

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
at the Parish Hall, Trinity.

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman  
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman  
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft (not present for items 1 – 7 and 14)  
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian  
Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock  
Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett  
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 Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan; the Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer and the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard.

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

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

MTFP 2016-  
2020: solid and  
liquid waste  
charges

1. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 2 of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, received the Minister and the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure, the Chief Officer, the Finance Director and the Director – Operations, Department for Infrastructure (DfI), who provided an update on user-pays waste charges for non-householders. The Comité was reminded that the DfI budget had been reduced by £18.85 million as part of the contribution to the £47 million needed for investment in health, education and for other States priorities; the reduction in budget would be covered by efficiency savings of £7.5 million and the introduction of waste charges to raise £11.35 million. The States Assembly would debate the Draft Drainage (Jersey) Law 2005 (Appointed Day) Act 201- (P.38/2017 (re-issue)) on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The Comité was briefed on the liquid waste service provided by DfI and on the calculation of the proposed non-householder charge; this would be based on 95% of the volume of water consumed but individual audits would be undertaken for certain businesses such as dairy farmers and other customers producing abnormal loads and trade effluent. In reply to questions, the Comité was informed of the proposals for administering the waste charge and that the full charge would be introduced from 2019 with a 50% discount in 2018. The proposals for the non-householder user pays charge for solid waste was also outlined and it was hoped to lodge proposals for debate in autumn 2017. Following discussion the delegation was thanked for attending the meeting and then withdrew.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

eGov – TUO  
change of  
address data

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 12 of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016, received the proposed data sharing agreement for the eGov change of address TUO (Tell Us Once) process. The Comité noted that the framework for the TUO process was set out in the ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ (MOU) it had previously agreed to be party to, and the

sharing agreement	proposed data sharing agreement would form a new appendix to that MOU. Having considered the agreement, the Comité authorised the Chairman to sign it on behalf of all parishes.
General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)	4. The Comité was informed that the European Union (EU) had recently approved the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which was the largest change to the protection of personal data since the Directive in 1995. The GDPR would come into effect for EU Member States on 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 and was likely to be incorporated into local law. The Comité noted that parish officers had attended initial briefings about the changes and further information would be made available in due course.
International driving permits - cost	5. The Comité reviewed the cost of the International Driving Permit (IDP) issued by Connétables pursuant to the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Jersey) Regulations 1958. The permit was only valid for one year and was not valid without the Jersey driving licence. The Comité decided not to seek an increase in the current charge of £10 at the present time.
Parish trusts	6. The Comité recalled that all parishes had various trusts arising from bequests, some being specific to an individual parish but others, such as the Don Gruchy, benefitting all parishes. Following discussion the Comité considered a summary might be prepared, in due course, of the various trusts and purposes for which the funds should be applied.
Office - accounts 2016/17 and budget 2017/18 <i>This is also recorded in the minutes of the Supervisory Committee</i>	7. The Comité received the unaudited accounts for the Comité des Connétables/Supervisory Committee for the year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 which anticipated a small surplus of income over expenditure; the audited accounts would be available for the next meeting. The Comité approved the proposed office budget for 2017/18 estimating expenditure in a sum of £79,635 which included the increase in cost of office accommodation, audit and staffing. The Comité decided that the costs would be shared equally between the Parishes (£6,635 per Parish). However, the Comité recalled its rules on voting required that where the matter would commit either the Comité or any of the members to any expenditure, the matter should be done and decided by 12 votes in favour on the first occasion and, as 12 members were not present, it agreed the matter should be considered again at the next meeting.
Q -Safe Taxi Marshal Scheme and funding	8. The Comité consider a letter from the Chairman of Safer St Helier seeking financial contributions to fund the annual cost (c. £21,000) to run the Q-Safe Taxi Marshals. The scheme was now in its tenth year and the Safer St Helier Community Partnership had managed the service by raising funds of almost £225,000 from the three main beneficiaries i.e. the passengers, the taxi drivers and the hospitality businesses, but it was hoped that the parishes would consider the scheme a worthy charitable cause to support.  The Comité recognised the excellent work done by the Partnership but regarded the service as a commercial operation supporting the night time economy. The scheme provided a very worthwhile service which should be supported and encouraged but it was not considered to be ‘charitable’ cause and financial support could not be provide from funds set aside for charitable grants, nor did Connétables consider the costs should be borne by parish ratepayers. It was suggested that advertising might be considered as an income stream and the Connétable of St Helier offered to arrange a meeting with stakeholders and local businesses in the Weighbridge area to discuss the service and other issues.

Community  
Group –  
nomination

9. The Comité considered correspondence from the Chief Minister inviting it to nominate a Connétable to sit on the Community Group which would be established by the Council of Ministers. In response to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry (IJCI), the Council proposed to strengthen arrangements for ministerial oversight of social policy matters in the round, including policy matters that were not directly targeted at children and young people living in the community but which might, nevertheless, have some impact on their lives. It had therefore been agreed that the existing Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy group (CAVA) should be enhanced. This would include establishing CAVA as a formal sub-group of the Council of Ministers, to be known as the Council of Minister's Community Group and to be chaired by the Chief Minister; increasing the capacity of that Community Group to consider broader social policy issues, whilst also allowing for detailed examination of key areas of work such as oversight of serious case reviews, through the establishment of a structure of special interest groups; and seeking to involve other States members in both the Community Group and the associated special interest groups. The Comité nominated the Chairman to join both the Community Group and the special interest group focusing on adult and child protection.

States Members  
– qualification  
for election

10. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017, noted a paper from the Assistant Greffier of the States on the work of the Privileges and Procedures Committee regarding States Members' qualification for election and decided to consider this at its next meeting.

Public  
Elections  
(Jersey) Law  
2002 – 2018  
elections

11. The Comité considered a paper regarding the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and the forthcoming election of States Members in May 2018. The Comité recalled that there would be no change to the current constituencies, or to the membership of the States Assembly, prior to the May 2018 elections and therefore approved a provisional timetable with nomination meetings to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (for candidates for election as Senator) and on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (for candidates for election as Connétable and Deputy).

The Comité agreed that the annual statements to be sent to every unit of dwelling accommodation in accordance with Article 7 of the Law should include a notice reminding of the 2018 elections. The Comité noted that in due course the wording of notice of registered electors, to be sent out in accordance with Article 7A of the law, would have to be agreed and the electoral register system might require amended to generate such notices.

Loi (1914) sur  
la Voirie –  
composition of  
Roads  
Committee

12. The Comité was informed by the Connétable of St Helier that he would be seeking the views of a Parish Assembly on the composition of the Roads Committee as set out in the Loi (1914) sur la Voirie. The Loi provided that for the Parish of St Helier, the Roads Committee should consist of the Connétable (as President), the Rector and 5 Principals of the parish. The view of the Roads Committee was that the Rector should not be a voting member and, instead, another Principal should be elected as a voting member. Should the proposal be supported by the Parish Assembly he would take an amendment to the States for approval but he wished to consult with fellow Connétables before doing so. Having discussed the proposals, the Connétables decided that if it was the wish of a St Helier Parish Assembly to seek such an amendment in respect of the constitution of the St Helier Roads Committee they would not wish to interfere but none sought any change to the composition of the Roads Committees in other parishes which was the Connétable, as President, the Rector and three Principals resident in the parish.

Next meeting

13. The Connétable of Trinity was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting was on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Chairman .....*L Norman*..... Date .....*18/09/2017*.....

