



**MINUTES OF AN
ASSEMBLY OF PRINCIPALS AND ELECTORS
7.00PM, THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER 2021**

An Assembly of Principals, Officers and Electors of the Parish of St Martin was duly convened and held in the Public Hall on Thursday 9th December 2021 at 7.00 pm.

The Connétable welcomed all present and reminded the Assembly that they could sign the Attendance Book at the end of the meeting if they had not already done so. It was noted that there were 15 in attendance at the Assembly.

The Convening Notice was read by the Parish Secretary and apologies were received from Reverend Jonny Scott and Paulette de la Haye.

Item 1

Receive and if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 30th September 2021

The Connétable pointed out that the Minutes had been available in the Public Hall office and that copies were also on the seats in the Hall. The Minutes were proposed by William Sutton, seconded by Lester Richardson and approved by those present. The Connétable duly signed the Minutes.

Item 2

Elect two members to serve on the Parish Rate Assessment Committee for three years, the current terms of office due to expire.

The Connétable explained that two of the current serving members of the Rates Assessment Committee, Mr Martin Cyril Hougueuz and Mr William John Seagrave Sutton, had come to the end of their terms of office.

The Connétable asked for a proposer for the first nomination. Mr Robert Pallot proposed Mr Hougueuz stating that he had already completed 4 terms of office on this Committee and to say that he was experienced was an understatement. He further stated that Mr Hougueuz was a conscientious member of the Committee. Mr William Sutton seconded this nomination stating it has been a pleasure working with Mr Hougueuz for the past 5 years and was pleased to be seconding this nomination.

The Connétable asked if there were any other nominations for this role.

There being none, the Connétable declared Mr Hougueuz duly elected as Rates Assessor for a term of three years. The Connétable congratulated Mr Hougueuz and warned him to appear before the Royal Court on Friday 17th December at 10am to take his Oath of Office.

The Connétable thanked Mr Hougueuz for serving a total of 11 years to date as a Rates Assessor. The Connétable further stated that his expertise and knowledge of properties in the Parish along with the experience of operating the Rates Management System is invaluable to the Parish and stated how grateful she was to him for giving so much of his time to this role.

The Connétable then asked for a proposer for a second nomination. Mr Martin Houguez proposed Mr Sutton for a further term of office stating that he had gained a vast expertise over the last 5 years serving on the Committee. Mr Robert Pallot seconded this nomination stating that Mr Sutton is a valued member of the Rates Assessors team.

The Connétable asked if there were any further nominations for this role.

There being none, the Connétable declared Mr Sutton duly elected as Rates Assessor for a term of three years and warned him to appear before the Royal Court on Friday 17th December at 10am to take his Oath of Office.

The Connétable congratulated Mr Sutton and thanked him for providing a dedicated service to the Parish and assisting the office team with many a query regarding property assessments. The Connétable also thanked Mr Sutton for his work as Treasurer for the Maufant Youth Project.

Item 3

An update to be presented by the Connétable on the renovation of the Rectory Barn

The Connétable presented a background of the renovation project to the Assembly and updated the Assembly with current progress – the main points being:

- It is intended that the Barn will be converted for the public benefit of the community generally and while principally for St Martin residents also for use for and access by other islanders or indeed visitors.
- The main purpose of the Barn is to provide a meeting place to benefit the community and to support the heritage value of the building rather than to create a commercial venture so that charges and non-charitable functions or usage will be incidental or ancillary to that main purpose so as to help fund and sustain the barn and its use. The Barn would be a ‘not for profit venture’. The project has been viewed by Tracey Ingle, the Principle Historic Environment Officer and she was supportive of the Rectory Barn being sympathetically restored to provide a community asset.
- Bank accounts and financial statements will be kept separate from general Parish funds. A charitable trust is currently being set up for this project.
- The Parish has *absolutely no intention* to sell the Barn but rather to supervise its management and administration.
- A feasibility study has explored what uses the Barn may yield for the Parish. A grant of £86,000 has been secured to fund the payment of this study from the Roy Overland Trust. These funds will ensure the project can be progressed to provide a final design, through to the submission of a planning application. The Roy Overland Trust have indicated that further funds may be available.
- The feasibility study has identified that the Barn has potential for re-purposing and re-using the building to create a two-storey (ground and first floor, served by a lift) indoor community facility, with full disabled access, and a landscaped garden stretching along the glebe land to the north of the Barn.
- Initial cost estimates have been determined for this development. The overall budget is expected to be in the order of £650,000.
- The Parish are now seeking additional funds for the construction phase and redevelopment of the Barn and glebe land and would be delighted to discuss the project with potential benefactors.
- A formal design team comprising of Parish officials, architect / heritage consultant, project management / quantity surveyor and engineering specialists will be appointed.
- A consultation process to garner the views of all stakeholders will be undertaken.
- The scheme design will be progressed and once complete a Planning Application submitted.
- It is the intention of the Constable & Procureurs that this project will be achieved through donations and will not use rate payers’ money.

Any Questions?

The Connétable was asked if consideration will be given to allotments for Parishioners. The Connétable stated that this will be considered.

A second question was asked – would there be provision for the younger members of the community. This was confirmed – it would be available for all age groups.

The Connétable stated that the Procureurs are being kept up to date with this project and it will be brought back to a Parish Assembly prior to the final plans being submitted.

There being no further business, the Connétable thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.15pm



Karen Shenton Stone
Connétable

Date

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