

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
at the Town Hall, St Helier.

**Present:**

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman  
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft  
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian  
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 Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre (not present for items 8, 9 and 18)  
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor (not present for items 8, 9 and 18)  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

An apology for absence was received from the Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman.

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> February 2018, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Honorary  
Police (Jersey)  
Law 1974 –  
requests for  
assistance  
under Article  
5A for 2018  
events

2. The Comité considered a paper setting out the events in 2018 for which Connétables of various parishes requested the assistance of the Honorary Police of other parishes in accordance with the Honorary Police (Jersey) Law 1974.

The Connétables, pursuant to Article 5A of the 1974 Law, signed a document to confirm their permission for members of the Honorary Police of their Parish, subject to the operational requirements of their home Parish as determined by the Chef de Police or the Duty Centenier, to assist at any of the events and requested that a copy of the document should be circulated for the information of the Honorary Police in all parishes.

Draft Licensing  
(No. 19)  
(Jersey)  
Regulations  
201-  
(P.49/2018)

3. The Comité noted that the draft Licensing (No. 19) (Jersey) Regulations 201-(P.49/2018), if approved, would amend the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 to grant first category Taverners' licensed premises permissions to open for an additional 2 hours on the nights of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to mark the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. Prince Henry of Wales and Ms. Meghan Markle on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Hon. Police –  
Centeniers  
training

4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 14 of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, noted that a training course for Centeniers was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

Liberation 2018 and “Liberation 75” in 2020

5. The Comité received the Bailiff’s Chief Officer who briefed Connétables on the proposed arrangements to mark the anniversary of the Liberation on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The arrangements would broadly follow the same format as the previous year and would include a States sitting, service of thanksgiving and march past. There was discussion regarding the role of States members and the Comité made a number of comments including that:

- a) whilst the format should remain unchanged in 2018, as Connétables they considered they should be with their parishioners;
- b) the Parish Senior Citizens (who were resident in Jersey during the Occupation, those evacuated or those serving in the forces at that time) and their immediate and extended families, though reducing in number, should be at the centre of the Liberation Square event;
- c) the timing of the event should not impinge on events and services traditionally held in other parishes to mark Liberation; and
- d) the island’s official memorial at Noirmont, St Brelade, did not feature in the plans and this should be reviewed.

The celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020 were also mentioned and the Chief Officer invited feedback and suggestions which could be taken into account as plans were developed.

Great War / Remembrance Day 2018

6. The Comité received the Bailiff’s Chief Officer who briefed Connétables on the current plans to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War and for Remembrance Day in 2018. The Chief Officer outlined the various initiatives facilitated by the Bailiff’s Chambers since 2014 and gave a briefing on the possible events during 2018. The Comité commented that, on Remembrance Sunday, each Connétable attended the ceremony at the war memorial in his/her parish.

Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and the 2018 elections

7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, discussed matters relating to the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and the 2018 elections as follows –

- a) Online application to register as an elector – the Comité noted the service was live on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 following the change to the 2002 law and almost 1,000 applications had been received to date though some 75% of those using the service were already registered as electors.
- b) Notice of registered voters – the Comité recalled that, in accordance with Article 7A of the 2002 law, it had approved the form of notice of registered voters and noted these would be printed and dispatched on 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- c) Ballot papers – the Comité agreed there should be a service level agreement (SLA) with the printer of the ballot papers and requested the Secretary to draft this with the Judicial Greffier.
- d) Ballot box – the Comité noted that in accordance with Article 26(6) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, a ballot box should be marked in a manner approved by the Comité to indicate the public election for which it was being used and should be made according to a model approved by the Comité. The Comité therefore confirmed:
  - i) *The Connétable shall furnish an official ballot box for the election in each voting district or constituency.*
  - ii) *Each box must be capable of being securely sealed.*
  - iii) *In the top of the box there must be an opening large enough to allow a single folded ballot to be inserted. There must be a device by which the opening may be covered or uncovered.*

- iv) *The lid of the box must be hinged to allow the whole of the interior of the box to be made visible to the public prior to it being securely sealed at the commencement of the taking of the poll.*
- v) *The box must be large enough to receive the ballots deposited in it at any election, its volume commensurate with the number of potential ballots as evidenced on the electoral register in force.*
- vi) *The box must be robust and capable of being sealed securely at the aperture.*
- vii) *The box shall be marked as the ballot box for the election.*

States  
Chamber: 130<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary  
tour

8. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 9 of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, noted a letter of thanks had been sent to all Connétables for the assistance they and the parishes provided in hosting the exhibition on the history of the opening of the States Chamber.

Next meeting

9. The Connétable of St Helier was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Chairman .....*L Norman*..... Date .....*5/4/2018*.....