

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
at the Parish Hall, St Clement.

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman  
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman (not present for item 15)  
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard (not present for item 9)  
Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson  
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre  
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur  
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert (not present for items 9 and 13)  
Connétable de Ste Marie - J. M. Le Bailly (not present for items 11, 12 and 13)  
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone (not present for item 15)

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman  
and the Connétable de St Ouën - R. A. Buchanan.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

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| Minutes  | 1. The minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.  |
| Honorary<br>Police – group<br>insurance<br>policies                  | 2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019, noted a change to the Director at Islands (formerly known as Islands Insurance) with responsibility for overseeing the Group Honorary Police policies (covering all parishes except St Helier).   |
| Liberation 2019  | 3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019, noted a letter of thanks from the Bailiff for the assistance given by parishes to mark Liberation Day 2019.   |
| Zero Emissions<br>Round Island<br>drive – Electric<br>Vehicle Owners | 4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019, noted that further to its response to a proposed drive/convoy to raise awareness of zero emission vehicles on 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2019, the organisers had advised that rather than a convoy, parade or procession of vehicles, they were “going to advise all drivers to drive as if they were driving by themselves on the roads, giving way to other vehicles, keeping to speed limits, etc.”. |
| Centenary of<br>Women’s<br>Suffrage in<br>Jersey (2019)              | 5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018, noted that the States Greffe had produced a commemorative booklet and leaflets which delved into the historical journey of women’s suffrage in Jersey from the Victorian era through to the current day. These were available for distribution, including from parish halls, and advertised forthcoming celebratory events to mark the special anniversary.                                   |

- Asian hornets – update
6. The Comité noted a report from the Asian Hornet Coordinator – Jersey that to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 there had been 80 confirmed sightings of Asian Hornet; this compared to 14 sightings for the same period in 2018. Work was continuing to maintain awareness of this invasive pest. Parks, gardens and roads maintenance teams were particularly at risk of contact with Asian Hornets and the Coordinator could be contacted for further advice.
- LICAR – printing of driving licences
7. The Comité noted that, for business continuity purposes, the printers for driving licences were located at different parishes and it confirmed that, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019, LICAR should provide for the Parish of St Helier to print all driving licences with the exception of those for St Martin and St Clement which would be printed by the latter parish. The Comité agreed that the Service Level Agreement should be amended accordingly.
- Comité des Chefs de Police accounts 2018/2019 and budget 2019/2020
8. The Comité received the Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police who presented the unaudited accounts for 2018/2019, showing a small surplus of income over expenditure, and the proposed budget for 2019/2020 showing expenditure of £1,500. The Comité approved the proposed budget and agreed that this would be funded equally by parishes (£125 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. The Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police was thanked for attending the meeting and then withdrew.
- Office – accounts 2018/19 and budget 2019/20
9. The Comité received the unaudited accounts for the Comité des Connétables/Supervisory Committee for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and noted that the audited accounts would be presented at the next meeting.
- The Committee also approved the proposed office budget for 2019/2020 estimating expenditure in a sum of £106,095 and agreed that each Parish would contribute £8,840. 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.
- This is also recorded in the minutes of the Supervisory Committee*
- PPC proposition P.46/2019 - Reform of the composition and election of the States
10. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019, received an update from the sub-committee set up to consider the Comité's response to the proposals in the proposition of the Privileges and Procedures Committee "Reform of the composition and election of the States" (P.46/2019 (Re-issue)). The sub-committee would be seeking advice and views from a number of individuals who had expressed an opinion on the proposals. The Comité noted that the proposition was listed for debate by the States on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and that, in accordance with Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, amendments and comments should be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 respectively.
- Loi (1914) sur La Voirie and review of the "Visite du Branchage" guidelines
11. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019, noted feedback from Connétables on the first Visites du Branchage which had been held following the action taken by conservation and heritage groups to promote new branchage practice. The standard of cutting had varied - farmers/growers had generally followed the guidelines issued by the conservation and heritage groups but private landowners and garden contractors seemed less likely to have done so. One Connétable reported that cuttings had blown back in to the road causing blocked drains and flooding in two areas.

Camping /  
campervan use  
reform -  
overnight stop  
trial proposal

12. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, was informed by the Connétable of St Peter that representatives of the users of Le Port and the Camping and Caravan Club wished to address Connétables on their proposals for a pilot scheme which would allow a limited number of suitable vehicles to stay overnight in a number of car parks. The Comité agreed an invitation should be extended to a future meeting.

Reducing Use  
Of Plastics In  
Jersey  
(S.R.5/2019):  
Response Of  
The Ministers

13. The Comité noted the report “Reducing Use Of Plastics In Jersey (S.R.5/2019): Response Of The Ministers For Infrastructure And The Environment” in which the Ministers for Infrastructure and the Environment had commented on the Scrutiny Panel’s recommendations 2 and 3 as follows -

Panel recommendation:

*2. The Panel recommends parish administrations which are currently not offering recycling, present an appropriate, properly costed recycling scheme to their respective Parish Assemblies at the earliest possible opportunity (taking into consideration current contracts). Parishes with existing recycling schemes already in place should consider setting recycling targets.*

Ministers’ Comment - *Achieving this commitment will be dependent on the Parish administrations, and so GHE suggests that this recommendation is made to the Comité des Connétables.*

Panel recommendation:

*3. The Panel recommends that further consideration is given to the planning approval process to ensure that recycling-friendly infrastructure is included as a necessary requirement in future developments across the Island and that this should be incorporated into the new Island Plan 2021.*

Ministers’ Comment – *Consultation with the Parishes and the Minister for Infrastructure on the suitability of such facilities will take place prior to approval of new developments.*

Next meeting

14. The Connétable of St Clement was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Chairman ..... Date .....

