

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
at the Parish Hall, St Saviour.

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman  
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman (not present for item 18)  
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft (not present for items 1-3 and 12)  
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  
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre  
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 Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan.

In attendance: Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Serious Case  
Review

2. The Comité received the Director of Adult Services, Health & Social Services Department (HSSD), who presented the outcomes of the Serious Case Review in respect of 'Mr Arthur' and gave an update on subsequent developments. The review concluded that whilst Mr Arthur's death was predictable, it was not clear whether or not it would have been preventable. It was noted that there were missed opportunities for agencies to become more involved in making a positive difference to his life. It was recommended that people who took high risk decisions and/or did not engage with services should have their capacity to make this decision assessed at regular intervals and be contacted to check their choice remained the same.

The Director outlined the actions taken since the review to provide an integrated Safeguarding Adult Team which managed and monitored all referrals regarding neglect. There was also a single point of referral as part of the HSSD Community and Social Services Adult Service which received all Adult Protection Notices sent by the States of Jersey Police Public Protection Unit. The Director sought to re-engage, and improve partnership working, with each parish to establish a framework for better managing and supporting high risk complex individuals.

The Comité queried whether the partnership would work in both directions and the extent to which a parish might be alerted to, and included in the management and monitoring of, a vulnerable adult parishioner. The Director recognised the need for 2-way communication and advised that the degree of parish involvement would be based on the level of risk. Following discussion the Comité agreed that the Director should contact parishes individually to set up an appropriate partnership. The Director was thanked for attending and then withdrew.

- Consultation – liquor licensing law
3. The Comité received the Head of Policy and Legislation and the Policy Manager, Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department (EDTSC), to discuss the liquor licensing law consultation and proposals to replace the Licensing Assembly with an administrative body. The Comité was informed that the proposed administrative body would meet every 6 weeks with a standard 19 day turn around for an application. An applicant would be required to provide relevant reports at the date of application and there might be some flexibility so that a Parish Assembly need not be convened if no parishioner wished to comment on an application. Following discussion the Comité agreed to consider and respond to the consultation which closed on 19th April 2016. The Director, Social Policy, and the Policy and Research Officer, Community and Constitutional Affairs Department, were present during this discussion.
- Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Special Occasions) (Jersey) Order 2015 - Fete du Noué 2016
4. The Comité, with the Director, Social Policy, and the Policy and Research Officer, Community and Constitutional Affairs Department, and the Head of Policy and Legislation and the Policy Manager, Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department, in attendance, noted that the Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Special Occasions) (Jersey) Order 2015, designated six Sundays as a special occasion and, in 2016, the first would be on 13<sup>th</sup> November which was Remembrance Sunday. As each Connétable might grant a blanket permit in respect of any special occasion, and might impose such conditions on the opening of shops as he or she thought fit, the Comité decided it was for each Connétable to determine the blanket permit he or she wished to grant for Remembrance Sunday. The officers were thanked for attending and then withdrew from the meeting.
- Liberation Day 2016
5. The Comité received the Bailiff's Chief Officer who briefed Connétables on the proposals to mark the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of Jersey on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The proposed programme would be similar to that in 2014 but more focused to reduce the overall length of the event. Ticketed seats would be available to parishes (for parishioners who were present in Jersey during the occupation, or who were evacuated or interned and who subsequently returned, or who served in the Armed Forces during this period) and it was hoped to encourage family groups to attend. Following discussion the Comité noted the proposals and requested that parish groups should be able to arrive shortly before the event to avoid the elderly having to be seated for too long, particularly if the weather was inclement. The Chief Officer was thanked for attending and then withdrew.
- Freedom of Info. (Jersey) Law 2011 – branchage info.
6. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, reviewed the information available about the '*visite du branchage*' on the parish website and agreed it should include that the Parish Hall could be contacted to discuss any query about an administrative penalty or an order to remove branchage.
- National Trust for Jersey – 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary
7. The Comité considered a letter on behalf of the Council of the National Trust for Jersey inviting each Connétable to accept 6 elm trees for planting in their parish as part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Trust for Jersey. The Connétables gave their support to this project and requested the Chairman to reply accordingly.
- Transforming care for survivors
8. The Comité considered an offer from Senator Z Cameron to deliver the presentation "Transforming care for survivors" which might provide a better understanding of how to recognise families at risk of abuse and what type of intervention could help. The Comité considered this would be more appropriate for members of community support teams and Honorary Police officers and agreed to invite Senator Cameron to contact individual Parish Halls to make arrangements.

Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman (CIFO) 9. The Comité noted that the Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman (CIFO) was an independent office set up by law to resolve complaints about financial services provided in or from the Channel Islands (Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark) and had ‘opened for business’ on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Assisted Digital and e-parishes 10. The Comité received a report from the Connétable of St Brelade on the eGovernment programme “Assisted Digital” which was intended to help those less able (e.g. not computer literate, disabled etc.) to access online government services and might be delivered through various agents including the Library, the Social Security Department and the parishes. eGov was keen to partner with parishes and provide this service through Parish Halls. Equipment would be provided by the States, but would require parish staff assistance when parishioners called in for help (staff training would be provided). It was proposed that three parishes (St Brelade, St Clement and St Mary) might be used for a pilot scheme before deciding whether all Connétables would be prepared to offer such a service through their own Parish Hall. The Comité noted the proposed pilot scheme and that further details about this initiative, and about future e-parishes work, would be available in due course.

Next meeting 11. The Connétable of St Saviour was thanked for her hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at St Clement.

Chairman .....*L. Norman*..... Date .....*14/03/2016*.....