

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 11th June 2018
at the Parish Hall, St Clement.

Present:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman
Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard
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
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone

An apology for absence was received from the Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary
Ms J. A. Bertram, Secretary

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

Chairman and
Vice Chairman

1. The Comité received, for information, the rules of the Comité des Connétables which were approved at the meeting on 21st March 2011 and, in accordance with rules, appointed a Chairman and Vice Chairman as follows and authorised the bank mandates to be amended accordingly -

Chairman: the Connétable of St Lawrence was proposed by the Connétable of Grouville and the Connétable of St Peter and, there being no other nominations, was duly elected.

Vice Chairman: the Connétable of St Helier was proposed by the Connétable of Trinity and the Connétable of St Saviour and, there being no other nominations, was duly elected.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meetings held on 5th and 9th April and 23rd and 31st May 2018, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Comité
representatives
on other groups

3. The Comité appointed or confirmed its representatives to the following:

- a) Bailiff's Consultative Panel - the Chairman of the Comité was an ex officio member of the Panel.
- b) Emergencies Council - in accordance with Article 1(1)(c) of the Emergency Powers and Planning (Jersey) Law 1990 the Connétable of St Ouen was nominated to serve on the Council.
- c) Firearms Law Liaison Group – the Chairman was nominated as the representative; and the Connétable of St Mary would assist should a second representative be required.

- d) Parish website/e-parishes – the Connétables of Grouville and Trinity would represent the Comité at meetings regarding eGov developments, future integration of States/parish services and parish online services.
- e) Criminal Justice System Board – the Connétable of St Peter was nominated as the representative.
- f) Early Learning and Childcare Partnership – the Connétable of St Martin was nominated as the representative.

The Comité noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would also meet on a regular basis with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police (CCP) and the President and Vice Presidents of the Honorary Police Association (HPA).

The Comité nominated the following to sub-committees/panels:

- i. Honorary Police group insurance: the Connétables of St Peter and St Mary (the panel would also include a representative from each of the Comité des Chefs de Police and the Honorary Police Association).
- ii. Stray dogs: the Connétables of St John and Grouville (the panel would also include a representative of the Comité des Chefs de Police).

Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001 – Amendments and Appointed Day Act

4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 15th January 2018, received the Director, Social Policy, Community and Constitutional Affairs Department (CCA) and the Superintendent Registrar regarding the draft Order that underpinned the amended Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001 (the “2001 Law”). The Comité recalled that the 2001 Law would be amended by the Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- and the Draft Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- (Appointed Day) Act 201- (P.87/2018) would be debated by the States on 26th June 2018. The Appointed Day Act proposed that the Law would come in to force on 1st July 2018, with the exception of Article 22 of the Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- which would come in to force on 31st July 2018.

The Comité was briefed on the impact on Connétables and the Parish Registration services of the amendments to the Marriage and Civil Status Law, including the following:

- updated process associated with Connétables approving locations for marriage
- changes to role of Parish Registrar vis-à-vis registration of marriage
- introduction of new fees, including fees related to registration and approval of locations

Having been informed that draft subordinate legislation would be forwarded for comments, the Comité thanked the officers for attending the meeting and they then withdrew.

Honorary Police Association – accounts for 2017/18 and budget for 2018/19

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 2 of 5th April 2018, recalled that it had received the Honorary Police Association (HPA) accounts for 2017/18 and budget for 2018/19 and that it had approved the proposed budget expenditure of £3,700 and the subscription to be funded by parishes but its rules required the assent of all members on the first occasion and not all members had been present. In accordance with its rules the Comité now decided, with ten members present, that for each officer in post on 1st May 2018 parishes would contribute £17 towards the 2018/19 HPA subscription.

Honorary Police Association EGM

6. The Comité noted that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Honorary Police Association would be held on 28th June 2018 to elect an Honorary President (Centenier H Raymond having resigned as President following election as the Deputy for Trinity) and an Honorary Treasurer (the position not being filled at the AGM).

- draft Referendum (Presidency of States Assembly) (Jersey) Act 201- (P.76/2018)
7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 13 of 5th March 2018, discussed the draft Referendum (Presidency of States Assembly) (Jersey) Act 201- (P.76/2018) due for debate on 26th June 2018. The Act provided for the holding of a referendum on Saturday 20th October 2018 on the question of whether the Bailiff, as President of the States Assembly, should be replaced by a Speaker elected by States members. The Comité recalled the comments submitted to the Privileges and Procedures Committee in relation to the holding of the referendum on a Saturday and decided to propose an amendment that the referendum should be held on Wednesday 17th October 2018.
- Draft Official Publications (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2017 (Appointed Day) Act 201- (P.79/2018)
8. The Comité noted that the Draft Official Publications (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2017 (Appointed Day) Act 201- would be debated on 26th June 2018 and, if approved, would come in to force 7 days after it was made. The amendment to the Law would remove the obligation to publish the Jersey Gazette in one newspaper and it would, in future, be available online. Responsibility for publishing online Gazette notices would lie with the parish web editors (the States of Jersey would provide support and advice to train web editors). The future process for placing a run-of-paper advert in the Jersey Evening Post would remain with the supplier who was awarded the agreement earlier in the year.
- LICAR and bulk renewal of driving licences – preparations
9. The Comité noted the preparations being made by parishes for the bulk renewal of driving licences (an estimated 30,000 driving licences being due to expire between October 2018 and February 2019).
- Glass recycling
10. The Comité received, for information, a paper from the Recycling Manager, Department for Infrastructure, providing introductory notes relating to the ‘Just Glass’ campaign.
- Island wide rate 2018 - report
11. The Comité, with reference to minute no. 4 of 11th June 2018 of the Supervisory Committee, approved a report to the States to advise of the island-wide rates for 2018.
- Next meetings
12. The Connétable of St Clement was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité agreed the next meetings would be held on 16th July, 17th September, 15th October, 12th November and 10th December 2018.

Chairman Date