

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 9th March 2026
at Morier House, St Helier.

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 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 Héliér - A. S. Crowcroft
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert

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 9th February 2026, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Big Ride Out
2026 event for
Holidays for
Heroes Jersey

2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 10th March 2025, noted that a request had been received from Mr R Harwood, asking for permission to hold the annual Big Ride Out in aid of Holidays for Heroes on Sunday 24th May 2026, commencing at 11:00 at St Catherine's Breakwater, St Martin, to the Watersplash, St Peter and the organiser had proposed that, this year, the event should proceed without the self-imposed restriction in 2025 of 750 motorcyclists, whilst only expecting circa 500 riders. The event raised invaluable funds that continued to allow the charity to offer holidays to those injured as a result of their service as well as being an event enjoyed by the local biking community and residents alike.

The Comité supported that pre-registration should be compulsory as per the prior year and agreed that, as in previous years, the event would not be a 'convoy' under the Policing of Roads (Jersey) Regulations 1959 and permission was not being given for a parade or procession as the primary concern had to be for the general safety of all road users and ensuring the flow of traffic was not impeded. The organisers must ensure that riders taking part were reminded that all road laws must be obeyed including speed limits, road signs and traffic lights; that using motorbikes at junctions to stop oncoming traffic was an offence and that riders must have general consideration for other road users. The Comité further noted that assistance might be provided by the Honorary Police including with traffic management at traffic junctions without impeding emergency vehicles.

The Chairman was requested to reply to the organiser accordingly and that the route be agreed by the Chefs de Police.

Liberation Day 2026 3. The Comité was informed of advice from the Bailiff's Chambers of the proposed arrangements for the 81st anniversary of Liberation Day on Saturday 9th May 2026. The Parishes could again source tickets for senior citizens wishing to have reserved seating, however for other members of the public tickets would not be issued but would operate on a 'first come first basis'. The Comité requested a notice be placed in the Jersey Gazette and advertised in the Jersey Evening Post (JEP). The Bailiff's Consultative Panel would be contacted with regard to arrangements and the intended event timings on the day with preference being for the States sitting to be in Liberation Square.

Parishes and Government Scrutiny Review Panel – Comité submission 4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 14 of the 12th January 2026, noted that its submission to the Parishes and Government Scrutiny Review Panel had been presented and published online and that the Chairman had attended a public hearing with the Panel on the 4th February 2026.

The Parishes and Government Scrutiny Review Panel had published a list of recommendations for the Parishes to consider and the Connétables agreed to attend a separate extraordinary meeting to solely discuss these recommendations on 25th March 2026, and to determine their responses to the matters raised. The Connétables would liaise individually with their Parish Secretaries, Chefs de Police and Procureurs du Bien Public.

Forthcoming States Business 5. The Comité noted the items of forthcoming States Assembly business.

Chairman Date