

COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF JERSEY'S HERITAGE



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2012

To be presented at the Eighth Annual General Meeting to be held on 26th February 2013

Members,

It has continued to be my privilege and pleasure to act as your chairman for the second year, since I took over from John Mesch who followed on from Jurat Nick Herbert's initiative in 2004. I again wish to thank Chick Anthony, Vice-chairman and John who heads up the Heritage Protection Policy & Island Plan implementation so ably, for their continuing support and guidance, and patience with me, during the past twelve months,

I must specifically recognise the thorough and extensive work of John Mesch, Chick Anthony, and Andre Ferrari who have led the assessment and commentary in response to Planning Applications on our behalf, together with comments from time to time by other members of the Committee. Further, occasional Letters to the Editor have been drafted and sent in. Most importantly, a number of significant letters of objection have been sent personally to the Minister for Planning and Environment under my signature.

In particular, John Mesch led our efforts, in support of and in co-operation with The National Trust for Jersey and the Environmental Section of the Société Jersiaise regarding the Public Inquiry on the Plémont application for 28 houses etc etc.

We endeavoured to influence, in various above-board ways, the Members of the States prior to and during the debate on Plémont. We must recognise the leadership of the National Trust in that endeavour -- and welcome the President, Celia Jeune, and the CEO, Charles Alluto, here tonight as guests and prospective members of our Council.

We have been delighted with the support and involvement of several newcomers to our work; in particular I wish to recognise the contributions made by Vivien Vibert, and Sir Nigel Broomfield among several others of note in recent weeks, including that of Deputy John Young. You may know that after Christmas, we took the initiative to call an excellent group of key players to what I have termed the Round Table in order to follow-up on the very disappointing result of the Plémont debate coupled with the 'unfortunate' decision by the Minister to accept the recommendations of the Inspector and approve the application on Plémont. We still await a reply to our most recent letter to him.

I know I can count on all of them as well as the other members of the Committee to continue to strive to protect our Island Heritage whenever under threat, as much now as ever. Thank you all for being here tonight to demonstrate your concerns and support for our work.

Maurice Dubras

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Chairman - Maurice Dubras; Vice Chairman - Chick Anthony; Treasurer - Neil Molyneux; Sue Kerley; Group Leaders: Urban Conservation and Rescue - Andre Ferarri; Fortifications - Paul Bernal; Vernacular Architecture - Neil Molyneux; Geology, Archaeology and Landscape - John Renouf; Heritage Protection Policy and Island Plan implementation - John Mesch.

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