

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 12th January 2015
at the Parish Hall, St Saviour.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian
Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan
Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft; the Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock; the Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett; the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard and the Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

Non-exempt (public) under Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2014, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Policing of
Roads (Jersey)
Regulations
1959 –
motorcycle
'Big Rideout'
for Holidays for
Heroes

2. The Comité considered a letter from Mr L Butler regarding the proposed "Big Rideout in aid of Holidays for Heroes" on 24th May 2015 which was expected to involve over 500 motorcycles travelling from St Catherine's breakwater to the Watersplash, St Peter.

The Comité noted that permission was not being sought for the event to be regarded as a parade or procession (under Regulation 3 of the Policing of Roads (Jersey) Regulations 1959) and therefore agreed the organisers should be reminded that all riders taking part must observe all road laws including speed, wearing of helmets, road signs, yellow lines, traffic lights and general consideration for other road users. Riders should also be reminded that it was an offence to use their motorcycles at junctions to stop oncoming traffic so that the cavalcade could ride through.

Freedom of
Information
(Jersey) Law
2011

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 8th December 2014, considered a briefing paper concerning the implementation of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (FOI). The Comité noted a table summarising the various Parish bodies which existed and identifying officers who, in addition to Parish staff, might require training in the coming months.

In relation to specific bodies the Comité agreed that the Honorary Police was part of each Parish and information should be contained in the Parish information audit; that further advice should be sought regarding the status of other bodies in relation to the FOI law; and that it should consult with the Dean of Jersey regarding the provision to be made for Ecclesiastical Assemblies to meet the FOI law.

- Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974
4. The Comité was informed by the Chairman that, at the December 2014 Licencing Assembly, he was invited set up a group of three Connétables to work with the Assembly's Greffier to develop a consistent reporting style for the "books" presented annually in December; and to establish a procedure so that the information contained in the "books" would be made available to the Assembly 2 or 3 days before the sitting. The Comité, having noted their willingness to assist, nominated the Connétables of St Martin, St Saviour and Trinity to undertake this review.
- draft Loi (1914) sur la Voirie (Amendment) (Jersey) Regs 201-
5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 10 of 17th November 2014, approved the draft Loi (1914) sur la Voirie (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201- which would increase the administrative penalty imposed under Article 41(1)(c) and Article 45 from £50 to £100. The Comité also approved an accompanying report and agreed that the draft Regulations and report should be lodged "au Greffe" for debate by the States.
- Honorary Police – LSGCM
6. The Comité noted that the Royal Warrant approving the Honorary Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was registered in the Royal Court on 12th December 2014.
- Parish of St Helier (Qualifications for Office) (Jersey) Law 1976
7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 17th November 2014, noted a reply from the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee regarding the Parish of St Helier (Qualifications for Office) (Jersey) Law 1976 advising that that Committee agreed that the criteria governing candidacy for Connétable should be made consistent across the parishes but was of the view that, if anything, the pool should be widened rather than confined.
- Honorary Police group insurance - review
8. The Comité noted that the Panel (the Connétables of St Brelade, St Lawrence and St Martin, and a representative from each of the Honorary Police Association and the Comité des Chefs de Police) had met to review the group insurance policies covering 11 parishes (St Helier arranged its own insurance policies and was not included). The President of the Honorary Police Association (HPA) was in attendance for this item and the Comité noted apologies from the Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police who was unable to attend.
- The Comité noted that there had been no claims in the first 6 months of the current policies (May-October 2014) and further advice was being sought as to whether additional insurance should be arranged and to clarify certain other issues.
- The Comité considered the recommendation of the Panel that a top-up policy to provide an additional dental benefit of up to £8,000 over the £2,000 provided under the personal accident policy should be purchased for an annual premium of £554.64. The Comité, having noted that there had not to date been a claim for such benefit but mindful of the cost of dental treatment, considered such a top-up would provide comfort to officers and therefore voted in favour of purchasing the policy. As this committed members of the Comité to expenditure, and its rules required the assent of all members on the first occasion, the Comité agreed it should be further considered at the next meeting. The President of the HPA was thanked for attending and then withdrew.
- Severe Weather Procedures
9. The Comité received the Minister and Assistant Minister for Transport and Technical Services (TTS) to discuss the severe weather procedures plan prepared by officers of TTS. The Director of Transport, the Director of Operations, the Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, and the Public Transport Planner at TTS were in attendance together with the Emergency Planning Officer.
- The Comité noted that the States of Jersey Severe Weather Plan provided a strategic overview of actions, roles and responsibilities to be undertaken in order to prepare for

and to mitigate periods of severe weather. The aim of the plan was to set out the principles that would govern the multi-agency response to a significant severe weather or flooding incident in Jersey and, once finalised, the plan would be available to the public. TTS welcomed the involvement of a representative of the Honorary Police at planning meetings and it was agreed the representative of the Comité des Chefs de Police on the Emergency Planning Board should attend. The Emergency Planning Officer offered to assist with table-top exercises to review parish response plans. The Comité asked that Connétables and the Parishes should all be contacted when an alert was issued for severe weather and commented that the Honorary Police should have the direct contact details for TTS staff. Following discussion the delegation was thanked for attending and the Director of Operations, TTS, and the Emergency Planning Officer withdrew from the meeting.

Parish Village
Improvement
Schemes

10. The Comité received the Minister and Assistant Minister for Transport and Technical Services (TTS) to discuss the Parish Village Improvement Schemes being undertaken by TTS in conjunction with parishes. The Director of Transport, the Director of Engineering and Infrastructure and the Public Transport Planner at TTS were in attendance.

The Comité was reminded that the States had provided funding through the Medium Term Financial Plan and the Economic Stimulus to undertake schemes to promote the attractiveness and viability of parish communities and their immediate local economies through public realm, roadside footpath, road crossing, cycle facility and road safety improvements. The objective was to assist the movement of and improve the road safety for all users, particularly the vulnerable such as the young and elderly, to allow them to safely access local amenities including schools, shops, community centres and the parish pub/restaurant. The first scheme had been completed at St Aubin and construction of a second scheme had been started in St Mary, with further schemes being designed and developed for St Lawrence and St John. Further tentative requests for studies had been suggested for Gorey, Trinity and Havre des Pas but would be subject to funding which might not be available until 2020. The Comité discussed with the delegation the progress made and lessons learnt including the need to minimise the disruption for road users. The delegation was thanked for attending and then withdrew from the meeting.

Next meeting

11. The Connétable of St Saviour was thanked for her hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 9th February 2015.

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date ...*09/02/2015*.....