

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 26 November 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 24 September 2019, were adopted, and signed following a proposition by Mr Peter Norman which was seconded by Centenier Amanda Wright.

**2. Election of
Officier du
Connétable:**

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

Centenier Michel Bougeard proposed Mr Adam Hall for re-election. This nomination was seconded by Deputy Graham Truscott.

The Connétable congratulated and declared Mr Hall elected as an Officier du Connétable for a three year term. His date to appear before the Royal Court of Jersey to be administered the Oath of Office was set for Friday 6 December 2019, 10am prompt.

Mr Hall was then presented with the Honorary Police Association award for 9 years of service.

**3. Election of
Rates
Assessors:**

The Connétable called for nominations to fill two positions of Rates Assessor for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020.

Mr Geoffrey Winchester proposed Mr Paul Hesten. The proposition was seconded by Mr Roger Bignell.

Mr Bignell then proposed Mr Geoffrey Winchester. This proposition was seconded by Mr Hesten.

There were no other nominations.

The Connétable congratulated and declared Messers Hesten and Winchester re-elected as Rates Assessors for a further three year term effective from 1 January 2020. He advised their date to appear before the Royal Court of Jersey to be administered the Oath of Office be set for Friday 13 December 2019, 10am prompt.

**4. Bailiffs
Annual
Entertainment Permit
– Murrays:**

An application for a Bailiffs Annual Entertainment Permit by Miss Julie Owusu of Murrays, St Brelade was considered.

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

Miss Owusu then said a few words. She advised that they wished to provide light live entertainment by way of an acoustic singer and an acoustic professional musician, between the hours of 6-830pm on a Wednesday to Saturday. The sets will be an hour and a half with a 30 minute break. Due to the nature of the music it is not felt that it should disturb the locals, but might just be heard outside the premises to encourage people in to eat, drink and listen to good music.

The Connétable then asked for any questions or comments. But firstly asked about amplification, he was advised that the music will not be amplified as the premises itself is not large enough to cope with higher volumes other than a keyboard or violin, they were also not looking for unsociable times.

Centenier Bougeard asked for an undertaking that the hours as advised today would be stuck to, this was confirmed. He was further advised that an extension will not be requested as the restaurant generally closes at 9pm.

Following a vote by a show of hands the item was supported by 25 votes in favour and 0 votes against.

5. Licensing:

In accordance with Article 5 (1) of the Licensing (Jersey) Law, 1974, as amended, the following applications were considered for recommendation to the Licensing Assembly:

a)

Name:	Shinzo (Jersey) Ltd
Secretary:	BR Secretaries Ltd
Categories:	3 rd (restaurant)
Business Address:	(formerly Cheffins/aka St Aubyns

Hotel)
La Neuve Route
St Brelade

The Connétable read excerpts from the reports obtained. Environmental Health advised the premises sanitary accommodation would be fit for 150 persons, however if the Fire Department advised of a lower figure this should be adopted. The Fire Department recommended the premises sufficient for 70 patrons. Morris Architects had inspected the property which was undergoing major refurbishment and confirmed provisional occupation as 70 internal and 24 external.

Miss Lisa Pugsley then said a few words regarding the application. She advised that it would be a family run business, giving a different offering to the other restaurants in St Aubin and hoped to provide something along the lines of the London scene.

The Connétable then asked for any questions or comments.

Senator Sarah Ferguson asked if there would be an increase in the number of people attending as she was concerned over parking in the area. She was advised that it was understood that there would be less covers than the previous restaurant Cheffins, however there was a bus stop directly outside the premises.

There being no further questions or comments recommendation of the application to the Licensing Bench was proposed by Mr David Pugsley and was seconded by Mr Roger Pugsley. Following a vote by a show of hands, the item was supported by 34 votes in favour and 0 votes against.

b)

Name:	Alexandra Louise Ostroumoff
Categories:	1 st (taverners)
Business Address:	Portelet Bay Cafe Portelet Bay St Brelade

The Connétable read excerpts from the reports obtained of which no points were raised as the premises currently hold a 3rd and 6th category licence. The capacity remained at 76 persons, being 72 customers and 4 staff.

