

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 14th September 2015
at the Parish Hall, St Lawrence.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman (present for items 1-3 and 7-14)
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian
Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock
Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett
Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard (not present for items 1-2)
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor (not present for items 7-14)
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft; the Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan 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 13th July 2015, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- draft Rates (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- 2. The Comité, with reference the Supervisory Committee minute no. 4 of 14th September 2015, and subject to confirmation that the draft was compatible with the Convention Rights under the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000, approved the lodging 'au Greffe' of the draft Rates (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- and, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000, requested the Chairman of the Comité to make a statement that in his view the provisions of the draft Rates (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- were compatible with the Convention Rights.
- MTFP - Social Security proposals 3. The Comité receive the Minister and Assistant Minister for Social Security, the Chief Officer and the Policy & Strategy Director, Social Security Department, who briefed the Comité on the package of measures proposed to deliver savings in the Department's budget as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan savings sought by the States. The objectives of the Social Security savings were to promote financial independence, improve the targeting of benefits and to minimise the impact on individuals. Following discussion on the proposals the delegation was thanked for attending and then withdrew.
- draft Honorary Police (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201- 4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 9 of 18th May 2015, considered the draft Honorary Police (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and report which made amendments to enable an Honorary Police officer to stand for election or re-election once having attained the age of 70 years.
- Having approved the draft Honorary Police (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and report the Comité requested that it be lodged 'au Greffe' for

debate by the States.

Licensing
(Jersey) Law
1974: SALPG
membership

5. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 9 of 9th February 2015, was informed that at the last meeting of the Shadow Alcohol Licensing Policy Group (SALPG) it was agreed that the Connétable of St. Helier should retain a permanent seat on the ALPG (the draft Law would be amended to reflect this in the next iteration of changes) and it was also agreed that a Connétable from one of the rural parishes should be nominated to attend in future. The Comité nominated the Connétable of St Martin as its representative from the rural parishes.

Coastal
National Park

6. The Comité received Messrs J Hopley and M Stentiford, of the Coastal National Park Interim Working Group, who briefed the Comité on the Group's work over the last 12 months.

The Coastal National Park (CNP) proposal arose from the States decision in 2011 as part of the Island Plan. Following a series of workshops in 2014 the Interim Working Group was formed and had already secured full support from the Environment and Transport and Technical Services Departments, from Visit Jersey and the Economic Development Department and from key stakeholders such as Jersey Heritage and the National Trust. It was a community initiative in which government representatives were participants but only had an equal voice around the "table". Details of the draft Management and Business Plans, the creation of a "brand" and launch of the CNP were available on the gov.je website. The general support of the Parishes was considered vital in the longer term for the success of the project and the Group was not seeking funding, manpower or resources from the parishes other than the possibility of some form of Parish representation on the Group.

Following discussion the Comité nominated the Connétable of St John as its representative on the Group. Messrs Hopley and Stentiford were thanked for attending and then withdrew.

Freedom of
Information
(Jersey) Law
2011

7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 7 of 13th July 2015, receive the Head of Information Management and the FOI Supervisor (Parishes), Chief Minister's Department, to discuss a briefing paper concerning the implementation of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 for the parishes. The Comité noted the records management and information audit work undertaken by parishes and the training provided to parish staff and officers by the States of Jersey Information Management Team. Following discussion the officers were thanked for their assistance and then withdrew from the meeting.

Consultation –
littering and
dog fouling

8. The Comité approved the issue of a consultation paper regarding littering and dog fouling to seek views on penalties and enforcement issues and agreed a closing date for responses of 31st December 2015. The Comité agreed a press release should be issued by the Chairman and that a brief article should be made available for publication in parish magazines/newsletters to advertise the consultation.

