial issues and Tom Binet having resigned there is no update. SM welcome suggestions from residents as to who they would like to see as the new Infrastructure Minister. SM expressed that the Havre des Pas issues were higher up on the agenda now than ever before and that he hopes to see the next Infrastructure Minister continue this work.

SM confirmed that they can ask questions of the proposed new minister during the election proceedings and asked the residents if there were any questions they would like him to put forward. The responses included:

- A resident raised the South Hill project. SM confirmed that funding has already been agreed for the South Hill redevelopment and whilst the next minister can choose not to act on it, they cannot use the money that has already been ring-fenced for the project.
- It was confirmed that the Chief Minister has put forward a £30 million cut back to government projects. SM confirmed that she has not informed anyone of what these projects are, and that Reform Jersey have written to her to ask.
- Where is the money that has been ring-fenced for the Lido in the Government Plan and how can it be accessed?

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- Ask the new minister if they will regularly attend this group.

SC confirmed that a letter to the Infrastructure Minister was sent on behalf of the group as agreed in the last meeting and was acknowledged by Tom Binet, who then resigned before being able to provide a response.

Any other business

It was confirmed that work is still progressing in relation to the Shipyard Gardens and that work is being done to track down the Procureurs du Vingtaine. It was confirmed that there is money in the pot, it is just a matter of completing the formal structure to be able to access the funds.

A resident raised the issue of a portable sauna getting permission to trade on the beach by the Lido. It was confirmed that the sauna would not be left on the beach and would be taken to storage every night. SC confirmed he would look into this and see if he could do anything.

Richard Le Sueur explained that the Sovereign Hire Car car park plans have previously been rejected based on the location of the entrance/ exit, stating that there is not enough visibility. He believes that as the entrance/ exit cannot be moved as it is not an option to demolish the neighbouring buildings, the answer is to implement traffic calming measures either a reduced speed limit or a traffic light system. It was noted that I&E haven't submitted an objection to the planning application.

Marcus Calvani provided an update on the Lido explaining that before Christmas he was invited to a meeting with Tom Binet and was provided with a draft lease for the Lido however, he has refused to sign it as it does not match the promises that were made. Marcus noted that the lease forces Marcus to take over the maintenance of the public toilets which he is not willing to do as these are public owned spaces and whilst he is happy to share the maintenance, he is not willing to be solely responsible. He further explained that he would not be signing anything until he is provided with a commercially viable lease.

SC asked the residents present at the meeting their views on making the Havre des Pas Seaside Festival bi-annual. Mixed views were presented, and it was resolved that this matter would need to be properly considered so it was therefore resolved to make it an agenda item at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 February at 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas