



PARISH OF ST HELIER



Minutes of the Assembly of the Vingtaine De La Ville	
Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 6.30 p.m.	
Assembly Room, Town Hall	
01/24	Welcome and Apologies –
	Apologies: The Constable and Peter Hargreaves Procureur in attendance: David Letto
02/24	Item 1: In accordance with Article 2a) of the regulations of La Communauté de la Vingtaine de la Ville, elect two Procureurs for the Vingtaine to serve a three-year term of office. Procureur Letto advised the Assembly that In accordance with Article 2d) of the regulations of La Communauté de la Vingtaine de la Ville, which requires that nominations as a candidate for the office of Procureur shall be submitted to the current Procureur/s in writing not later than (7) days prior to the date of the Assembly, he was pleased to confirm that he had received two nominations, to fill the two vacant positions. The nominations being from John Baker and Peter Hargreaves John Baker gave a short speech outlining his expertise to stand as Procureur. Procureur Letto asked all who were eligible to vote by secret ballot. The result of the ballot was 8 votes in favour and no votes against Stuart Fell, President Societe Jerisaise spoke in support of Peter Hargreaves. Procureur Letto asked all who were eligible to vote by secret ballot The result of the ballot was 6 votes in favour and 2 votes against Procureur Letto declared both John Baker and Peter Hargreaves elected as Procureurs for the Vingtaine de la Ville, and advised them to attend the Royal Court, to take their oath of office at a time to be advised. Procureur Letto thanked a third candidate Andrew Sugden, for protecting the interests of the Vingtaine by indicating an interest in the position, then withdrawing when a second candidate came forward
03/24	Item 2: In accordance with Article 5e) of the regulations, present a set of audited financial statements to the Assembly for their approval. Procureur Letto presented the Assembly with the Vingtaine accounts from 2017 to 2023, which have been reviewed by Alex Picot Chartered Accountants . He explained that the Vingtaine has two bank accounts, one of which is with a town clearing bank This account has approx. £2,800 in it, but unfortunately due to anti-money laundering regulations he has been unable to source the funds. The reason the bank account has been frozen, goes back to the purchase of a town hill for the building of Fort Regent. The funds received by the Vingtaine were to be used to fund improvements within the vingtaine. The Vingtaine has previously used these funds to provide blue plaques for historical buildings in the Vingtaine, they own and maintain the land know as Allix Shipyard and the Regency Gate, Regent Road. Due to the banks tick box system the Vingtaine does not meet the requirements of a charity or association. At first the bank diidn't accept the reason for the funds; however, they now accept this to be the case, but have asked for proof that the funds are directly associated to the purchase of the hill over 220 years ago. With the help of Advocate Gregory White and the Royal Court, it is hoped the bank will be persuaded to release the funds. John Baker asked if the Vingtaine had any other source of income, other than the bank accounts. Procureur Letto confirmed there was no additional funding other than the interest which comes from the bank accounts. Georgia Le Maistre asked if the Vingtaine had considered NFPO status, as a not for profit organisation; she has heard of others who have done this and there are certain benefits that come with it.

	Paul Routier, former Procureur congratulated those elected, he explained the accounts of the Vingtaine take a bit of getting used to as you can only spend the interest generated from the bank accounts. He hoped that the new Procureurs would continue in the same vein. Georgia Le Maistre referred to item 4 I the accounts - Vingtaine Bank Notes. It states they have a current value of £1023, but they may achieve more than that. It may be worth considering selling them in a measured way. Procureur Letto said there were not any around and they don't change hands often and so there is no precedent to show what they may achieve. Malcolm Le Boutillier, former Procureur asked the new Procureurs to ensure they keep the finances of the Vingtaine safe and secure. Andrew Sugden hoped the new Procureurs would respect the tradition and history of the Vingtaine., as it precedes the Parish of St Helier and form's part of the town and Islands history. He thanked Procureur Letto for his calm assistance during his time in office and whilst the Court process reached its conclusion. The accounts were approved unanimously by a show of hands. Procureur Letto, thanked the St Helier Parish Secretary, Alison Roberts, for her assistance and expertise in arranging the Assembly and for leading him through the process.
	Procureur Letto declared the Assembly closed and thank those in attendance for their continued support. In the absence of a Vingtaine website, the minutes of the meeting will be available on the Parish of St Helier website.