

# Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
at the Parish Hall, St Ouen.

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur  
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert  
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan  
Connétable de St Clément - M. O'D. Troy  
Connétable de Grouville - M. Labey  
Connétable de St Ouën - R. Honeycombe  
Connétable de St Sauveur - K. C. Lewis

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman; the Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft; the Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone and the Connétable de Ste Marie - R. D. Johnson.

## **In attendance:**

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary  
Mrs J A Bertram, Secretary (for part of the meeting)

*The meeting was held in public but those attending withdrew prior to the discussion of item(s) considered to be exempt under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011. Where any part of such item(s) is subsequently considered not to be exempt, it is recorded in the 'public' part of these minutes with the remainder recorded in the section of the minutes which is exempt under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011.*

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

Guidelines for  
open meetings

1. The Supervisory Committee referred to minute no. 5 of the Comité des Connétables meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at which it was agreed that when items which would not be exempt under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (FOI Law) were considered the meeting should be open for any person to attend and that such meetings should be advertised, for example through its website or by the issue of a press release.

The Supervisory Committee confirmed that its meetings would likewise be open to the public and it adopted the same guidelines "Admission of the public and press to meetings – September 2022" as had been adopted by the Comité des Connétables (minute no. 1 of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 refers).

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June/18<sup>th</sup> July 2022, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

2022 Rates  
Lists -  
amendments

3. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 1 of 30<sup>th</sup> June/18<sup>th</sup> July 2022, and in accordance with Article 11(6) of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005, corrected two factual, typographical or similar errors in the St Brélade Approved Rates List and, in accordance with Article 14(3), requested the Connétable of the Parish to ensure that the copy of the Rates List made available for public inspection was amended accordingly.

Rate Appeal Board – report for 2022

4. The Supervisory Committee received the report of the Rate Appeal Board for 2022. The Board members had been appointed by the States on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and the Board had appointed Mr J Refault as Chairman and Mr B Le Beuvant as Vice Chairman. The Chairman of the Board reported that there had been no appeals against rate assessments in 2022.

Office Accounts

5. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 30<sup>th</sup> June/18<sup>th</sup> July 2022, received and approved the audited accounts for the Comité des Connétables/Supervisory Committee for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and noted expenditure of £121,565 (2021 - £113,414) and income of £118,204 (2021 - £115,508) thus resulting in a deficit of £3,361 for the year (2021 - surplus of £2,094). The balance sheet, which included the Comité des Chefs de Police, showed net current assets of £24,550 (2021 - £27,420). The auditors Alex Picot had reported that they would be issuing a clean audit report. The accounts were adopted with all in favour.

*This is also recorded in the minutes of the Comité des Connétables*

Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 – Article 9

6. The Supervisory Committee considered correspondence regarding the criteria for an application to review a rateable value as set out in Article 9 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005. Article 9(4) of the Law stated -

*“(4) For the purpose of paragraph (3) there is a significant difference if the difference is claimed to be at least –*

*(a) 10% of the rateable value of the land in question; or*

*(b) 500 rateable quarters,*

*whichever is the greater.”*

The Committee agreed that the Article was clear and that a significant difference was the greater of 10% of the rateable value of the land in question or 500 quarters. An application for review could only be made on the grounds that there was a significant difference between the rateable value of the land in question and the rateable value of other land in Jersey having similar attributes to the land in question.

Next meeting

7. The Supervisory Committee noted the next meeting would be on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Chairman ..... Date .....