

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 16th December 2024
at the Parish Hall, St Ouen.

Present:

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur (present for items 1-9)
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 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

Jersey Police
Authority –
discussions
with Chairman

1. The Comité welcomed Mr S. Harman, Chairman of the Jersey Police Authority, to discuss the role of the Authority and partnership working between the Honorary Police and the States of Jersey Police. Mr Harman outlined his background, including service as a special constable in the United Kingdom and as a Centenier in the St Helier Honorary Police. Mr Harman referred to Jersey's unique system of community policing and the support and efficiencies provided by the Honorary Police. The Jersey Police Authority (JPA) was established under Article 4 of the States of Jersey Police Law 2012 and its main duties were to promote and support continuous improvement in the policing of Jersey and to oversee the performance of policing services by the States Police Force (SOJP). The role of the Honorary Police significantly enhanced the role of the SOJP and he spoke about the role of the community police team and the pressure of budget cuts on staffing.

The Comité was informed of the current membership of the Authority and commented on the good co-operation between the 'blue light' services. The importance of the SOJP community police officers was emphasised as were the training courses delivered to members of the Honorary Police by SOJP trainers. Following general discussion, Mr Harman was thanked for attending and then withdrew from the meeting.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meetings held on 18th and 29th November 2024, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Explosives
(Jersey) Law
1970:
fireworks/
distress to
animals

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 18th November 2024 and discussion about noisy fireworks, noted that the current position with regard to amendments to the Explosives (Jersey) Law 1970 had been set out in the response to the written question asked in the States Assembly by Deputy H.M. Miles of the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs (WQ.379/2024).

The Minister had been asked what progress, if any, had been made to amend the regulations of the Explosives (Jersey) Law 1970 to restrict the access to and use of fireworks and had replied that whilst it remained in the legislative programme, work to

reform the regulation of fireworks had been paused, further to a decision to prioritise reform to the Fire Precautions' law, which was a priority for the Fire Service.

Parish
magazines/
newsletters –
household
refuse queries

4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 18th November 2024, noted the Head of Capital Compliance & Administration, Government of Jersey (GoJ), had advised the GoJ logo on adverts placed in Parish magazines would be removed to avoid confusion for the public and reduce calls to GoJ on this subject.

Next meeting

5. The Connétable of St Ouen was thanked for his hospitality, best wishes were extended to all for Christmas and 2025, and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 13th January 2025.

Chairman Date