

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 18th April 2016
at the Parish Hall, Grouville.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Héliér - A. S. Crowcroft (not present for items 1 - 3 and 14)
Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan
Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock
Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett
Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard (present for items 1 – 5 and 14)
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian and the Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary
Mrs D L Wootton, Secretary Honorary Police (present for items 1 – 5 and 14)

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

- Minutes 1. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2016, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Honorary Police – Comité des Chefs de Police 2. The Comité received correspondence from the Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police and noted that Centenier D W Scaife and Centenier M C R Bougeard had been re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of that Comité.
- Honorary Police – training costs 3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 8 of 18th May 2015, noted a report from the Honorary Police Training Group outlining the shorter training course format being delivered by the States of Jersey Police for Honorary Police officers. The Comité queried the proposed charge for a visit to Police Headquarters (listed as an additional course) and asked that this be clarified.
- Honorary Police – Centeniers quarterly meetings 4. The Comité considered correspondence from the Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police reporting the recommendation of the Comité des Chefs de Police that the quarterly meetings for Centeniers should continue to be held as, notwithstanding and appreciating the costs incurred by the individual hosting Parish every three years, it was nevertheless a unanimous decision amongst those present that such an informal occasion should continue to exist as it provided an excellent opportunity for Centeniers across the Island to socialize and discuss matters pertinent to their unique voluntary service provided within the judicial system. Following discussion the Connétables agreed, for the time being, to continue the current format for the Centeniers quarterly meetings and requested the Chairman to reply accordingly.

Honorary
Police LSGCM

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 9 of 14th September 2015, recorded 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 two 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 and a list of recipients was set out below.

Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service with Bar (21 yrs service)

Stuart Dawson McAlister

Peter Robert Gaudin Searle

HPA accounts
and budget

6. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 14th March 2016, recalled that it had received the Honorary Police Association (HPA) accounts for 2015/16 and budget for 2016/17 and that it had approved the proposed budget expenditure of £6,900, subject to its further consent being required prior to any website development. The Comité had decided that the parishes would fund a subscription of £17 per officer but its rules required the assent of all members on the first occasion and not all members had been present. In accordance with its rules the Comité now decided, with 10 votes in favour, that for each officer in post on 1st May 2016 parishes would contribute £17 towards the 2016/17 HPA subscription.

Licensing law
consultation

7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 14th March 2016, approved a response to the Licensing law consultation and requested the Chairman to write accordingly.

Dogs
(Amendment
No. 4) (Jersey)
Law 2016

8. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 9 of 11th January 2016, noted that the Dogs (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 2016 had been registered and would come into force on 1st May 2016. The amendment made a number of changes to the law including in relation to the procedure on seizure of dogs that were dangerously out of control and also provided for the licence fee to be set by Order of the Comité. The Comité noted that the Dogs (Licence Duty) (Jersey) Regulations 2004 remained in force until the coming into force of the first Order made under Article 4(5) that prescribed the fee for the issuing of a licence and agreed to consider the licence fee further at a future meeting.

Data Protection
(Jersey) Law
2005 – TUO
data sharing
agreements

9. The Comité was informed that the States of Jersey “Tell Us Once” (TUO) program provided for the registration of deaths and would shortly have a facility for persons leaving the island to notify that change. This information would assist parishes to keep personal data updated and the Comité agreed the ‘Memorandum of Understanding in respect of Data Sharing in the Administration of Tell Us Once (“TUO”)’ in respect of both facilities and authorised the Chairman to sign on behalf of all parishes.

Data Protection
(Jersey) Law
2005 – parish
data sharing
agreements

10. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 10 of 7th December 2016, confirmed the Data Sharing Agreement between the parishes (this covered the information collected by parishes pursuant to the statutory services provided including those relating to Electoral Register and jury service administration; Parish Rates; Driving Licences; Dog licences; Firearm certificates and personal information about elected (honorary) officers and volunteers) and agreed the Chairman should sign it on behalf of all parishes.

Public
Elections
(Jersey) Law
2002 - Electoral
Registers and
CAF address
database

11. The Comité noted that the Chairman had written to the Chief Minister regarding funding for a new electoral system to maintain electoral registers in accordance with the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002. The electoral register system (ERS) used a SQL copy of the CAF (central address file) database which was to be decommissioned and amending ERS to use CAF would involve a significant amount of work. In addition, the States had agreed two proposals which were currently being investigated and might result in further significant changes to the law (P.110/2013 (D)(a) and P.10/2016). A new system might therefore be required to deliver future changes and was likely to be the more cost-effective option. The Chairman was seeking confirmation that the States would provide immediate funding for a new electoral system and that ERS would not be jeopardised by the decommissioning of the SQL database; a reply was awaited.

H.E. Lt
Governor -
retirement

12. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 14 of 14th March 2016, recalled that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor would be retiring in November 2016 and approved arrangements to recognise the great interest in the parishes shown by Sir John and Lady McColl during their term of office.

Next meeting

13. The Connétable of Grouville was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité agreed the next meeting would be on 23rd May 2016.

Chairman Date