

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 14th July 2025
at the Public Hall, St Martin.

Present:

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman
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
Connétable de St Sauveur - K. C. Lewis

Apologies:

Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

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 16th June 2025, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Bergerac
filming –
consultations
with Parishes

2. The Comité received the Head of Communications, Visit Jersey, and the Locations Manager for Bergerac, to discuss the filming in Jersey of the new series of Bergerac in September 2025. The Comité was informed of the proposals to film from 7th to 21st September 2025 at various locations and that contact had also been made with the Department for Infrastructure and the States of Jersey Police. Filming at a specific location would often be less, and would never be longer, than a full day and the Bergerac team were most grateful for the co-operation and support received from the Parishes in 2024.

The Comité outlined the Parishes responsibility for by-roads (and that main roads were the responsibility of the Minister for Infrastructure), the use of TrafficWorx to manage events on roads and the benefit of advance notice being given to residents, for example through a letter-drop to addresses, to advise of filming in a specific area. Following discussion, the Head of Communications and the Locations Manager were thanked for attending and then withdrew from the meeting.

Honorary
Police – group
insurance
policies
renewal

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 2 of 16th June 2025, noted that the top-up policy renewal terms had now been confirmed for the excess public liability Honorary Police group insurance policy with Incepta Risk Management Limited (this covered all Parishes except St Helier). The policy provided £5 million cover in excess of the £10 million covered under the main policy. The Comité noted details of the premiums for the year to 30th April 2026 and that invoices for premiums had been sent to the eleven Parishes.

Joined-up public infrastructure framework for an ageing population: P.50/2025	<p>4. The Comité recalled that the States Assembly had adopted the proposition, as amended, entitled “Joined-up public infrastructure framework for an ageing population” (P.50/2025) which was debated on 10th July 2025. In relation to the implications for Parishes, the Connétables commented that many of the proposals sat within the inclusivity policies which they were already seeking to adopt though it was noted that retro-fitting a listed building, such as a Parish Hall, to provide accessibility for all users had its challenges. The Comité had no further comments at this stage.</p>
Twinning initiatives and the Island Identity Project	<p>5. The Comité noted that the Minister for International Development wished to explore ways in which the Island Identity Project could support twinning initiatives and would like to connect with the relevant twinning committees to align ideas and explore potential collaboration. The Comité requested the relevant contact details be provided by Parishes.</p>
Emergency Planning - Bomb Threat Advice, Guidance, and Action Card	<p>6. The Comité noted information from the Deputy Emergency Planning Officer, Government of Jersey, which had been circulated to all Parishes and set out clear guidance in the form of an Action Card for use in the event that the organisation received a bomb threat. The Comité agreed that such information should be disseminated directly to all Connétables, as the main addressee, in the future.</p>
Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service	<p>7. The Comité was informed that the award of the Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service, instituted by Warrant of Her Majesty the Queen dated 1st December 2014, and registered in the Royal Court on 12th 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 congratulated the following and thanked them for their service –</p> <p><u>Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service with 3rd Bar (39 years’ service)</u> Michel Bougeard (St Brelade)</p> <p><u>Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service (12 years’ service)</u> Iain Samson (St Clement) Gordon Jones (St Martin).</p>
Accounts and budget <i>Also recorded in the minutes of the Supervisory Committee</i>	<p>8. The Comité noted the draft unaudited accounts for the office for the year ended 30th April 2025 and that the audited accounts would be available at the next meeting. The Comité approved the budget for 2025/2026, covering staff and office costs, and agreed that each Parish would contribute £13,270 towards the estimated expenditure of c. £163K (this excluded the budget for the Comité des Chefs de Police). 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.</p>
Forthcoming States Business	<p>9. The Comité noted items of forthcoming States Assembly business which might be relevant to Parishes.</p>

Next meeting

10. The Connétable of St Martin was thanked for her hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 15th September 2025.

Chairman Date