

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 21st November 2023 at 7.15pm.

Connétable Karen Shenton Stone welcomed all present and reminded the Assembly that they could sign the Attendance Book at the end of the meeting if they so wished. It was noted that 28 parishioners attended the Assembly.

Apologies were received from Deputy Stephen Luce. The Convening Notice was read by the Parish Secretary.

Item 1

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

The Connétable reminded those assembled that the Minutes had been available from the Public Hall and copies are on the seats. Mr Colin Renouf stated that the seconder named in the Minutes (himself, Colin Renouf), was incorrect as he was not present at the meeting on 18th July. The Parish Secretary advised that the notes from the Assembly would be referred to and the Minutes be brought back to a future Assembly for approval.

Item 2

Consider and, if deemed advisable, recommend to the Licensing Bench an application for a provisional grant of licence for 2023 by virtue of the Licensing (Jersey) Law1974 as amended:-

Name: Perquage

Address: Mont Orgueil House, Gorey Pier, St Martin, JE3 6EW

Category: 1st & 6th Category

Company Secretary: Richard George Luke, MOH Limited

Business Address: Mont Orgueil House, Gorey Pier, St Martin, JE3 6EW

The Connétable stated that the application has been made to the Bailiff for this permit and this Assembly has been requested by the Bailiff's Chambers in order to seek comments and approval from parishioners. She then asked the Assembly for a proposer for this application. Mr Alexander English spoke on behalf of MOH Limited stating that this application is an amendment to a previous licence application made in the name of Sea Level Eco Distillery – Caroline Maria Tengdahl now applying to be the licence owner. The premise will be run as a community project incorporating two parts – a wine bar and shop, along with a meeting room for community events for local partisans and locals alike to try products and be able to recommend them to others. The ethos of the business is aimed for local participation. The application was seconded by Heidi Wilson.

The Connétable asked the Assembly for any views of this application which they would like to submit.

One parishioner asked where the exact location was for this business. This was stated as the same premise as the Paper Fig Restaurant on Gorey Pier (now closed). Another parishioner asked if outside seating would be provided. Ms Tengdahl advised that subject to application to the Ports of Jersey this is planned.

The Connétable stated that she had met with the applicant and received reports from Environmental Health and the Fire Service. The Fire Service have noted a number of conditions which need to be met by the applicant before being certified for opening.

With no further questions and comments, a show of hands showed that 21 parishioners were in favour of this application, and none were against. The Connétable warned Ms Tengdahl to appear at the Licensing Assembly at 10am on Thursday 21st December.

Item 3

Elect a Vingtenier for the Vingtaine Fief du Roi for a period of 3 years, the current term of office due to expire in December 2023

The Connétable stated that the current term of office for Vingtenier Nelio de Nobrega (Vingtaine Fief du Roi) is due to expire, and she thanked Vingtenier de Nobrega for all the work he has done in the Parish these last 3 years. The Connétable then invited a proposer for this vacancy. Chef de Police Gordon Jones stated that he was delighted that Nelio has agreed to continue in this role and is aware that he is restricted at times to family commitments, however volunteers whenever he can. Centenier Alan Phillips seconded this proposal.

The Connétable asked if there were any other nominations and, there being none, then asked for a show of hands at which Nelio de Nobrega was unanimously elected as a Vingtenier for the Vingtaine Fief du Roi.

The Connétable congratulated Nelio on his election and warned him to present himself at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December at 10am to take his Oath of Office.

Item 4

Elect a Vingtenier for the Vingtaine de la Queruee for a period of 3 years, the current term of office due to expire in December 2023.

The Connétable stated that the current term of office for Vingtenier Evelyn Foley (Vingtaine de la Queruee) is due to expire and she thanked Vingtenier Foley for all the work she has completed in the Parish which was quite phenomenal.

Steven Falle proposed Evelyn Foley stating that she joined the Honorary Police service 12 years ago and is also a scout leader with the 6th Jersey Scout Group. Mr Falle further stated that Evelyn helps at the annual St Martin Bonfire event providing a meal for all the Honorary Police as a qualified chef. Evelyn was also nominated as a finalist in the Pride of Jersey Awards. Mr Falle stated he was delighted to nominate Evelyn Foley for this term of office. Centenier Alan Phillips seconded this nomination.

The Connétable asked if there were any other nominations and, there being none, then asked for a show of hands at which Evelyn Foley was unanimously elected as Vingtenier for the Vingtaine de la Queruee.

The Connétable congratulated Evelyn on her election and warned her to present herself at the Royal Court on Friday 15th December 2023 at 10am to take her Oath of Office.

The Connétable also thanked all officers of the Honorary Police service for all the work they do for the community.

Item 5

Consider and, if deemed advisable, approve the Parish to be party to a Contract (or Contracts) of Arrangement to be passed before the Royal Court (at no cost to the Parish or Church) with the householder relating to the establishment of drainage connections and appurtenances under and along the northern boundary of MN 387B connecting to the established drainage systems; and if applicable, to authorize the Connétable and Procureurs du Bien Public to attend Court to pass contract on behalf of the Parish.

The Parish Secretary provided the Assembly with a background to this item (see Appendix 1 of these Minutes).

The Connétable asked if there were any questions on this request. One parishioner queried the size of the trench required on Glebe land. This was confirmed as 1 metre across Glebe land from the garden of Sycamore Cottage to join and lie alongside the existing pipe in the trench leading up to the northern boundary of the field, across Glebe land to the mains drains connections in Rue des Raisies. A map of the area concerned was then circulated to the Assembly (see Appendix 2).

There being no further questions, the Connétable requested a show of hands in favour of this proposition – 23 were in favour and none against. The Connétable confirmed this proposition had therefore been approved.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Karen Shenton Stone

Connétable

Date 12 December 2023

