

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 13th May 2019
at the Parish Hall, St Brelade.

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 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

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman; the Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre and the 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 meeting held on 8th April 2019, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Firearms
(Jersey) Law
2000 – shooting
club approval
St John’s Rifle
Club

2. The Comité was informed that the Minister for Home Affairs had received an application from St John’s Rifle Club for approval as a shooting club under Article 15 of the Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000. Before granting or refusing to grant an approval or varying or withdrawing an approval, the Minister was required to consult the Comité in accordance with Article 15(3) of the law. The conditions had been met for approval as a shooting club and, having discussed the application, the Comité agreed it had no comments to make on the approval as a shooting club of St John’s Rifle Club.

Zero Emissions
Round Island
drive – Electric
Vehicle
Owners:
request for
convoy

3. The Comité considered a request for permission to allow a convoy of electric vehicles on public roads on 6th July 2019 to raise awareness of zero emission vehicles. The organisers expected this might involve a minimum of 50 vehicles and the route would proceed around the island commencing and finishing at car parks in St Helier.

The Comité agreed the Chairman should reply on behalf of all Connétables to advise that, whilst wishing the organisers success with the event, they could not give permission for a convoy, parade or procession. The primary concern had to be for the general safety of all road users and ensuring the flow of traffic was not impeded. The organisers were asked to ensure that all those taking part were reminded that all road laws must be obeyed including speed limits, road signs and traffic lights; and that drivers must have general consideration for other road users.

Breastfeeding –
raising
awareness and
facilities

4. The Comité received Senator K Moore and Ms S Wright, BFI Project Lead, Family Nursing and Home Care (FNHC), who addressed the meeting on breastfeeding and how parishes might be able to help and support those wishing to breastfeed. The Comité was informed that the Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) was part of a wider global partnership

between the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF. Jersey was seeking to develop best practice standards and to achieve accreditation (this was based on a set of interlinking evidence-based standards for maternity, health visiting, neonatal and children's centres services). International Breastfeeding Week would take place from 1st – 7th August 2019 and Connétables were invited to consider what assistance might be provided to those wishing to breastfeed.

The Comité heard from Connétables that, whilst the physical constraints and current usage of parish halls might prevent a specific area being made available exclusively for breastfeeding, all would welcome a mother and would endeavour to provide an area to breastfeed should she need such support and would display a sign to this effect. In addition, Connétables recognised the opportunity to consider how appropriate facilities might be provided at family events organised by a parish. The Comité suggested that schools should be approached as these premises might have more facilities than a parish hall; and that the hospitality industry should be contacted to ascertain their approach and views on this matter.

Following discussion Senator Moore and Ms Wright were thanked for attending and then withdrew from the meeting.

Le Port Car
Park, St Peter:
Rescindment of
Parking
Restrictions -
P.33/2019

5. The Comité considered the proposition "Le Port Car Park, St Peter: Rescindment of Parking Restrictions" (P.33/2019) lodged "au Greffe" by Senator S.W. Pallett which had been listed for debate by the States on 21st May 2019. An amendment had subsequently been lodged by Deputy J Macon. The proposition, and amendment, if approved would rescind the maximum parking limit imposed by the Minister for Infrastructure and require consultation with the Comité on the future motorhome/campervan use for habitable purposes in the island.

The Connétable of St Peter explained the background to the issue of campervans parking overnight at Le Port, St Peter, and that since the introduction of the maximum parking limit there had been a significant improvement in the area which could again be used by all residents and visitors. The Comité agreed it would welcome consultation with the Minister for the Environment about motorhome/campervan use in Jersey but considered this must be undertaken as part of the forthcoming Island Plan review. The Comité decided to present comments to the States and requested that a draft be circulated for approval.

Visites du
Branchage -
2019

6. The Comité noted the proposed dates for the Visites du Branchage in all parishes and that the dates would be published, in accordance with the Loi (1914) sur la Voirie, in the Jersey Gazette.

Reform of the
composition
and election of
the States
P.46/2019

7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 15 of 4th March 2019, noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) had lodged "au Greffe" a proposition "Reform of the composition and election of the States" (P.46/2019 (Re-issue)) which had been listed for debate on 24th September 2019. PPC would also be embarking on a series of public meetings from 20th May to 11th June 2019 to talk to islanders about the proposals. The Comité decided to consider the proposals at a future meeting.

Liberation Day
2019

8. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 8th April 2019, received feedback from Connétables on the event held to mark the 74th anniversary of the Liberation on 9th May 2019. The arrangements had been well received including, this year, the presence of a female senior citizen and a young person to represent each parish. The Comité agreed that this feedback, and other suggestions, should be forwarded to the Bailiff's Chief Officer for future reference.

International Driving Permits (IDPs) 9. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 8 of 4th February 2019, noted a high demand for International Driving Permits (IDP) in recent months following the introduction of the 1968 Vienna Convention. The Comité recalled that the 1968 IDP had been introduced in preparation for the United Kingdom's expected departure from the European Union on 29th March 2019 (Brexit) but this date had since been postponed. Nevertheless the advice to drivers should continue to be that once the UK left the EU an IDP might be required to drive in EU countries.

draft Motor Vehicles (Removal from Private Land) (Jersey) Regulations 201- 10. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 4th March 2019, noted that the draft Motor Vehicles (Removal from Private Land) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.43/2019) had been lodged "au Greffe" for debate on 21st May 2019. If approved the legislation would come into force on 21st June 2019. The Comité noted that officers of the Department for Strategic Policy, Performance and Population were liaising with parish staff regarding the administrative processes which would need to be put in place.

Next meeting 11. The Connétable of St Brelade was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 10th June 2019.

Chairman Date