

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 16th December 2019
at the Parish Hall, Trinity.

Present:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman (not present for items 2 and 3)
Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de Ste Marie - J. M. Le Bailly
Connétable de St Ouën - R. A. Buchanan (not present for items 2 and 3)
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone (present for item 1 only)

An apology for absence was received from the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Fireworks and
Pyrotechnic
Articles public
consultation

1. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 11th November 2019, discussed the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles public consultation document which set out the proposals to enhance regulation and control around fireworks and pyrotechnic articles.

The Comité endorsed the objective of the Minister for Home Affairs to arrive at sensible and compromise arrangements which provided suitable safeguards for the public and were balanced with practical and workable arrangements. In considering its response to the consultation, the Comité was particularly mindful of the nuisance and distress caused to parishioners and animals from the use of fireworks; this included post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) sufferers for whom fireworks could trigger a relapse in the condition. The Comité was also mindful of the 2018 petition which asked for the availability of fireworks to be restricted so as to reduce as far as possible the incidences of stress and anxiety found in pets as a result of both legal and illegal firework usage.

The Comité discussed the use of fireworks and as these were not usually discharged during daylight hours suggested that consideration should be given to restricting the discharge of fireworks to between sunset and 11 p.m. but that provision might be made to permit the discharge at other times in exceptional circumstances. The Comité also discussed the decibel level of fireworks and agreed the Minister should be asked to consider limiting or banning the use of noisy fireworks as these were usually the reason complaints were received about the discharge of fireworks.

Following discussion the Comité approved its response and requested the Chairman to write accordingly to the Minister for Home Affairs.

Community
mini-bus
scheme

2. The Comité noted that the Director of Local Services had provided a summary regarding the development of a Community Minibus Scheme. Once the scheme was operating the Director would look to broaden it to include groups such as schools, youth

clubs, sports clubs and Government Departments which also had their own minibuses but not all of which were used on a regular basis. The Director was aware that some parishes had minibuses but wanted to ensure that all were aware of what they were trying to achieve and was seeking support to the setting up of a community minibus scheme.

Next meeting

3. The Connétable of Trinity was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 13th January 2020. The Chairman extended to all members and to the staff her best wishes for Christmas and for 2020.

Chairman Date