

PARISH OF ST BRELADE**PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Minutes of an Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Brelade held at the Parish Hall, St Aubin, St Brelade on Tuesday 24 September 2019 commencing at 19.00 hours

President of Assembly:

Connétable Mr Michael Keith Jackson, presided

Convening Notice:

The Convening Notice was read by the Parish Secretary

1. Minutes of Previous Assembly:

The minutes of the previous Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Brelade held on 16 July 2019, were adopted, and signed following a proposition by Mr Peter Norman which was seconded by Centenier Michel Bougeard.

2. Election of Officier du Connétable:

The Connétable called for nominations to fill two positions of Officier du Connétable for the Vingtaine de la Moye for a term of three years.

Centenier Amanda Wright proposed Mr Ian Wright for re-election. This nomination was seconded by Centenier Bougeard.

Mrs Jane Drew proposed Mr Liviu-Costel Olaru for re-election. This nomination was seconded by Centenier Bougeard. There were no other nominations and therefore the Connétable congratulated both Mr Wright and Mr Olaru on their re-election and advised that they were requested to attend at the Royal Court on Friday 11 October at 10am to take the Oath of Office.

3. Election of Officier du Connétable:

The Connétable called for nominations to fill the position of Officier du Connétable for the Vingtaine du Coin for a term of three years.

Centenier Wright proposed Mr Ross Turpin for re-election. This nomination was seconded by Mrs Drew. There were no other nominations and therefore the Connétable congratulated Mr Turpin on his re-election and advised that he is requested to attend at the Royal Court on Friday 11 October at 10am to take the Oath of Office.

4. **Bailiffs**
Annual
Entertainm
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– Common
Ground Ltd

An application for a Bailiffs Annual Entertainment Permit by Mrs Michelle Smith of Common Ground Ltd, St Brelade was considered.

The Connétable explained that he had received an email from the Bailiff's Office asking that the Connétable seek the views of a Parish Assembly with regard to the application.

Mrs Smith then said a few words. She advised that she lived in the parish and her children went to school in the parish. She had recently decided that her teaching career should end and having passed Barista in Centre Point numerous times it was felt that opening a coffee shop would be a new challenge. The shop currently serves good coffee, cakes and snacks, however as Mrs Smith comes from performing arts background, she felt that the space lent itself to small performances. Mrs Smith has spoken to teachers at all of the local schools and other musical groups regarding using the space. It is intended that performances will occur outside of the coffee shop hours, so after 4pm and the intention being to show small art house films and hold small musical performances. The neighbours above the shop had been consulted and had no objection to the proposals, they felt that as long as it wasn't the same volume as that emanating from the Horse and Hound it would not be outrageous or have a negative impact on them. Mrs Smith felt that by providing this service she was enabling an opportunity for musicians to harness their energy and creativity, the motto of the coffee shop was: coffee, creativity, community. This would also be providing an option for people to not have to go into town for such creativity.

The Connétable then asked for any questions or comments.

Deputy Young commented that he admired the enterprise but enquired as to what the hours proposed are, he stated that in his day job as Minister for Planning and Environment he receives emails daily from Environmental Health regarding unsociable music and amplified music from properties not designed for that purpose. He enquired as to what restrictions and proposals were being made to suppress the problems that may arise and what steps are being taken to reduce noise if events were to become a regular activity, particularly in this modern world with many causes affecting mental health etc. Deputy Young felt that despite the premises not being in his constituency he had a responsibility to ask these questions. Mrs Smith advised that she has not had any sound readings taken therefore does not know whether there would be any breach of the legal limit in decibels, but reassured the Assembly that the speaker system in the premises was not large and compared to the Horse and Hound the volumes would be very low. She would only be operating well within the hours that the coffee shop is permitted to open which is until 10pm, particularly as she does not want pub leavers to drop in after closing time of nearby pubs. Mrs Smith also stated that she does not want an alcohol licence. In terms of decibels Mrs Smith was happy to have a test/reading. Deputy Young commented that if the

permit was agreed that possibly a condition could be added to it to ensure that Mrs Smith worked with the Environmental Health team, Mrs Smith confirmed she would be happy to do so.

Centenier Bougeard asked whether the music would be loud enough to be heard outside of the premises. He was advised that the end of the building had recently been insulated due to damp and above the property was a balcony and flat. The coffee shop has a suspended ceiling which also muffles sound. She does not want people walking past to hear as she does not wish to attract passers-by, the premises capacity is limited to 50 persons. Occasionally, for ventilation a door may need to be left open, but it is not the intention to inconvenience people and she would be happy to speak to Environmental Health to ensure noise levels are within approved ranges. Centenier Bougeard commented that he receives numerous complaints against the Horse and Hound and hopes that this property will not be the same.

Mr Norman stated that perhaps Deputy Young could record the volumes from both premises to see the difference.

Mr Morley commented that he was surprised that representatives from the Horse and Hound were not present to complain against the competition. On a more serious note though he felt it a good idea to seek advice from Environmental Health to suggest limits to noise and what to abide to.

Mrs Drew asked if the premises had air conditioning, following the comment about opening the door. She was advised that there was no air conditioning unit at present but if they sell enough coffee they would love to have one installed.

Centenier Bougeard commented that other properties which had applied for entertainment permits had previously agreed to keeping noise levels down but then in summer they open windows and doors for circulation and this then brings along with it the complaints of noise. Mrs Smith stated that for showings of films all blinds and doors need to be closed so that won't be an issue and for bands it is only proposed to host small bands so it is felt that noise will not be an issue.

Connétable Jackson asked where the closest neighbours were. Mrs Smith advised that the closest neighbours were directly above them, after that it would be at the end of the car park and those by Wally's Chippy and the property Mange Tout.

Deputy Young commented that in his experiences the ukulele club in Alderney was incredibly good for the community and the proposals appeared to be for a similar offering.

Mr Wright having been a Regulator does not think that Environmental Health would write a letter confirming limits, however a condition placed on their permit by the Bailiff to engage with them would help and aid all involved.

There being no further questions or comments the item was proposed by Centenier Wright which was seconded by Mrs Carolyn Folliot.

Following a vote by a show of hands the item was supported by 12 votes in favour and 0 votes against.

In thanking the remaining 12 persons for their attendance the Connétable declared the meeting closed at 19.23 hours.

Signed: _____

M K Jackson
Connétable

Dated: _____