Ms Victoria Grogan of Ogier representing the café then said a few words. She advised that the application for a 1st category liquor licence was to enable the business to facilitate the increased demand for corporate events which make their way to the café with Jersey Seafaris and that it was not intended to become a public house. The intention was to enable customers to mingle

standing up, as the current restaurant licence requires that customers remain seated when being served drinks. It was felt that when holding wedding receptions it was difficult to ask the bride and groom to sit down before they were able to be handed a drink and mingle with their guests. Also in the summer it was intended to be able to provide a small bar for customers who were waiting to be seated before their table became available. There was to be no change to the opening hours and due to the location it was very much doubted that there would be an increase in late night trade of people running up and down the steps just to have a pint.

The Connétable then asked for any questions or comments.

Mr Gary & Mrs Tracey Duval were concerned about health and safety of the steps down to the premises and felt that this access was an accident waiting to happen. There was also no direct access for vehicles or emergency vehicle access. They further stated that they were happy to put up with noise but not with more noise and felt that this application would be detrimental to them, they advised that they believed the Curlew block of apartments to be most affected by the business. Mrs Ostroumoff replied that they were not increasing demand as the provision to these proposed groups had already been happening, most groups come by boat with a maximum of 12 people per group. Occasionally they will leave by bus and are always encouraged to leave by the beach. The Portelet Café steps have been lit all the way to the top, however it was suggested that possibly the Bohemia/pumping station steps to the Portelet Bay development could be lit by the company. It was further stated that five years ago when the café applied for their initial 3rd category licence, all these matters were discussed. The café do not take large groups, the biggest is around 30 people, but it is difficult to police them to sit down. It is now a more popular location for wedding receptions following the ability to be able to marry on beaches, and the establishment most certainly does not wish to create noise or allow large groups. All lighting and health and safety requirements regarding the stairs have been met and so far there have been no accidents. It is normal for the last group to be at 8pm meaning that it is not so late that leavers should disturb the residents. Mrs Ostroumoff further advised that she was always available for residents to speak with if they have any concerns and so far this year nothing has been fed back.

Deputy Montfort Tadier congratulated the existing business and just wished to place on record that in moving from a restaurant to a taverners licence whether they could ensure people do not take glass on to the beach, as this was an environmentally sensitive area. Mrs Ostroumoff advised that their 6th category licence which was obtained last year requires that they do not sell alcohol in glasses to go on to the beach, but they are able to currently sell unopened drinks bottles etc. however being that the café have the only bins in the area and the beach being so important to the business, the staff regularly clean the beach and remove all litter, carrying it to the top of the hill. Having only a 6th

and 3rd category licence places a huge responsibility for the young seasonal staff to police, particularly when the clientele are older than them, therefore they are trying to create a solution to prevent this problem arising. People will naturally sit down as they are there to eat, they are not there just to drink, however people do wish to initially socialise which involves being stood up.

The Connetable queried when the large groups come by coach, where do they drop off/collect. He was advised that the upper car park where the bus stop is located, is used as the drop off/collection point.

Mrs Duval advised that Dandara are no longer involved in the Portelet Bay development. She was concerned that some families enjoying the beach for the day may not wish to go past a café serving alcohol. Mrs Ostroumoff replied that they had held the licence for a few years and given customers would still be seated there would be little change. Trying to police corporate groups or bride and grooms requiring that they sit down before they get a drink did not seem fair. This application was to help the business ensure they do not breach their restaurant licence by providing a solution. It was further advised that probably 99% of users of the café steps are using them to access the restaurant and that the café clears up all sorts of rubbish left on the beach from private picnics. However the public can use the alternative public steps if they wished to avoid the area.

Mr John Henwood stated that he lives at Portelet Bay and has a good understanding of the café being also an occasional customer, he felt it was an exceptionally well run business. It was well known that in its earlier trading days there were issues regarding fumes, however they were addressed and made right. He felt that the proprietors have considerable regard for neighbours in that when they say they will do something they do it. He also confirmed that there was another access to the beach so people do not have to go past the café. He further stated that Tourism was an important part of the local economy and visitors are looking for something different which the café provides in conjunction with Jersey Seafaris. He felt that as a community when something new is offered and is done well, as in this case, that the business deserved support.

