



MINUTES OF AN ASSEMBLY OF PRINCIPALS, OFFICERS AND ELECTORS

An Assembly of Principals, Officers and Electors of the Parish of St Martin was duly convened and held in the Public Hall on Tuesday 12th December 2023 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 34 in attendance at the Assembly.

The Convening Notice was read by the Parish Secretary and apologies were received from Martin Houguez, Arthur Manning, Joshua Richardson, Daniel Wherry, Peter Germain, and Alexander Assman.

Item 1

Receive, and if deemed advisable, approve the Amended Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 18th July 2023.

The Connétable stated that the Minutes had been available in the Public Hall office and that copies were also on the seats in the Hall. The Connétable stated that the reason for this amendment was due to an error in the name of the seconder at the presentation of the Minutes at the Assembly held on 21st November 2023. Mr William Sutton proposed the Minutes were accepted and this was seconded by Mr Lester Richardson. A show of hands showed a majority in favour and none against. The Minutes were signed by the Connétable.

Item 2

Receive, and if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 21st November 2023.

The Connétable stated that the Minutes had been available in the Public Hall office and that copies were also on the seats in the Hall. Mr William Sutton proposed the Minutes were accepted and this was seconded by Mr Lester Richardson. A show of hands showed a majority in favour and none against. The Minutes were signed by the Connétable.

Item 3

Receive, and if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Nomination Meeting held on 21st November 2023.

The Connétable stated that the Minutes had been available in the Public Hall office and that copies were also on the seats in the Hall. Mr William Sutton proposed the Minutes were accepted and this was seconded by Mr Lester Richardson. A show of hands showed a majority in favour and none against. The Minutes were signed by the Connétable.

Item 4

Elect two Rates Assessors for a term of 3 years, due to one current term of office being due to expire and one Rates Assessor resigning from the current term of office.

The Connétable stated that Mr William Sutton, currently serving a 3-year term of office as a Rates Assessor is retiring from this office and he is now serving as Procureur du Bien

Public and completing sterling work in this post. This leaves a vacancy for the remaining one year of his term of office.

The Connétable went on to state that Rates Assessor Mr Robert White is retiring from his current term of office. The Connétable stated that Mr White had served for 8 years as a Rates Assessor completing invaluable work for the Parish and will be greatly missed in this role, however Mr White also helps with the Parish Diamond Club and Twinning Association so will still be involved in this work. A round of applause was then given to Mr White.

The Connétable requested a nomination for a Rates Assessor for a 3-year term of office. Mr Steven Rondel proposed Mrs Tracy Jehan, stating that Mrs Jehan has lived in the Parish for the last 25 years and in her experience as a teacher has good organisational skills that will serve the Parish well. Mr William Sutton seconded this proposal stating that he had known Mrs Jehan for a long period of time.

There being no further nominations, the Connétable stated Mrs Jehan duly elected and that she was delighted to welcome Mrs Jehan to the role of the first female Rates Assessor in the Parish and now doubling the number of female members of the Municipality to two. Mrs Jehan was duly warned to attend the Royal Court at 10am on Friday 15th December to take her Oath of Office.

The Connétable then requested a nomination for a Rates Assessor to complete the remaining one-year term of office vacated by Mr William Sutton. Mr Clifford Pallot proposed Mr Paul Gaudin stating that Mr Gaudin had served 21 years in the Honorary Police including the office of Chef de Police. He further stated that Mr Gaudin's knowledge and experience in the Parish is invaluable for this role. Mr Lester Richardson seconded this proposal stating that he has known Mr Gaudin for a long time and that in his role of Chef de Police he attained an excellent knowledge of the Parish.

There being no other nominations, the Connétable declared Mr Gaudin duly elected. Mr Lester Richardson then read a script written by Mr Martin Houguez, Chair of the Rates Assessors Committee:

I am sorry to be losing William as a Rates Assessor, as he has proved to be very knowledgeable and extremely hard working. William's role as Procureur is ideally suited and I know he will do a professional job for the Parish. Thank you, William, for all your hard work as a Rates Assessor and I wish you all the best as a Procureur.

Thank you, Bob, for all your hard work, it has been a pleasure working with you and I wish you all the best in your retirement from Parish life.

I would like to welcome Tracy and Paul to the Rates Committee, I look forward to working with you both.

The Connétable welcomed Mr Gaudin to his role and warned him to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December at 10am to take his Oath of Office.

Item 5

To elect three members to serve on the Roads Committee for a term of 3 years, the current terms of office being due to expire.

