

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 20th June 2016
at the Parish Hall, Trinity.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian
Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan
Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock
Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett
Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman and the Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft.

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 23rd May 2016, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Liberation 2016

2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 23rd May 2016, received the Chief Officer, Bailiff's Chambers, and provided feedback on the arrangements for the Island celebrations for the 71st anniversary of Liberation Day on 9th May 2016. The Connétables commented that Parish senior citizens (those who were resident in Jersey during the Occupation, those evacuated or those serving in the forces at that time) should be central to the celebrations. The inclement weather on 9th May 2016 had left some parishioners distressed and the arrangements should ensure their comfort; the option of watching from a covered area might prove attractive to some and encourage more to attend. Holding the States sitting in Liberation Square was also suggested, with the length of the service being another factor to be considered. There was no support for the celebrations being held later in the day as several Connétables wished to attend the commemorations held in their own parishes. Following discussion the Chief Officer was thanked for attending and then withdrew.

States of Jersey
Law 2005:
proposal to
amend
bankruptcy
provisions
(P.55/2016)

3. The Comité considered the proposition of Deputy M.R. Higgins "States of Jersey Law 2005: proposal to amend bankruptcy provisions" (P.55/2016) which asked the States to agree that Article 4A of the States of Jersey Law 2005 'Disqualification for election as Connétable' should be repealed and replaced with the same provisions contained in Article 8 of the said Law relating to Senators and Deputies, so that the requirements relating to disqualification for election of all members of the States Assembly were the same. The Comité agreed to submit its comments and requested that a draft be circulated for approval and presentation.

- Governor's Walks (Down your Way walks) 4. The Comité discussed the Governor's Walks (previously known as "Down Your Way" walks) which the Parishes had hosted for H.E. Lieutenant Governor and the Variety Club of Jersey and noted that the current series would conclude this year. The Connétables considered that should the Variety Club wish to organise another series of walks each would be willing to offer the use of his/her Parish Hall free of charge, if it was available, and to attend the walk but that all organisation of, and costs associated with, the walk would be the sole responsibility of the Variety Club. The Chairman was requested to write to the organisers accordingly.
- Littering and dog fouling consultation – feedback 5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 23rd May 2016, noted that the Chairman had written to the Minister for Home Affairs concerning an article in the Bailiwick News relating to the report on the littering and dog fouling consultation which suggested that no progress would be made with "on the spot fines" as the Honorary Police forces did not agree. The Chairman had referred to the conclusion of the Comité that there was merit in bringing forward Fixed Penalty legislation which would require payment of a fine 'on the spot' or within a limited period but further discussion was required to determine how this might operate and the offences which might be dealt with by a fixed penalty notice, and he looked forward to further dialogue with the Minister on this matter. The Comité agreed that the Connétable of St Lawrence should progress this matter in conjunction with the Community and Constitutional Affairs Department, the States of Jersey Police and the Honorary Police. The Comité des Chefs de Police was invited to nominate a representative to assist with this project. The Comité also noted that the Chairman was seeking advice on the policing of private land following comments from the National Trust and Jersey Water.
- Honorary Police – emails for confidential information 6. The Comité discussed the facilities made available to members of the Honorary Police, and in particular to Centeniers, for the circulation of confidential policing information. Mindful of the States acceptable use policy and that all information, whether electronic or paper-based, must be protected according to its sensitivity, the Comité noted that officers could be provided with a secure States email account which could be accessed at the Parish Hall or, if access was required at other times, using the 'bring your own device' option as determined by the parish.
- Honorary Police Group meeting 7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 14th March 2016, received a report from the Chairman following the recent meeting with representatives of the Comité des Chefs de Police (CCP) and the Honorary Police Association (HPA) on 23rd May 2016 and discussed matters arising therefrom as follows:
- Discrimination training: a reply was noted from the Chairman of the CCP advising that the training had been well received and it was the view of the CCP that, on an individual basis, it should continue (minute no. 12 of 23rd May 2016 refers).
- Honorary Police training: a reply was noted from the Chairman of the CCP advising that the charge for the visit to the States of Jersey Police headquarters covered training as well as the visit (minute no. 3 of 18th April 2016 refers).
- Island wide rate 2016 - report 8. The Comité, with reference to minute no. 2 of 20th June 2016 of the Supervisory Committee, approved a report to the States to advise of the island-wide rates for 2016.
- Next meeting 9. The Connétable of Trinity was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 18th July 2016.

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date18/07/2016.....

