

**PAROISSE DE GROUVILLE
PARISH ASSEMBLY**

An assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of Grouville was held at Grouville Parish Hall on Wednesday the 30th August 2017 at 7.30pm for the following business:-

1) To receive and if approved, adopt the Acts of the Parish Assembly dated the 12th July 2017.

2) To take into consideration the application of the undermentioned who desire to be recommended to the Licensing Assembly for the Grant of a Licence for the year 2017, this by virtue of the Licensing (Jersey) Law, 1974 as amended.

Name: Costcutter.
Address: Village Store, Gorey Village, Grouville.
Category: Sixth Category off licence.

3) To receive advice concerning the matter of the Accounts Committee as raised at the previous Parish Assembly held on the 12th July 2017.

In The Chair: Connetable J.E. Le Maistre presided over an assembly of 8 persons.

Apologies: Deputy Carolyn Labey, Reverend M. Lange-Smith, Colin Smith, Stanley Payn, Jeremy Collins.

1) The Minutes of the meeting dated the 12th July 2017 were agreed and signed on a proposition by Procureur Bernard Rebours, Seconded by Procureur Peter Falle.

2) To take into consideration the application of the undermentioned who desire to be recommended to the Licensing Assembly for the Grant of a Licence for the year 2017, this by virtue of the Licensing (Jersey) Law, 1974 as amended.

Name: Costcutter (To be rebranded Citriche) .
Address: Village Store, Gorey Village, Grouville.
Category: Sixth Category off licence.

The Connetable noted that the application was to approve a licence for the new Purchasers of the Costcutter store, Citriche. Kim Noble was representing the company and she was able to confirm that the store would be shut for a week in October for refurbishment, however a robust system of requesting identification, if required for alcohol sales was already in place. She was able to confirm that for each sale, staff would be automatically prompted by the till system to confirm that the sale was legal. Kim stated that this already worked well with the Garage, already being run by the company. All staff had to sign the company alcohol policy, which would be translated into whichever language required by the staff.

As there were no questions from the Assembly, Mick Auger proposed that Citriche be granted a licence for the year 2017, which was seconded by Stella Auger.

- 3) To receive advice concerning the matter of the Accounts Committee as raised at the previous Parish Assembly held on the 12th July 2017.

The Connetable confirmed that he had sought advice from the Law Officers Department concerning this item, following the previous Parish Assembly. A reply had been received stating that there was no customary or statutory law provision for a Committee of this sort. There is nothing to stop a Parish Assembly from resolving to constitute a committee or advisory body to examine the Accounts. Its composition, status and functions will depend on the remit that the Parish wished to have, however it cannot displace or override the functions of the Procureurs du Bien Public where the scrutiny of Parish finances is concerned, but there is no reason why the Procureurs cannot discharge their functions with the advice and assistance of such a Committee. The Connetable went on to say that he had also received a letter from Jerry Collins, Parish Secretary of St Martin and Resident of Grouville who had made a number of observations concerning the Accounts Committee. The Connetable therefore felt that the Committee was an ad hoc Committee, which he felt was extremely useful and although the Accounts and the proposed Rate were discussed by the Committee, the Accounts were formally accepted and the Rate was set by the Parish Assembly. The Connetable did not feel that a Rates Assessor could have any bias that would be detrimental to the Committee. The Connetable also felt that a non Parishioner should be able to serve on the Committee and the Connetable felt that Centenier Nick Andrews as Chef de Police for the Parish should be re-elected to serve on the Accounts Committee. The Connetable felt it was very important for the Honorary Police to have representation on the Accounts Committee and therefore the attendance of the Chef de Police was essential.

Procureur Peter Falle proposed that the Committee should be re-elected en masse, and proposed the re-election of Centenier Nick Andrews.
Procureur Bernard Rebours Seconded the nomination.

In reply, Nick Andrews was disappointed that the Assembly had raised the issue of him being a non-parishioner and therefore he wasn't re-elected when in fact there was another member of the Committee who was a Non-Parishioner. Nick had served on many Committees and working parties and he had never encountered any issues similar to this.

There being no further business the Connetable declared the meeting closed at 7.50