

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
at the Town Hall, St Helier and virtually.

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman  
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman (attended virtually)  
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur  
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert  
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone  
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan  
Connétable de St Clément - M. O'D. Troy  
Connétable de Grouville - M. Labey  
Connétable de Ste Marie - R. D. Johnson  
Connétable de St Sauveur - K. C. Lewis

An apology for absence was received from the Connétable de St Ouën - R. Honeycombe.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Mr C J Le H  
Hinault, former  
Connétable of  
St John

1. The Comité recalled, with sadness, the death of Mr C J Le H Hinault and paid tribute to his service as Connétable of St John from 1994 to his retirement in 2000. Mr Hinault had also served as Deputy for St John, as President of the Island Development Committee and had served his Parish in a number of other capacities including the St John Recreation Centre, holding a position there until his passing. One minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Children and  
Young People  
(Jersey) Law  
2022 – public  
consultation on  
draft statutory  
guidance

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 15 of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022, gave initial consideration to the draft statutory guidance in relation to the Parishes' role as 'corporate parent' under the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022. The Law would be enacted in 2023 and the public consultation period was open until 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The Comité decided it should review the statutory guidance and formulate policy on any matter at its next meeting.

2022 elections  
– CPA report

4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, considered the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association BIMR (British Islands & Mediterranean Region) Election Observation Mission Final Report on the 2022 elections. The Comité decided it should review the report and recommendations and formulate policy on any matter at its next meeting.

Cultural  
Diversity  
Centre Steering  
Group

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, noted that the first meeting of the Cultural Diversity Centre Steering Group had been held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 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 was chaired by Deputy I Gardiner and Deputy C Alves was vice-chair.

Community  
Safety Strategy  
– partners  
meeting

6. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, received a report from the Connétable of St Martin on the initial meeting of key partners to discuss the priorities and principles for the new Building a Safer Community Strategy held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The Minister for Home Affairs had outlined that one of her key priorities for her term of office was to build a safer society and to reduce harm. The Connétable of St Peter, in his capacity as Assistant Minister for Children and Education, reported the discussion about creating community hubs. The Comité considered this showed a lack of understanding of the Parishes, which already had networks of volunteers, and of the role of the Honorary Police in seeking to divert individuals from the criminal justice system. Arising from this the Comité noted that the Prison Governor would attend its next meeting to discuss how the Prison and Parishes might work together to support ex-offenders to reintegrate into the community upon release.

Honorary  
Police -  
Platinum  
Jubilee medals

7. The Comité, with partial reference to its minute no. 6 of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, noted that arrangements were being made by the Bailiff's Chief Officer for the presentation by the Bailiff of the Platinum Jubilee Medals to members of Honorary Police on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Town Church. Any person who had been a member of the Honorary Police on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and who had, at that date, completed five years cumulative service in the Honorary Police or any other emergency or armed service, was eligible to receive the medal. The Comité recalled that on the occasions of the Golden and Diamond Jubilees, the medals had been presented at a Parish Hall by H. E. Lieutenant Governor and the Chairman undertook to liaise further with the Chief Officer regarding the venue and event.

Jersey  
Independent  
Covid-19  
Review report

8. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 13 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, noted that the Jersey Independent Covid-19 Review report had been published. Under the Terms of Reference the review examined the effectiveness of the strategic elements of the handling of the pandemic response, including those related to Governance and the role of Parishes, and the report made a number of recommendations. In relation to the Parishes, the report included –

*Over the whole two-year (and continuing) pandemic management period we find that the Government of Jersey, its agents, Jersey's parishes, and the voluntary sector got a lot of things mostly right.*

*xvii. The commonsense contributions of the Honorary Police and the States Police to encouraging compliance and supporting the vulnerable.*

*xviii. All Parishes rose to the challenge with much voluntary effort deployed, adaptations to processes achieved and relief and support systems implemented. The Parish responses were variable: all deserve credit; some were exceptional.*

Jersey  
Christmas  
Appeal

9. The Comité noted that the Jersey Christmas Appeal would again be accepting referrals from parishes and had asked to be notified of the nominated individuals from each Parish who would assist with such requests for assistance (minute no. 12 of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 refers).

National Trust for Jersey – correspondence      10. The Comité noted correspondence from the National Trust for Jersey asking that, rather than Parish Halls refer callers to the Trust where there was a query about land, the callers were instead referred to the online link showing the Trust's land.

States WQ.238/2022 raising awareness of Parish meetings      11. The Comité noted the response issued to WQ.238/2022 regarding raising awareness of Parish meetings. Arising from this, there was a brief discussion about the methods used to publicise meetings including social media, the Gazette and notification by email.

Next meeting      12. The Connétable of St Helier was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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

