

Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 17th November 2014
at the Parish Hall, St Peter.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian
Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan
Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett
Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer
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 Ouën - M. J. Paddock and the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Chairman and
Vice Chairman

1. The Supervisory Committee received, for information, Part 6 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 which, at Article 43(2) provided that at a meeting the Supervisory Committee members present should appoint one of their number to preside. The Connétable of St Lawrence proposed, and the Connétable of St Peter seconded, the nomination of the Connétable of St Clement to preside at this and forthcoming meetings and, there being no other nominations, the Connétable of St Clement was duly elected.

The Committee decided that it was appropriate to appoint a person to act in the absence of the Connétable of St Clement and duly appointed the Connétable of St Peter (proposed by the Connétable of Trinity and seconded by the Connétable of St John).

The Committee agreed that it should, in due course, seek an amendment to the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 to provide that it might appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman rather than having to appoint a person to preside at each meeting.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2014, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Freedom of
Information
(Jersey) Law
2011

*Also recorded
in the Comité
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3. The Committee considered a briefing paper on the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (FOI) and decided that, although the parishes and associated bodies would not come under the FOI law until 1st September 2015 (subject to approval of the draft Freedom of Information (Schedule 1 to Law) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.154/2014)) it would wish to apply the proposed Law voluntarily to the Comité des Connétables and to the Supervisory Committee with immediate effect so that the minutes, once approved and signed, might be made available for inspection and accordingly requested that the minutes and agendas should be prepared to facilitate this

Connétables
minutes

decision.

Property tax
review
R.101/2014 and
Property Rates
and the States
R.103/2014

4. The Supervisory Committee approved a response to the following report presented to the States by the Minister for Treasury and Resources:

“Property tax review: publication of Green Paper and PwC Paper” R.101/2014

The Committee noted that the following report had also been presented to the States by the Minister for Treasury and Resources:

“Property Rates and the States” R.103/2014

RMS – data
extract for
Social Security
Dept.

5. The Supervisory Committee noted that a data sharing agreement had been signed with the Social Security Department for an extract of data from the Rates Management System (RMS) to assist with estimating a living wage for Jersey, and that the extract had been delivered (the costs being met by the Social Security Department).

Assessment
Committees -
meeting

6. The Supervisory Committee noted the agenda for the meeting with the chairmen of the Assessment Committees on 17th November 2014.

Next meeting

7. The Supervisory Committee noted the next meeting would be on 8th December 2014.

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date08/12/2014.....