

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 12th January 2026
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
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

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 15th December 2025, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Store Director
at De Gruchy
Ltd

2. The Comité welcomed the Store Director at De Gruchy Ltd (De Gruchy) to discuss collaboration opportunities with the Parishes. Mr Youden highlighted the De Gruchy's store history together with its importance to the St Helier high street centre and community. Mr Youden explained that efforts were being made to promote the De Gruchy store's arcade with vibrant visuals to enhance the public's shopping experience. Mr Youden wished to display Parish crest signage by way of flags within the arcade. The De Gruchy store arcade could also be used as a venue space to promote Parish events and the Connétable of St Lawrence suggested the presence of an Honorary Police recruitment stall.

The Secretaries would liaise with Mr Youden and the Secretary of the Comité des Chefs de Police to arrange an Honorary Police recruitment stall and explore other Parish presence opportunities within De Gruchy's.

The Comité thanked the De Gruchy's Store Director for his attendance and he then withdrew from the meeting.

Elections for
Centeniers and
Procureurs du
Bien Public

3. The Comité noted that the Royal Court had, on Friday 9th January 2026, ordered the elections of Centeniers and Procureurs du Bien Public. The nomination meetings for Centeniers and Procureurs for all Parishes would be scheduled where possible the first week of February 2026 (or late January 2026).

Dogs (Jersey)
Law 1961 –

4. The Comité noted a good start to the renewal licences for 2026 with over 40% renewed in the first week. A first email reminder had been sent to dog owners who had provided an email address, and two further reminders to renew would be sent later in

licence renewals the month. Consideration would be given for a press release later in January 2026 as a reminder to the public.

The States Veterinary Officer (SVO) and her team had made good progress registering ‘dangerous dogs’, collating the valid insurances and completing their assessments. No issues had been reported regarding the updates to the dog licence system to capture ‘dangerous dogs’ restrictions when renewing dog licences online.

Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service

5. The award of the Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service, instituted by Warrant of Her Majesty the Queen dated 1 December 2014, and registered in the Royal Court on 12th December 2014, to several officers has 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 is serving, as the case may be, and also ordained that the names of all recipients be recorded in the minutes of the Comité des Connétables.

Presentations were due to be made on 9th January 2026 to the following – Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service (12 years’ service):

- Mercedes Pereira, Honorary Police (St Helier); and
- Ben Wheaton, Honorary Police (St Helier)

Correspondence re AI Technologies

6. The Comité considered the correspondence received from a member of the public regarding the Parishes’ adoption of AI technologies. The Connétables confirmed that they continuously reviewed technologies used by their Parish Halls and had already adopted those which streamlined processes and provided a cost-effective service. Technologies such as the driving licence system were adopted island-wide and were used by all Parishes. The driving licence system included an online application for renewing a driving licence, applying for a provisional licence and for replacing a lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed Jersey driving licence.

The adoption of further new technologies would need to be fully assessed to be ‘fit for purpose’ with data protection legislation and financially feasible for the Parishes.

Meeting with members of the JEA

7. The Chair of the Jersey Electoral Authority (JEA) was unable to attend the Comité des Connétables meeting to discuss the general 2026 election proceedings. This meeting would be rescheduled to a later date.

Next meeting

8. The Connétable of St Mary was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted that the next meeting would be on 9th February 2026.

Forthcoming States Business

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

Any other business (AOB)

10. The following items were discussed under AOB:

Jersey Royal Potato Growing Competition 2026 Parish Magazines

a) Jersey Royal Potato Growing Competition 2026: The Comité agreed to take part in the Jersey Royal Growing Competition in 2026.

b) Parish Magazines: The Comité noted that whether a Connétable chose to submit a final article within their Parish Magazine before the June 2026 elections would be at their discretion as to whether they were or not re-standing for election.

Chairman Date