Centenier Bougeard commented that the licence held at the moment permitted drinking in the restaurant, however the licence requested allowed people to be able to drink on the beach, and he asked for an undertaking that alcohol would only be served to those eating in the restaurant. He was advised that the premises currently also hold a 6th category licence, so patrons are already able to take drinks to the beach, but that the café staff clean it all up, it was further stated that the café a very mindful of packaging etc. and it is proposed that they would drop the 6th category licence and just hold the 3rd and 1st.

There being no further questions or comments recommendation of the

application to the Licensing Bench was proposed by Mr C William Berresford and was seconded by Mrs Nicola Mackereth. Following a vote by a show of hands, the item was supported by 25 votes in favour and 2 votes against.

c)

Name:	S & S Limited
Secretary:	Rosscot Secretaries Ltd
Categories:	3 rd (restaurant) & 2 nd (residential)
Business Address:	Bon Viveur Guest House & Restaurant Le Boulevard St Brelade

The Connétable read excerpts from the reports obtained. For all intents and purposes the application was for a transfer of the current licenses from one company to another. The property was reported as being suitable for 90 persons, 70 in the restaurant and 20 in the bar/lounge.

Mr (Alex) Salvatore La Ragione then said a few words regarding the application. He advised that he and his cousin were taking over the running of the business from his uncle and that his cousin was a Michelin star chef in Italy. They will try to bring high quality food to the village.

The Connétable then asked for any questions or comments.

There being no questions or comments recommendation of the application to the Licensing Bench was proposed by Mr Rodney Waller and was seconded by Mr Maurizio Marzana. Following a vote by a show of hands, the item was supported by 32 votes in favour and 0 votes against.

The Assembly were reminded that any person who spoke regarding the Licensing application would be able to speak at the Licensing Assembly at the Royal Court on Thursday 19 December 2019.

6. Property Reserve Fund vote of £65,000 – main hall

The Connétable explained that the Procureurs and he were wishing to redecorate the main hall. Following the installation of new radiators decoration work was required and it was also proposed to improve the way in which various photos were displayed. The breakdown of the £65,000 requested was explained in that it was to include the photos, redecoration and provision for any unforeseen works found necessary, to install a new sound system and projector, plumbing work, electrical work to include a new fuse board and lighting scheme, builders works to include a suspended ceiling and emergency lighting for various areas of the Parish Hall. There were also further ancillary items such as blinds and door mats.

The Connétable then asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr Winchester asked when the work was likely to start and how long it would take. He was advised that it was planned to start directly after Christmas and it was hoped it would be finished by March. Due to the heavy use of the hall these were the quieter months.

Mr Henwood commented that he had no intention of opposing the proposal but he always felt that the room looked in good condition and queried why it was being done. He was advised that it was mostly electric work that needed to be carried out and that due to upgrading the sound system and projector, untidy cables would be hidden, therefore other work was to be carried out at the same time.

Deputy Tadier wished not to be accused of high jacking the proposal but felt that as it was worth considering whether it is best for the Parish Hall to stay in St Aubin or move to Les Quennevais, which is a controversial subject, he hoped that this upgrade would not be used as an argument for or against the possibility of moving and asked whether it was practical. The Connétable replied that the hall is always in high demand and was well used not just for parish functions, therefore any expenditure could only improve the value of the building as an asset should the Parish wish to sell it at a future date.

Senator Ferguson commented that judging by the scuffing of skirting boards in front of her, the work is needed.

The item was then proposed by Centenier Bougeard, which was seconded by Mr Rodney Waller. Following a vote by a show of hands, the item was supported by 32 votes in favour and 0 votes against.

In thanking the remaining 47 persons for their attendance the Connétable declared the meeting closed at 19.42 hours.

Signed: _____

M K Jackson
Connétable

Dated: _____