

Notes of a meeting of the St Aubin Improvement Group held
on Tuesday 26th February 2008 at the Parish Hall, St
Aubin, 7.30pm

The Connetable presided over the meeting with 32 persons present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Messrs Eric Cousins, Richard Close, Eric Le Rossignol and Murray Norton.

2. Receive and comment on the Report of the Forum for the Future
of St Aubin

Christopher Davey commented that the weekend work was brilliant and that this should be passed on to the facilitator, Maurice Dubras.

Clarification was sought by Angela Jeune who had not attended the workshop for the meaning of "unsympathetic street furniture" on page 18. It was thought that this related to such items as wheelchairs having difficulty manoeuvring over the wooden decking outside the Tenby Bars and that the decking can be slippery. It was also thought that this related to too much signage around the Village.

The MahaChohan queried the words "Based on a belief statement" on page 4 under the Section "Quality of Environment". She wondered how this was interpreted as she did not consider her statement "Ensure all our activities enhance the environment" as brief. The meeting however felt that the wording was acceptable.

Daniel Wimberley queried a sentence on page 24 - "*.. it was expected sufficient parking (for St Aubin) would be established.*" After some discussion it was agreed that the wording should be altered to read "*it was expected that the parking problem should be resolved.*"

Dave Cashel made some comments. He stated that he did not want to criticise Maurice Dubras for the Report but those people who gave information to him. He said that St Aubin was not the only place with parking problems, naming St Catherine as an example. He asked "who's cars are causing the trouble?" He reminded the meeting that with regard to the tunnel, Alistair Layzell, some years previously, had looked at the Tunnels as a possible parking

area and they were found to be unsuitable. With regard to the reclamation he considered "a crafty move" to put it off for ten years and he wondered why traffic should be diverted up La Haule Hill (classed as a "B" road) avoiding the Village and La Neuve Route and Mont les Vaux (classed as "A" roads).

The Connétable advised Mr Cashel that the Action Groups were to report back and that perhaps his questions would be answered by listening to their reports. Mr Cashel agreed.

Peter Norman proposed that the Report be adopted. Denise Waller seconded this. This was approved by a show of hands at the meeting. Angela Jeune abstained as she had not been present at the weekend workshop.

3. Receive the Parking Survey commissioned by Deputy Ferguson

The Deputy advised the meeting that there was an error on page 14 of the Report inasmuch as the text and graph gave differing information. The graph had the correct information. She had given the Report to the Traffic Action Group and she thought that they would cover more detail in their presentation.

Robert Jones said that he did not consider the Report totally independent if the Deputy had set the questions herself. It transpired that the questions were set "by Committee in conjunction with the Statistics Unit." Clarification was sought on "visitors" in the report. Were these visitors to Jersey or visitors to the Village? It was confirmed that these were visitors to the Village. She concluded by saying that the Report showed 6pm to midnight seemed to be the main problem time, that very few people wished to pay for parking and that the results were in tune with the workshop results.

4. Receive the Parking Survey undertaken by Mr Denis Pison

Mr Pison advised that he had not attended the weekend workshop as he had been out of the island. He was pleased however to have the opportunity to pass on his observations of parking at St Aubin. He had visited the Village on various days, at various times, to see what was happening and his survey was for the period November 2006 to April 2007. Mr Pison requested that his observations be analysed like Deputy Ferguson's but the cost was an issue. The Deputy advised that she had paid for her Parking Survey out of her own pocket. Angela Jeune asked why the Statistics Unit could not undertake the analysis. The Connétable said that he would take advice from the Statistics Unit.

Fiona Baldwin asked why the meeting should be accepting these Reports and could they not be passed on to the Traffic Action Group.

Deputy Ferguson's analysis had already been passed to the Traffic Action Group and Mr Pipon said that he would pass his observations on to the Traffic Action Group also.

Annie Mallet commented to the meeting that she had also observed many spaces in the Village.

5. Receive Reports from the Forum's Action Groups

Presentations and Reports were then received from the following -

TRAFFIC - Jeremy Swetenham and Christopher Davey
THE NEED FOR A PHARMACY - Fiona Baldwin
RAMSAR STATUS - Margaret Holland Prior
HARBOUR - Peter Norman
RECLAMATION - Robert Jones
QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT - John Young and the MahaChohan
UMBRELLA GROUP - AN ASSOCIATION OF ASSOCIATIONS - Denise Waller

The Connétable thanked all the Action Groups for their work and presentations.

6. To note correspondence

7. To consider the format of the Report to the Parish Assembly

The Connétable advised that he had received correspondence from persons who were not able to attend the workshop and that he felt these needed to be considered.

Dave Cashel commented that al fresco eating had taken up parking spaces as did the new paved area outside the front of the Parish Office and Western Police Station. He had been at the Parish Assembly when this had been discussed and had been one of the 9 voting against it because parking spaces would be removed. He was also at the Parish Assembly for The Boathouse licence application and had asked The Boathouse's Advocate about parking for diners to which he did not get a satisfactory answer. He asked the meeting what do you think the residents of St Brelade will say when they are not welcome in St Aubin?

It was suggested by Rodney Waller that the Action Groups summarise their reports onto one side of A4 but Margaret Holland Prior

considered that some reports were so detailed that this could not be done successfully. Angela Jeune stated that she did not think the views were what people wanted. Fiona Baldwin suggested that the information be sent to Maurice Dubras for collation.

It was agreed that all the information (reports and correspondence) needed to be collated and then another Improvement Group meeting held.

It was further agreed that the reports were to be sent to the Connétable (preferably by electronic format) as soon as possible.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the St Aubin Improvement Group would take place on Monday 31st March 2008 at the Parish Hall.