

JAG | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 27/11/2018 | 10:00-11:30 | Meeting location CLMH Floor 7

Facilitator

Lesley Stagg

Attendees



Jèrriais

JC, ASW, JLM, CI, CK, BS, AC, CLM, MS, LS, WLB
Guest Sean McGonigle

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 25mins | Agenda topic Welcome to Winston Le Brun and introduction to Sean McGonigle which incorporated topic 2 |

Winston was warmly welcomed and the group looks forward to his contributions to JAG today and in the future.

Sean explained that as an interim employee, he was hoping to be successful in securing a permanent position after his interview this afternoon. (**UPDATE: Sean was appointed**) He described the four elements in his role; states relationships with voluntary groups; with parishes; with libraries and the Superintendent Registrar; and with the delivery of local services. He has visited around 50 groups so far (since 3rd Oct). He considers the breadth, depth and quality of the voluntary sector in Jersey to be “amazing” and of “a scale and quality unsurpassed in the sense of community and philanthropy”. Sean has identified issues such as a lack of coordinator role to bring people together, the budgetary situation, the sharing of information, support and advice and he intends to be a single point of contact for all these key issues. He also commented on his three parish visits where he considers the key to be the quality of relationships.

There followed a discussion and information giving for Sean to better understand the current issues around Jèrriais. These included:

- The need for a ‘joined-up’ approach between communications and education
- The need for faster responses and action to time critical issues
- The excellence of the Eisteddfod, due in a large to the hard work of the teachers and the l’office team
- If the States can take a lead like in Cornwall, Wales and IOM, there should be great kudos in having our language in a prominent position
- Coffee mornings for learners and speakers are popular at the Museum and are now expanding into the Pearl (St Ouens) and St Martin
- BS spoke about the current gap in Jèrriais i.e. there are children learning it and older people speaking it but no speakers in the middle range from school leavers through middle-aged
- There is now a wider audience for the language and the BBC, ITV and JEP are all helping with highlighting this. Several states members and employees of the greffe have signed up to lessons.

- Deputy Jeremy Maçon has presented a motion that all signage, when it needs replacing, be replaced with bilingual signage and emails, business cards and letterheads should all be bilingual.

Sean commented that he has been swayed by the passion demonstrated during this meeting and has been won over by important the language is for the island.

Time allotted | 10 mins | **Agenda topic** *Comité des Connétables brief report-back*
Presenter CK

CK gave the constables an update on the Jèrriais Plan and future opportunities of which they can take advantage such as writing on dustcarts and further buses, and twinning with towns. They requested an article of around 3-500 words in both languages for the parish magazines. There were positive responses from most parishes.

Time allotted | 20 mins | **Agenda topic** *Mari Jones and Budget 2019, and Language Academy* | **Presenter** LS and BS

Mari Jones has confirmed that she will be pleased to dedicate some of her sabbatical (academic year 2019-20) to working with our team. Marianne has offered to accommodate Mari during her stay(s) in Jersey.

There was great concern about the budget for 2019, including Geraint's position and the future of l'Office. **(UPDATE: Funding secured for Geraint's post and l'Office for 2019)**

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Follow up with Deputy Montfort Tadier, Sean O'Regan/MarkRogers and Senator John Le Fondre	BS, LS and JLM	Dec 3 2018

Time allotted | 10 mins | **Agenda topic** *Language Academy and L'Office* | **Presenter** BS

There is a sense of urgency as the language needs greater standardisation and consistency. Mari Jones will be a great help with this. Thanks were raised to CK for all the work and support he is doing for the cause. It was suggested that BS would be a good person to eventually take on the role of Language Academy coordinator but another teacher would need to be trained up for the Jèrriais team. JLM raised the possibility of Ogier hosting another occasion when Mari can talk about the language in the context of the International Year of the Indigenous Languages 2019

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Consult with Kirsten Morel or Kevin Pamplin	JLM	Jan 31 2019
Consult with MJ about Ogier presentation	JLM	Dec 31 2018

MS had to leave to teach a class. The meeting had exceeded its time allocation and people were wanting the room! There was no time to discuss future events so Jon and Ben will meet to do so. Jean has been using Congrès funding to supplement the existing language recording projects. However, l'Office is engaged in similar activities. There is a need to collaborate on these projects. BS suggested the BBC through Cathy Le Fièvre as a good partner to professionalise the work.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Share thoughts re: future events and timing	BS and JC	Jan 31 st 2019
Investigate recording project collaboration	JLM and ASW (?)	Feb 28 th 2019

Next Meeting: To be confirmed in January

Agenda Items when the date is announced please to Lesley.

Thank you!

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