

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 15th December 2025
at the Parish Hall, St Mary.

Present:

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman (attended online)
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft
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 Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

In attendance: Mrs S. R. de Gruchy and Mrs S. J. Parkin as Secretaries

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

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2025, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Proposed Budget (Gov. Plan) 2026-2029 (P.70-2025) - Thirty-fourth Amdmt (P.70-2025 Amd 34) Amendment

2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 2 of the 17th November 2025, noted that a “letter of comfort” had been received from the Minister for Treasury and Resources confirming that in her view the Greffier could use underspends in her Head of Expenditure to meet the costs of the election that fell to the States, and that this would be a permitted and regular use of the approval with or without the amendment to the budget proposed by the Comité being approved. To meet her obligations as Accountable Officer under the Public Finances Manual, this would need to be based on evidenced costs incurred. The Comité had withdrawn its Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2026-2029 (P.70-2025) - Thirty-fourth Amendment (P.70-2025 Amd 34) on the basis of this letter subject to the understanding that even if there were no underspends the States were required to meet the costs specified under Article 15 of the Elections (Jersey) Law 2002.

Draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – Honorary Police) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.83/2025)

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 10 of the 17th November 2025, noted that the Draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – Honorary Police) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.83/2025) and the Comité’s amendment to P.83/2025 had been debated in the States and approved on 25th November 2025. The Police (Complaints and Conduct) (Jersey) Law 2022 and subordinate legislation had come into force on 5th December 2025 and any complaint against a member of the Honorary Police, or former member, received from this date would be dealt with under the new processes.

The Comité further noted that the summary page in the register in which to record complaints about members and certain former members of the Honorary Police, under the Complaints and Conduct legislation, had been updated and circulated to all Parishes. The changes to the new legislation on 5th December 2025 were outlined in a short guide

outlining the steps to be taken/information recorded pending a more comprehensive outline and updated flow chart being received from the Law Officers' Department.

The Connétables were due to receive training on the new legislation from Mr C. Stephenson, Chair of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority (JPCA), at the Comité meeting scheduled on 9th February 2026.

Honorary Police – funding for Friend/Buddy training

4. The Comité considered a letter from the Honorary President of the Honorary Police Association (HPA) regarding the use of funds to cover the cost of some Honorary Police officers attending a 2-day Friend/Buddy training course (the funds held had not been specifically allocated for that purpose). The course would be delivered on island and the costs would be shared with the States of Jersey Police. The training was intended to equip Officers with skills to support one another when facing various challenges and would strengthen the Parishes capacity to support members of the Honorary Police and play a part in their overall wellbeing.

The Comité approved the use of up to £1,000 to support this training and agreed that those members of the Honorary Police selected to attend the training should be approved by their respective Chef de Police, and if a Chef de Police wished to attend it should be approved by the Comité des Chefs de Police. The Chairman was requested to reply accordingly.

Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000 – guidance update

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 16 of the 15th September 2025, discussed the updated draft "Procedure for all Connétables to be used to determine an application for a Firearm Certificate (grant, renewal and variation)" reflecting the policies adopted in relation to the granting of a certificate for the possession of firearms and ammunition. The Comité approved the updated document and agreed it should take effect from 1st January 2026. The Comité also approved additional information to be provided by an applicant for a firearm certificate, from 1st January 2026, which would assist a Connétable in determining whether or not to grant or renew a certificate or to vary an existing certificate. This information related to the storage of firearms and ammunition and details of the firearms and ammunition and the reasons for wishing to possess.

Forthcoming States Business

Next meeting

6. The Comité noted the items of forthcoming States Assembly business.

7. The Connétable of St Mary was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted that the next meeting would be on 12th January 2026.

Chairman Date