

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 10th July 2023
at the Parish Hall, Trinity.

Present:

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone
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
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 Héliel - A. S. Crowcroft; the Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert and the Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan.

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 5th June 2023, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Loi (1914) sur
la Voirie –
inaccuracies in
JEP article

2. The Comité noted correspondence received by the Connétables of St Peter and St Lawrence regarding inaccuracies in the Jersey Evening Post article on 19th June 2023 about the Loi (1914) sur la Voirie. These included that the article referred to “people owning land” being required to cut the branchage, whereas the duty lay with the occupier of the land (or the company (if the property consisted of share transfer flats) or the association of co-owners (if the property was flying freehold)), and to overhanging vegetation being cut “to protect wildlife and flora and stop erosion” whereas the requirement to cut was to ensure there was no encroachment which impacted on the safety of users of roads and footpaths.

Maison des
Landes Hotel
and Community
Hub - visit

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 5th June 2023, accepted an invitation to hold its meeting on 13th November 2023 at the Maison des Landes Hotel, St Ouen, and to tour the newly refurbished premises.

Accounts and
budget

4. The Comité noted the draft unaudited accounts for the Comité des Connétables/ Supervisory Committee office for the year ended 30th April 2023 and that the audited accounts would be available at the next meeting. The Comité approved the budget for 2023/2024, covering staff and office costs, and agreed that each Parish would contribute £11,420 towards the estimated expenditure of £137,140.

*This is also
recorded in the
minutes of the
Supervisory
Committee*

However, the Comité recalled its rules on voting required that where the matter would commit either the Comité or any of the members to any expenditure, the matter should be done and decided by 12 votes in favour on the first occasion and, as 12 members were not present, it agreed the matter should be considered again at the next meeting.

Comité des
Chefs de Police
– accounts and
budget

5. The Comité considered a letter from the Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police regarding the unaudited accounts for the year ending 30th April 2023 and the proposed budget for 2023/2024 showing expenditure of £3,000. The Comité approved the proposed budget and agreed that this would be funded equally by parishes (£250 per Parish). However, the Comité recalled its rules on voting required that where the matter would commit either the Comité or any of the members to any expenditure, the matter should be done and decided by 12 votes in favour on the first occasion and, as 12 members were not present, it agreed the matter should be considered again at the next meeting.

Next meeting

6. The Connétable of Trinity was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 4th September 2023.

Chairman Date

