

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 16th October 2017
at the Parish Hall, St Lawrence.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft
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 Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard (present for items 5-9, 12-14)
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre (present for items 1, 2, 11 and 12)
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 Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Road Works
and Events
(Jersey) Law
2016 – coming
in to force date

1. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 6th March 2017 and 2 of 24th October 2016, received the Minister for Infrastructure and the Senior Manager/Engineer, Department for Infrastructure, (DfI) who outlined the proposals to complete the commencement of the ‘Road Works and Events (Jersey) Law 2016’ (RWEL) on 1st January 2018. The Comité was reminded that an Appointed Day Act had commenced provisions relating to the holding of events in or near roads on 1st January 2017 and the draft Road Works and Events (Jersey) Law 2016 (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Act 201- (P.85/2017) together with secondary legislation, if approved, would bring in to force the remaining provisions. The draft legislation had been lodged for debate by the States on 14th November 2017.

The Comité discussed the draft Road Works (Embargo Periods and Protected Roads) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.86/2017) which specified periods (“embargo periods”) during which certain road works might not take place immediately after substantial highway authority works had taken place except in limited circumstances, and also listed certain roads in which road works were not permitted except in limited circumstances. A 3-year guarantee would be required for road works and reinstatements but this was not retrospective and would only apply from 1st January 2018. The meeting discussed the discretion available to a highway authority in relation to the enhanced reinstatement of a road in certain circumstances.

The Minister would, during 2018, also set the fees to be charged under the RWEL. It was envisaged these would be administered through the TrafficWorx system and provide for periodic settlement. The issue of permits for the placing of scaffolding, hoardings or “choses publique” would then come within the RWEL; however the provisions of the Highways (Jersey) Law 1956 would continue to apply to the placing of a service under the road and the provisions of the Customary Law (Choses Publiques) (Jersey) Law 1993 would continue to apply to the granting of a “choses publique”. DfI anticipated that

income from the fees would resource the inspection of reinstatements and road works and there might be the opportunity for a parish to buy-in this service from DfI.

The Comité noted that guidelines were being prepared for the stakeholders, including the parishes, and requested that meetings be held early in 2018 to brief members of the parochial Roads Committees and the Roads Inspectors on the legislation. Following discussion, the Minister and Senior Manager/Engineer were thanked for attending the meeting and then withdrew.

- Minutes 2. The minutes of the meetings held on 18th and 27th September 2017, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Kerbside recycling 3. The Comité received correspondence enquiring about kerb-side recycling offered by parishes and, if not currently available, whether there were plans to introduce collections. The Comité recalled that kerb-side recycling had been introduced in those parishes where parishioners had requested, and agreed to fund, such schemes and noted that Connétables would respond individually to the correspondent.
- Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000 – shooting club approval 4. The Comité was informed that the Minister for Home Affairs had received an application from the undermentioned club for renewal of the approval as a shooting club under Article 15 of the Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000. Before granting or refusing to grant an approval or varying or withdrawing an approval, the Minister was required to consult the Comité in accordance with Article 15(3) of the law. The conditions had been met for approval as a shooting club and, having discussed the application, the Comité agreed it had no comments to make on the approval as a shooting club of the following:
Jersey Practical Shooting Club
- Comité des Chefs de Police accounts and budget 2017/18 5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 9 of 18th September 2017, gave further consideration to the budget of the Comité des Chefs de Police for 2017/18, and its decision that parishes would contribute £1,750. 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 10 votes in favour on the second occasion, the Comité confirmed the budget and that this would be funded equally by parishes (£145.83 per parish).
- Honorary Police group meeting 6. The Comité received notes of the recent Honorary Police group meeting and discussed the public consultation on a new criminal procedure which had raised some concerns for members of the Honorary Police. The Comité noted that it would be briefed on the proposals at its next meeting.
- Parking on pavements – correspondence 7. The Comité noted correspondence received by the Connétable of St Brelade commenting on indiscriminate parking on pavements, especially in St Aubin and other parishes, which affected disabled access for people who used a mobility scooter and regularly found pavements blocked by vehicles. The correspondent had also commented on the use of dropped kerbs (pavements that either at one end or the other, or both, had drops which made it impossible/not safe for mobility scooter users to negotiate).
- Centenier elections 8. The Comité noted that the Royal Court had ordered the election for Centeniers on 13th December 2017 and that nomination meetings would commence from 24th October 2017. In accordance with the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 the required Gazette

notice would be placed for all parishes from 18th – 21st October 2017 inclusive and the Comité considered that no further notices need be published in the Jersey Evening Post.

Arising from this the Comité noted the proposed nomination paper for a candidate seeking election as Centenier which met the requirements of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and included the written declaration to the Connétable in accordance with the Honorary Police (Jersey) Regulations 2005. The proposed written declaration for a candidate seeking election as a Vingtenier or Constable's Officer was also noted.

Next meeting

9. The Connétable of St Lawrence was thanked for her hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 13th November 2017.

Chairman ...*L Norman*..... Date*13/11/2017*.....