Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 15th June 2026
at Parish Hall, St Saviour.

Present:
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan, Chairman
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone, Vice Chairman (items 5 to 17 only)
Connétable de Ste Marie - R. D. Johnson
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de St Brélade – S. Pallett
Connétable de St Hélier – Mrs I. Gardiner
Connétable de St Clément - M. O'D. Troy
Connétable de St Ouën - R. Honeycombe
Connétable de la Trinité – Mrs A. Howell
Connétable de Grouville - M. Labey
Connétable de St Sauveur – D. Curtis
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs T. Palmer

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

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

Comité des Connétables – appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman

1. The Comité received, for information, the rules of the Comité des Connétables which had been approved at the meeting on 21st March 2011 and, in accordance with its rules, appointed a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Connétable of St John presented to the Comité orally his reasons for declaring as a candidate for Chairman and was proposed by the Connétable of St Ouen and seconded by the Connétable of Grouville. There being no other nominations the Connétable of St John was appointed as Chairman and thanks were recorded to the former Connétable of St Brelade for his work as Chairman from 2022-2026.

The Connétable of St Martin was proposed as a candidate for Vice Chairman by the Connétable of St Ouen and seconded by the Connétable of Trinity. There being no other nominations the Connétable of St Martin was appointed as Vice Chairman.

The Comité authorised the bank mandates to be amended accordingly (two signatures were required for all transactions; the signatories were the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretaries of the Comité).

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2026, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Comité meetings – frequency and public attendance

3. The Comité discussed the frequency of meetings which were usually held monthly, except in August, on a Monday. The Comité decided to continue with this frequency.

The Comité agreed to continue to open the meetings to the public for items that would be non-exempt under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (FOI). The Comité recalled that, at its meeting on 6th December 2021, it was supportive of greater transparency and openness, wherever possible. The Comité minutes were published, following approval, unless exempt under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011, but publication of the agenda in separate parts (open and closed) would require additional resources. The Comité was also reminded that parliamentary privilege only applied within

the States Assembly so Connétables would need to be circumspect during discussion of items.

Comité representatives on other groups

4. The Comité appointed or confirmed representatives of the Comité des Connétables to the following positions:

Bailiff's Consultative Panel: the Chairman of the Comité was an ex officio member of the Panel.

Emergencies Council: in accordance with Article 1(1)(c) of the Emergency Powers and Planning (Jersey) Law 1990 the Connétable of St John was nominated to serve on the Council (the other members specified in law were the Chief Minister, the Minister for Home Affairs, the Minister for Economic Development, the Minister for Transport and Technical Services and the Minister for Health and Social Services).

Justice System Board: further information was requested in relation to the role and duties of the Board if still active.

Corporate Parenting Board: the Connétable of Trinity would act as its representative.

Early Learning Childcare Partnership: the Connétable of St Helier would act as its representative.

Honorary Police (HP) group insurance: the Connétables of St Peter and St Mary were nominated to the Panel which oversaw and reviewed the HP group insurance policies with one representative each of the Comité des Chefs de Police (CCP) and of the Honorary Police Association (HPA).

Stray dogs: the Connétables of Trinity and St Mary would act as its representatives.

IT strategy: the Connétables of St Peter, St John, St Lawrence, St Saviour and St Helier were appointed to the sub-committee. A meeting date would be arranged shortly.

Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002 - Retention Schedule

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 15th September 2025, recalled that the data retention schedule prepared in accordance with the Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002 was due for review and update and would be included on a future agenda.

The current retention schedule specified that Connétables' correspondence should be archived and all Connétables needed to ensure that correspondence relating to Parish matters was copied to the Parish office, particularly if this was received or sent using a 'gov.je email account', for access and filing.

Outgoing Connétables

6. The Comité agreed arrangements to mark the retirement of the outgoing Connétables of St Lawrence, Trinity, St Brelade, St Saviour and St Helier.

On behalf of the Comité, the Chairman thanked the outgoing Connétables for their support over the last four years and a vote of thanks was recorded to the former Chairman of the Comité des Connétables, Mr M. K. Jackson, and to the former Vice-Chairman of the Comité des Connétables, Mrs D. W. Mezbourian.

Date of next meeting

7. The Comité thanked the Connétable of St Saviour for his hospitality and noted that the next meeting would be on 13th July 2026 at St Clement Parish Hall.

Chairman …….. Date ……