

JAG | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 26/02/2019 | 10:00-11:30 | Meeting location Maritime House

Facilitator

Lesley Stagg

Attendees: ASW, JLM, CI, BS, AC, CLM, MS, JCI

Apologies: LS, JCa, RN, GJ, CK

Absent: CF, CA, WLB



Jèrriais

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 10mins | Agenda topic Recent proposition adopted by SoJ | Presenter BS

The meeting began with a reflection on the importance of the recent debate and adoption of Deputy Jeremy Maçon's proposition regarding Jèrriais signage, as well as Deputy Montfort Tadier's amendment regarding using Jèrriais as an official language of the States Assembly. Some work had already been done on business cards and working with the parishes and BS acknowledged the contributions of CF and CK in this regard. Indeed, the hard work of the JAG group as a whole was commended in preparing the ground for the success achieved in this landmark moment for the language. That said, there is still a great deal of work to do. Not least with those States Members who spoke against the proposition. We must not be complacent. The States debate highlighted the importance of keeping Jèrriais on the political agenda and we have an opportunity to do this with the new Jèrriais Language and Business Plans.

Time allotted | 20 mins | Agenda topic Language / Business Plan | Presenter BS, MS

BS pointed out that involving key stakeholders in the creation of the language strategy is vital. It should be a collaborative effort and feedback from JAG members as part of an inclusive and transparent process is welcomed. As a result of the recently developed and updated Jèrriais Language Strategy 2020-2024, a detailed and comprehensive business plan has been prepared and MS is to be commended for producing such a rigorous document. BS and MS outlined the objectives and intended outcomes of the plans and invited comment from the group. JLM said the importance of an admin assistant should be made clearer and also suggested that we should be more ambitious in seeking funding for further teachers sooner. MS pointed out the importance of building relationships with headteachers if we are to gain greater access to schools. CLM said we needed to show progression and that we would have to play the long game. JLM suggested planning to recruit more teachers from 2020. It was subsequently agreed that an incremental increase of one teacher per year from 2020-2022 would make sense, thereby potentially increasing the teaching team to 7, allowing Jèrriais to be taught in all schools. AC pointed out if we are to achieve our language acquisition objectives, we need to be able to offer lessons at every level. JLM asked if he could

share the plan with the committee members of Le Don Balleine. BS said he thought it would not be a problem but would confirm.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Amend business plan	MS	28.02.19
Confirm re business plan / LDB	MS	04.03.19

Time allotted | 20mins | Agenda topic *Fête du Jèrriais* | Presenter BS

BS shared the draft programme for FDJ. We are grateful to JC and Jersey Heritage for their support. Last details to finalise are exactly where and when the Lihou gig will take place. This has been a challenging event to organise but should be worth it! £1000 has been secured from Romerils again, but we will need more as the gig is likely to use up most of this funding. If any JAG member is able to secure further funding or knows of any potential sources of funds, the extra money would be invaluable in ensuring the success of the Fête. We will also need all the volunteers we can get. Therefore, if JAG members are able to suggest potential volunteers that would be appreciated. JLM suggested creating a list of jobs to allocate to volunteers.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Confirm location and date of Lihou gig	BS and Kit	01.03.19
Source further funding, suggest volunteers	All	15.03.19
Create job list	BS	15.03.19

Time allotted | 10 mins | Agenda topic *Education Update/ Language Academy* | Presenter AC/MS

We have one new group at Le Rocquier School and Hautlieu will have lessons from September 2019. AC said that the other teachers may need to take on beginner groups at secondary level from September if we are to meet demand. We now have 25 adult learners, not including States Members and we are looking to add one new beginner's class each term. MS said we are now in 13 primary schools. AC and MS both pointed out that it will not be possible to provide progression to higher levels without access to curriculum time. The first meeting of the Language Academy took place in the afternoon of 26.02.19.

Time allotted | 15 mins | Agenda topic *AOB* | Presenter N/A

There was no time to discuss item 5 on the agenda, namely IYIL, so we proceeded straight to AOB. JLM said that the event that is being planned in conjunction with Ogier looks set to take place in October or November and that Mari Jones has confirmed she will be in attendance. There is also the possibility of a further event at St Ouen's Manor.