Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th March 2020 at the Parish Hall, St Mary.

Present:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman

Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman (not present for items 6 & 7)

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

In attendance: Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meetings held on 10th February and 6th March 2020, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Emergencies Council – Comité representative 2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3(b) of 11th June 2018, and in accordance with Article 1(1)(c) of the Emergency Powers and Planning (Jersey) Law 1990, nominated the Connétable of St Lawrence as its representative to serve on the Emergencies Council and agreed that the Connétable of St Ouen should attend in the event the Connétable of St Lawrence was not available.

Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 – revised Attorney General's guidelines on drinks promotions 3. The Comité receive the guidelines dated 19th December 2019 which had been issued by H.M. Solicitor General to each Connétable following the sitting of the Licensing Assembly at which it had been decided to introduce revised guidance on drinks promotions in relation to Sixth Category Off-Licences. Connétables might wish to raise in any interviews with proposed managers of sixth category licenced premises the revised guidance which now required that no alcoholic products or beverages were to be sold to the public at a price below the minimum unit price of 50 pence per unit. It did not apply to trade sales or to the duty free shop at the Airport and it would come into force on 14th April 2020.

Explosives (Jersey) Law – retail sale of fireworks 2020 4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 10th February 2020, considered the request of the Managing Director of Starburst Fireworks to vary the retail sale dates from 23rd October to 5th November 2020 to a later period ending on 7th November 2020 as the major public displays would be taking place at the weekend and it would allow the shops to sell fireworks by retail until the Saturday. Following discussion the Comité agreed by a majority, pursuant to the provisions in the Explosives (Jersey) Law 1970, that, in addition to the other standard conditions, every permit issued would specify that the retail sale of fireworks was only permitted from 29th October to 7th November 2020 inclusive unless the sale was of a pyrotechnic intended for use as a marine flare; or the order for the purchase and contract of sale was conducted through a website and the

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fireworks so purchased were delivered by the retailer to the address provided by the purchaser. The Chairman was requested to reply accordingly.

Liberation 75 – 2020

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 13th January 2020, was informed that arrangements to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Jersey were on hold following recent developments in the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus. Whilst it was hoped some events might be postponed from May 2020, others were expected to be cancelled and further information would be made available in due course.

Redress and Accountability Systems in Jersey: Review 6. The Comité noted that the Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel would be launching a "Redress and Accountability Systems in Jersey: Review" in mid-March 2020 and the review would focus on three aspects within the government, States Assembly, Court System and Parish Administration. The Chairman had attended a briefing prior to the launch and the Comité would be invited to comment at a future meeting.

Next meeting

7. The Connétable of St Mary was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting was on 6th April 2020.