

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 12th October 2015
at the Parish Hall, St Ouen.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Héliér - A. S. Crowcroft
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian (present for items 6 - 11)
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
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

An apology for absence was received from the Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre.

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 14th September 2015, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Explosives (Jersey) Law 1970 – retail sale of fireworks 2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 16 of 14th September 2015, approved changes to the conditions imposed on a licence permitting the retail sale of fireworks. The changes, which had been agreed with the Director Prevention and Protection, Jersey Fire and Rescue, grouped the conditions under relevant headings; clarified that weights were ‘net mass’ and updated references to the types of fireworks which were prohibited for sale. The changes also provided for the retail sale all year of pyrotechnics used as marine flares and of fireworks where the order for the purchase and contract of sale was conducted through a website and the fireworks so purchased were delivered by the retailer to the address provided by the purchaser.
- Education (Jersey) Law 1999 – non-school attendance 3. The Comité received the Principal Educational Psychologist, Education, Sport and Culture (ESC), to discuss a paper regarding the Parish Hall Enquiry system and its use to support ESC in fulfilling its statutory responsibilities in the area of school attendance. Article 12 of the Education (Jersey) Law 1999 set out the duty of a parent of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that the child received full-time education. ESC had a staged approach to intervention and support for families to ensure that non-attendance was addressed but, in a handful of cases, there was a need to escalate the response as school non-attendance was a statutory offence.
- Following discussion the Comité confirmed that the Honorary Police would continue to assist ESC to fulfil its statutory responsibilities in the area of school attendance, in accordance with the law, and requested that the Principal Educational Psychologist liaise with the Comité des Chefs de Police regarding the operational

process. Having been thanked for attending the Principal Educational Psychologist then withdrew from the meeting.

- Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 – annual report to Licensing Assembly
4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 12th January 2015, considered the recommendations of the sub-committee set up to work with the Judicial Greffier to develop a consistent reporting style for the “books” presented annually to the Licensing Assembly and for the information to be made available to the Assembly 2 or 3 days before the sitting. The Comité supported the proposed changes and noted that final approval was awaited from the Judicial Greffier.
- Honorary Police – swearing-in of Centeniers
5. The Comité considered feedback following the recent swearing-in of Procureurs du Bien Public and of Centeniers. The Judicial Greffier had outlined alternative options in relation to the swearing-in process for Centeniers and, having discussed these, the Comité supported the announcement of the election results by the Crown in alphabetic Parish order and then for successful candidates to be called forward in a block (rather than being called forward one at a time as the result was given). The Secretary was requested to convey the Comité’s views to the Judicial Greffier.
- Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011
6. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 13 of 14th September 2015, noted a briefing paper prepared by the FOI Supervisor (Parishes) concerning the implementation of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 for the parishes.
- Honorary Police - Comité des Chefs de Police budget
7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 10 of 14th September 2015, gave further consideration to the budget for the Comité des Chefs de Police for 2015/16. In accordance with the Comité’s rules on voting where the matter would commit either the Comité or any of the members to any expenditure the matter should be done and decided by 7 votes in favour on the third occasion and accordingly the Comité agreed that parishes would contribute £1,500 and that this would be funded equally by parishes (£125 per parish).
- Office – 2015/16 budget
8. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 11 of 14th September 2015, gave further consideration to the office budget for 2015/16. In accordance with the Comité’s rules on voting where the matter would commit either the Comité or any of the members to any expenditure the matter should be done and decided by 7 votes in favour on the third occasion and accordingly the Comité confirmed the office budget for 2015/16, that parishes would contribute £74,400 and that this would be funded equally by parishes (£6,200 per parish).
- David Kirch Charitable Trust Christmas vouchers
9. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 17 of 17th November 2014, agreed that parishes would distribute the David Kirch Charitable Trust Christmas vouchers from 30th November to 11th December 2015 inclusive and that publicity should be given through a media release, parish newsletters and websites.
- Next meeting
10. The Connétable of St Ouen was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 9th November 2015,

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date9/11/2015.....