

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
at the Parish Hall, St Peter and virtually.

**Present:**

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman (attended virtually)  
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman (attended virtually for items 1-21)  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur  
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert – acting Chairman  
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone (attended virtually for items 1-21)  
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan (present for items 1-20)  
Connétable de St Clément - M. O'D. Troy  
Connétable de Grouville - M. Labey  
Connétable de St Ouën - R. Honeycombe  
Connétable de Ste Marie - R. D. Johnson

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft and the Connétable de St Sauveur - K. C. Lewis.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

H. M. Queen  
Elizabeth II

1. The Comité observed one minutes silence to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Chairman, representing the Connétables, had accompanied the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee and the Chair of Privileges and Procedures Committee at the Lying in State at Westminster Hall of Her late Majesty.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

H.E. Lt.  
Governor

3. The Comité requested the Chairman to write to His Excellency Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd CBE to congratulate him on his appointment as His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor for Jersey and to say that the Connétables looked forward to welcoming the Admiral and Mrs Kyd to individual Parishes during his term of office.

Elections  
(Jersey) Law  
2002 – annual  
statements

4. The Comité approved the template for 2022 annual statements to be sent out by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to every unit of dwelling accommodation in accordance with Article 7(2) of the Elections (Jersey) Law 2002.

2022 elections  
– CPA report

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 9 of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, noted that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association BIMR (British Islands & Mediterranean Region) Election Observation Mission Final Report on the 2022 elections had been published. The Comité decided to consider this at a future meeting.

Community  
Safety Strategy  
– partners  
meeting

6. The Comité was informed that a key priority of the Minister for Home Affairs was to develop a community safety and substance use strategy, working closely with key partners to focus on early intervention and prevention. It was envisaged that this strategy would be aligned with the aims and objectives of the previous Building a Safer Society Strategy. As part of the early development of the strategy, the Minister had invited representatives to an initial meeting of key partners to discuss the priorities and principles for the new strategy. The Comité agree that the Connétables of St Martin and St John should be its representatives.

Cultural  
Diversity  
Centre Steering  
Group

7. The Comité received an invitation from the Minister for Children and Education asking if it wished to nominate a representative to be part of the Cultural Diversity Centre Steering Group. The Council of Ministers 100 Day Action Plan committed to “put in place a plan to open a Cultural Centre, celebrating our cultural identities and bringing Islanders together”. The proposal to establish a Cultural Centre was also identified as a key priority in the “Diversity Forum: Legacy Report” (R.64/2022).

The key functions of the group would be to monitor and assess the effectiveness of the Cultural Diversity Network and to develop and publish a final proposal for the Cultural Diversity Centre for the approval of the Council of Ministers, in line with the delivery schedule. The Group’s agreed final proposal must accord with the Council of Ministers objectives for the establishment of a Cultural Diversity Centre which celebrated Jersey’s cultural identities and brought Islanders together. The Comité agreed the Connétable of St Martin should represent it on the Group and noted that the Connétable of St Peter, in his capacity as Assistant Minister for Children and Education, would also attend meetings.

Parish  
Ecclesiastical  
property –  
guidelines

8. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, gave further consideration to the ‘Guidelines for Connétables and Rectors on Ecclesiastical matters in the Ancient Parishes of Jersey’. The Comité recalled these had been prepared following discussions with the Dean about Parish ecclesiastical property and sought to set out the current position and legislation. The guidelines did not, however, address the potential situation should two or more Parishes share the same Rector and neither was there reference to the situation of a Rector in a part-time capacity also undertaking separate duties on behalf of the Deanery and island church. The Comité decided that these issues should be raised with the Dean prior to the guidelines being adopted.

Honorary  
Police Medal  
for Long and  
Meritorious  
Service - award

9. The Comité was informed of the award of the Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service, instituted by Warrant of Her Majesty the Queen dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014, and registered in the Royal Court on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014, to several officers had been approved by the Bailiff and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. The Royal Warrant ordained that the name of each recipient be recorded in the minutes of the Assemblée Paroissiale of the Parish in which the officer last served or was serving, as the case might be, and also ordained that the names of all recipients be recorded in the minutes of the Comité des Connétables. The Comité noted that presentations were due to be made as follows –

Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service with Bar (21 years’ service)

Susan Fox

Raoul Gear

Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service (12 years’ service)

Michael Byrne

- Clos des Pauvres – community use      10. The Comité considered correspondence regarding the possible use of the Clos des Pauvres for community use. The correspondent understood that every parish was gifted a piece of land – a Clos des Pauvres – and suggested that this land might be used for the community for example tree planting (through The Queens Green Canopy or the JE plc tree planting initiatives), a community smallholding or shared space where the community might gather. The Comité heard of the tree planting schemes already undertaken in various Parishes and noted that the future use of Clos des Pauvres land for such purposes would depend on its suitability for community use, including accessibility for the public and the current leasing arrangements.
- Honorary Police: Avian Influenza/Bird Flu      11. The Comité noted correspondence from the Minister for the Environment asking for assistance in helping to control Avian Influenza/Bird Flu. The request was that, should his Department’s officers require assistance “on the ground” in the enforcement of measures required under the law, they might call upon the services of Honorary Police officers to bolster abilities in achieving compliance with the law and therefore further assist in the reduction of the spread of the disease.
- Merchant Navy Day      12. The Comité noted a message of thanks from Captain B Nibbs RD and his Merchant Navy colleagues to those Connétables who had arranged for the Red Ensign to be flown at their respective Parish Halls on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 to mark Merchant Navy Day. The occasion would next be marked on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.
- Covid-19 Review Panel report      13. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 12 of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, noted the Covid-19 Review Panel report briefing for all States Members had been postponed from September 2022 and would now take place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Société Jersiaise.
- Procureurs du Bien Public – training and role description      14. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 13 of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, received feedback on the training provided for Connétables and the Procureurs du Bien Public. The event had been well received and it was hoped to repeat this on a regular basis in the future.
- Arising from this, and mindful that the next elections for Procureurs du Bien Public would be held in March 2023, the Comité recalled that the role description for the Procureur had been approved by the Royal Court and published on the Parishes websites (minute no. 6 of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 refers). The Connétable of St John offered to prepare an article for publication so that parishioners were aware of the position and duties.
- Office accounts and budget      15. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, approved the office budget for 2022/2023, including for the Comité des Chefs de Police, and that the costs would be shared equally with a contribution from each parish of £10,700 being £10,500 for the Comité des Connétables and £200 for the Comité des Chefs de Police (the decision being in accordance with the rules which required 7 in favour on the third occasion).
- Next meeting      16. The Connétable of St Peter was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meetings would be 1<sup>st</sup> November (if required) and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

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