Honorary
Police - Medal
for Long and
Meritorious
Service

9. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 12th January 2015, was informed that the award of the Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service, instituted by Warrant of Her Majesty the Queen dated 1st December 2014, and registered in the Royal Court on 12th December 2014, to 61 officers had been approved by the Bailiff and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. In accordance with the Royal Warrant, which ordained that the name of each recipient be recorded in the minutes of the Assemblée Paroissiale of the Parish in which the officer last served or was serving, as the case might be, and also ordained that the names of all recipients be

recorded in the minutes of the Comité des Connétables, the Comité received the list of recipients as follows:

Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service (12 years service)

Raoul Sanders Gear
Jeffrey Thomas Hathaway
Susan Mary Fox
George Paul May
Geoffrey Walter Deakin
Peter Ward
Nicholas John Andrews
Michael O'Leary Auger
David Crewe Ryan
Paul Kevin Atkinson *
John Robert Keane
Liana Dawn Le Rossignol
David Martin Rothband
Trevor Morris De La Mothe
John Stephen Gallichan
Philip John Rondel
Anthony John Buckle
Michael Patrick Haden
Raymond Noel Le Fondre
Nicola Suzanne Parker-Hood
Steven Falle
Paul Barry Gaudin
Karen Valerie Gough
Stuart Dawson McAlister
Teresa Roland
Peter Robert Gaudin Searle
David George West
Michael Lewis Cotillard
Adrian Martin de Gruchy
Robert Mark Evans
Francis Emile Raimbault
David William Cuthbert
Stephen Verdon Ferey
Clive Frank Murphy
Christopher Stanley Le Brun
Richard Percy Vibert
Martin Robinson Cory Zimmer
Colin Foley
Graham John Baudains
Annette Cullen
Lennard Martyn Du Feu
Norman Edward Le Maistre
Charles Hugh Raymond
Clifford David Rook
Alan George Blair
Dennis Owen
Charles Antony Fossey
George De Sousa

*awarded posthumously

Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service with Bar (21 years service)

Michel Claude Roger Bougeard
 Charles Peter Carlton Dix
 Paul Andrew Godel
 Adrian William Le Gal
 Anthony Alan Batho
 Daniel Winston Scaife
 David Henry Webber
 Christopher Hugh Taylor
 Garnet Leonard Renouf
 Maurice Francis Gotel
 Michael Arthur Rondel

Honorary Police Medal for Long and Meritorious Service with Bar and additional Bar (30 years service)

Michel Noel Couriard MBE
 Michael Owen Stevens

Honorary
 Police – Comité
 des Chefs de
 Police accounts
 and budget

10. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 8 of 13th July 2015, gave further consideration to the budget of the Comité des Chefs de Police for 2015/16, and its decision that parishes would contribute £1,500 funded equally by parishes (£125 per parish). The Comité recalled that in accordance with its 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 but, as 10 members were not present, it agreed that the matter should be considered again at the next meeting.

Office –
 2014/15
 accounts and
 2015/16 budget

11. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 13th July 2015, gave further consideration to the office budget for 2015/16, and its decision that parishes would contribute £74,400 funded equally by parishes (£6,200 per parish). The Comité recalled that in accordance with its 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 but, as 10 members were not present, it agreed that the matter should be considered again at the next meeting.

Shops
 (Regulation of
 Opening)
 (Special
 Occasions)
 (Jersey) Order
 2015

12. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 13th July 2015, noted that the Minister for Economic Development had, by the Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Special Occasions) (Jersey) Order 2015, designated six Sundays (5 prior to and 1 after Christmas Day) as special occasions. Each Connétable might therefore issue a blanket permit enabling shops to open on some or all of these days and might impose conditions on such opening in addition to that specified in law which specified that where a shop was one that was open on weekdays as well as on a Sunday the commercial activities that were carried on at the shop pursuant to the permit should be substantially the same as those carried on at the shop on weekdays.

The Connétables confirmed the blanket permit each wished to issue and requested that a Gazette notice be prepared accordingly.

Freedom of
 Information
 (Jersey) Law

13. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 8 of this meeting, approved a paper setting out its policy for requests submitted under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 to be handled by the Parish FOI unit and agreed that the Chairman should

2011 – request
handling and
PFOI sign this on behalf of the Comité.

Next meeting 14. The Connétable of St Lawrence was thanked for her hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 12th October 2015.

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date*12/10/2015*.....