



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 Thursday 12th December 2024 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 16 in attendance at the Assembly.

The Convening Notice was read by the Parish Secretary and apologies were received from Gerald Le Cocq, Bob Pallot, Bob White and Karen White.

Item 1

Receive, and if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 31st October 2024.

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 enquired whether the licence application for Sea Level Eco Distillery had been granted. The Connétable responded that the licence had been approved at an Extraordinary Sitting of the Licensing Assembly on Monday 9th December.

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

Elect two Rates Assessors for a term of 3 years, due to two current terms of office being due to expire.

The Connétable invited nominations for the Rates Assessor vacancies for a 3-year term of office.

First Nominee:

Mr William Sutton proposed Mr Martin Houguez stating that he had known Mr Houguez since 2016 and had worked with him on the Rates Assessment Committee for 7 years. Mr Houguez had been an exceptional Chair of the Committee and had a good eye for detail as well as considerable knowledge of the Parish.

Mrs Paulette de la Haye seconded Mr Houguez and re-iterated the recommendations voiced by Mr Sutton

Second Nominee:

Mr Martin Houguez proposed Mr Paul Gaudin stating that Mr Gaudin had served in the Parish Honorary Police for 21 years culminating in his appointment as Chef de Police. He had a wealth of Parish knowledge and his commitment and enthusiasm for supporting the Parish system was second to none.

Mrs Tracey Jehan seconded Mr Gaudin and highlighted that it was a pleasure working with Paul and in particular his willingness to adapt to the new working systems presented by increased digitalisation of the rates system.

There being no further nominations, the Connétable stated that Mr Martin Houguez and Mr Paul Gaudin were duly elected and that she was delighted to be working with them again over the next 3 years.

Mr Houguez and Mr Gaudin were warned to attend the Royal Court at 10am on Friday 20th December to take their Oath of Office.

Item 3

To elect a Roads Inspector for Vingtaine du Fief du Roi, to serve a term of 2 years, due to one Roads Inspector resigning from the current term of office.

The Connétable invited nominations for the Roads Inspector vacancy for a 2-year term of office.

Mr Steven Rondel proposed Mrs Molly Gladwin stating that Mrs Gladwin had been brought up in the Parish and had always demonstrated a keen interest in Parish affairs including volunteering for various events. He felt that Mrs Gladwin had a good level of parochial knowledge and approached matters with a practical and common sense approach.

Mr Martin Houguez seconded Mrs Gladwin and echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr Rondel.

There being no other nominations the Connétable warmly congratulated Mrs Gladwin and highlighted that Mrs Gladwin was the first woman to be elected a Roads Inspector within the Parish in the last 600 years. She was delighted that there were now 3 elected women within the Municipality.

The Connétable warned Mrs Gladwin to appear before the Royal Court at 10am on Friday 20th December 2024 to take her Oath of Office.

The meeting ended with the Connétable wishing all members of the Municipality and the staff of the Parish a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

Karen Shenton Stone
Connétable

Date