The Connétable stated that all three of the current Roads Committee, namely, Mr Michael Jehan, Mr Daniel Wherry and Mr Richard Le Cornu, have come to the end of their terms of office however all three have indicated that they are willing to stand for re-election. The Connétable stated she cannot thank them enough for their commitment and dedication to the Parish and all the work they do. The Parish is incredibly lucky to have them in this role and it is always interesting to listen to their knowledge of Parish roads.

The Connétable requested a proposer to nominate the current Committee 'en bloc'.

Mrs Paulette de la Haye proposed the re-election of the three long established members of the Committee stating that they complete sterling work for the Parish. Mrs Molly Gladwin seconded the proposal stating that the members have a great passion for the maintenance of the roads, and it was a pleasure to second this proposal.

There being no other nominations the Connétable congratulated the newly elected candidates and gave thanks to them for taking on a further three-year term of office. The Connétable then warned Mr Daniel Wherry, Mr Richard Le Cornu and Mr Michael Jehan to appear before the Royal Court at 10am on Friday 15th December 2023 to take their Oath of Office.

Item 5

Elect Roads Inspectors for the Vingtaine de Faldouet, Vingtaine de la Queruee, Vingtaine de l'Eglise, Vingtaine de Rozel and Vingtaine du Fief du Roi to serve for a term of three years, the current terms of office being due to expire.

The Connétable thanked all current serving Road Inspectors for the sterling work that they have carried out and that this work was crucial for the smooth running of the Parish. The Connétable especially thanked the outgoing Inspectors, namely, Mr Steven de Gruchy and Mr Arthur Manning who are only leaving as they are no longer residing in the Parish and Mr Sean Corson who is leaving due to family commitments. They have all been an asset to the Parish.

The Connétable then asked for a nomination for the Vingtaine de Faldouet.

Deputy Stephen Luce proposed Mr Martin Pallot and Mr John Luce and this was seconded by Reverend Peter Stone.

The Connétable stated that Mr Pallot was seen working on La Longue Rue the morning after the storm clearing the road and Mr Luce is already a committed volunteer with both the Gorey Fete and the St Martin Bonfire. There being no other nominations the Connétable congratulated them both and warned them to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December at 10am to take their Oath of Office.

The Connétable then asked for a nomination for the Vingtaine de la Queruee.

Mr Steven Rondel proposed Mr Paul Le Bihan and Mr Stephen de la Haye stating that they were both very knowledgeable of the Parish roads. Mr Christopher Kelleher seconded the proposal.

There being no other nominations the Connétable congratulated them both stating that they were incredibly knowledgeable and that she was delighted that they were standing again. The Connétable then warned them to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December at 10am to take their Oath of Office.

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Mr Stephen de la Haye proposed Mr Steven Rondel and Mr Christopher Kelleher stating that they both do a great job in the Parish in this role and were very knowledgeable of Parish roads. Mr Michael Jehan seconded the proposal.

There being no other nominations the Connétable congratulated them both and warned them to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December at 10am to take their Oath of Office.

The Connétable then asked for a nomination for the Vingtaine de Rozel.

Mr William Sutton proposed Mr Michael Baudains and Mr Colin de la Haye stating that he thought that these two Inspectors would know the Parish roads backwards. Deputy Stephen Luce seconded the proposal stating that their knowledge was second to none.

There being no other nominations the Connétable congratulated them both and warned them to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December at 10am to take their Oath of Office.

The Connétable then asked for a nomination for the Vingtaine de Fief du Roi.

Mrs Tracy Jehan proposed Mr Richard Germain and Mr Joshua Richardson stating that although they did not have any experience of this role as yet she was positive that they would learn from the other Inspectors. Mr David Germain seconded this proposal adding that Mr Germain and Mr Richardson are the fourth generation of Germaines and Richardsons to serve the Parish of St Martin.

The Connétable stated that it was fantastic to have younger people joining the Parish in this role. There being no other nominations the Connétable congratulated them both and warned them to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December at 10am to take their Oath of Office.

The Connétable then wished the two Deputies present (Deputy Luce and Deputy Labey) birthday wishes – Deputy Luce on Sunday and Deputy Labey today.

The meeting ended with the Connétable thanking all members of the Municipality and the staff of the Parish for their support during the year in her role as Connétable and wishing everyone a happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

Mr Lester Richardson also thanked the Connétable and wished her family a happy and peaceful Christmas & new year.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.



 Karen Shenton Stone
Connétable

Date 16 January 2024