

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 10th June 2019
at the Town Hall, St Helier.

Present:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman (not present for item 15)
Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman
Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de St Ouën - R. A. Buchanan (not present for item 15)
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard; the Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur and the Connétable de Ste Marie - J. M. Le Bailly.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

One Gov Brexit
Team

1. The Comité received a delegation from the One Gov Brexit Team (1GBT) who provided an update on the planning and arrangements for the United Kingdom leaving the European Union (Brexit). The delegation, comprising the Team Manager; Programme Director; Policy Principal and Head of Communications; outlined the National College of Policing definition of “vulnerable person” which had been adopted and which was underpinned by the equation “Personal Factors + Situational Factors = Harm / Risk of Harm” namely:

“A person is vulnerable if, as a result of their situation or circumstances, they are unable to take care of or protect themselves or others from harm or exploitation.”

The objective of 1GBT was to deliver central co-ordination and act as an advisory body for the Government of Jersey’s D1ND (Day One No Deal) Brexit contingency preparation and immediate post-event impact. This included consolidation of Departmental Contingency Plans and extensive planning for food/medicine security including a focus on critical national infrastructure. Having delivered an immediate plan for Vulnerable People in the event of D1ND, 1GBT identified that there was an opportunity to further develop cross-Departmental working to support Vulnerable People/Groups and were keen to include the parishes in any planning and policy development given their key role in supporting the community.

The Comité discussed with the delegation various aspects of the preparation and arrangements including in relation to provision for non-English speaking residents, border checks in France for travellers with pets and for businesses and the current usage of the helplines. The options for accessing support specific to an individual’s circumstances were outlined and an *aide memoire* for referral had been produced for the voluntary and community sector. To ensure that any parish issues were covered adequately, the Comité was invited to nominate a member to the working group on vulnerable people established by the 1GBT and it was agreed the Connétable of St Lawrence or the Connétable of St

Brelade should represent the parishes. Following discussion the delegation was thanked for attending and then withdrew from the meeting.

- Minutes 2. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Loi (1914) sur la Voirie and review of the “*Visite du Branchage*” - guidelines 3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 4th February 2019, received a report from the Connétables of St Clement and Grouville following the demonstration they attended on improvements to branchage cutting; thanks were recorded to the Jersey Farmers’ Union for organising the demonstration. The Comité also received the ‘Banque, Hedgerow and Tree management guidelines’ prepared by conservation and heritage groups to promote improved branchage practice which could be made available through parish halls and on websites. The Comité agreed the requirements of the Loi (1914) sur la Voirie were quite simple with regard to the Visites du Branchage i.e. there should be nothing overhanging the road or footpath within the height restriction specified, and considered advice on cutting the branchage should also be provided to garden contractors.
- Dogs on beaches 4. The Comité discussed the petition on the States Assembly website to have an allocated beach in Jersey where dogs could be off their leads all year. The Comité also considered correspondence and proposals for varying the current restrictions (whereby a dog on a beach must be on a led between 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. from 1st May to 30th September) and providing alternatives including certain beaches without such restrictions. As the restrictions were imposed under the Policing of Beaches (Jersey) Regulations 1959, which were the responsibility of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, the Comité decided to advise the correspondents to contact the Minister.
- Public Elections (Jsy) Law 2002 – Art. 8 removal of name letter 5. The Comité approved a template for the letter to be used, in accordance with Article 8(4) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, to give notice to a person whose name was included on an electoral register, but who had not for a period of 3 consecutive years returned an Annual Statement, that the name would be removed.
- Island Plan Review 6. The Comité discussed the process, and progress to date, on consultations with Connétables about the Island Plan review. Each Connétable had received, or would shortly receive, a presentation from the Island Plan review team on the review timetable and the various steps in the process. The initial draft Island Plan should be published for consultation by mid-2020 prior to be independently examined and then lodged for debate by the States in early 2021.
- PPC proposition P.46/2019 - Reform of the composition and election of the States 7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 13th May 2019, heard from Connétables about the comments at the public meetings held in parishes by the Privileges and Procedures Committee to explain the reform proposals set out in “Reform of the composition and election of the States” (P.46/2019). The Comité considered there were a number of issues on which it should seek advice so that it could decide on the appropriate response. The Comité requested the Connétables of St John, St Peter and St Martin to form a sub-committee to undertake such research as they considered appropriate and to report thereon at a future meeting.
- Next meeting 8. The Connétable of St Helier was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 15th July 2019.
- Chairman Date

