

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
at the Parish Hall, St Peter.

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman  
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman  
Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft (not present for items 1 - 3)  
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian  
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 Jean - C. H. Taylor  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan; the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard; and 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Honorary  
Police  
Association –  
accounts for  
2017/18 and  
budget for  
2018/19

2. The Comité received the President of the Honorary Police Association (HPA) who presented the Association's accounts for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and the proposed budget for 2018/2019. The Comité noted the accounts for 2017/18 showed income of £3,912 and expenditure of £3,432 resulting in a surplus of £480 with a balance carried forward of £4,719. The Comité was informed that the accounts included provision for promotional materials to assist with the election of new members to the Honorary Police. The Comité then approved the proposed budget expenditure for 2018/2019 of £3,700 and decided that the parishes would fund a subscription of £17 per officer (based on the number of officers at 1<sup>st</sup> May) but, as this committed members of the Comité to expenditure and its rules required the assent of all members on the first occasion, the Comité agreed it should be further considered at the next meeting. The President, having been thanked for his work on behalf of the Association and for attending the meeting, then withdrew from the meeting.

Online planning  
applications -  
update

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, received the Senior Planner, Planning Department, and the Business Relationship Manager, Information Services, who gave a briefing on the online planning application scheme and the provision of devices to Parish Halls to enable members of the public to view applications online. Paper plans for minor schemes would no longer be provided to a parish; paper plans would continue for major schemes but reduced to only the relevant plans and would not include the application forms, supporting statements or reports – this supported the target reduction in postage costs but also complied with GDPR by not sending personal information. Providing government services digitally increased the

transparency of government and reduced costs but the Planning Department appreciated the disadvantages for parishioners and groups within parishes, including the Roads Committees. Queries regarding applications should therefore be referred to Planning Department staff who would, if required, attend by agreement at a Parish Hall to explain plans should the enquirer be unable to visit the Planning Department. Parish staff would not be expected to assist with enquiries about planning applications. The devices to be installed at parish halls would remain the responsibility of Information Services and would be updated as new services were made available online.

The Comité also discussed the method for submitting comments on behalf of a parish and the notifications provided to parishes about applications received and the determination of applications. Following discussion the officers were thanked for attending and then withdrew from the meeting.

Statistics Jersey

4. The Comité considered a paper from Statistics Jersey requesting parish owned administrative data to supplement data already received from other sources with the aim to produce an e-census. The data would only be used for statistical purposes and would not be published or disseminated in a manner likely to enable the identification of any particular individual, household or body without the necessary consent (Article 13 of the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law). The Comité agreed, in principle, to the request provided there was no cost to the parishes and noted that details of the data requested would be outlined in a Data Sharing Agreement.

Public  
Elections  
(Jersey) Law  
2002 and the  
2018 elections

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, discussed matters relating to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and the 2018 elections as follows -

- a) Polling station costs – the Comité noted the offer of £2,300 per polling station to cover costs relating to the expenses to be incurred for the election of Senators (Article 15 of the law required all other costs of setting up, printing and other expenses to be met by the parish). The 2014 contribution was £2,100 per polling station.
- b) Order of elections – the Comité noted that the Royal Court, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, had ordered the elections for Senators, Connétables and Deputies and that the required Gazette and church box notices advertising the nomination meetings to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 had been placed in accordance with the requirements of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002.

Silkworth  
Extreme Team  
Challenge

6. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, considered a letter from the Chief Executive Officer of Silkworth Charity Group asking permission to hold the annual Silkworth Extreme Team Challenge on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. The Comité requested the Chairman to reply that, subject to cyclists complying with legal requirements and not using footpaths designated solely for pedestrians, the Connétables were content with the holding of the proposed event but asked that the organisers liaise directly with each Connétable about the specific routes through his/her parish as the Connétable might wish to make further comment, offer advice or impose conditions.

Next meeting

7. The Connétable of St Peter was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be held following the forthcoming elections.

The Chairman thanked all Connétables for their support and wise counsel, and particularly for their friendship and work, over the last 3½ years. These sentiments were reciprocated by all Connétables who thanked the Connétable of St Clement for serving as Chairman and also thanked the Secretary for her work.

Chairman .....*D W Mezbourian*..... Date .....*11/06/2018*.....

