

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
at the Parish Hall, Trinity.

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman  
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft  
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 St Jean - C. H. Taylor  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman; the Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian 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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Public  
Elections  
(Jersey) Law  
2005 - election  
of Procureur du  
Bien Public and  
Centenier

2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 15 of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014, considered the responses to its consultation with H M Attorney General, the Comité des Chefs de Police and all officers (undertaken at Parish Honorary Police meetings) about whether the inclusion of the elections of Procureur du Bien Public and of Centenier within the definition of 'public election' might be worthy of review on grounds of proportionality and expense. The Privileges and Procedure Committee had invited the Comité's comments and had referred to a turnout of 2% being not uncommon. Having considered the views expressed, and having noted turnout in 8 elections for Procureurs du Bien Public since 2004 ranged from 2.27% to 36.39% and the turnout in 4 elections for Centenier since 2003 ranged from 2.73% to 10.16%, the Comité decided that the Procureur du Bien Public and Centenier should continue to be elected at a public election and requested the Chairman to inform the Privileges and Procedures Committee accordingly.

Policing of  
Beaches  
(Jersey)  
Regulations  
1959

3. The Comité considered an email received by all Connétables regarding dogs running loose on beaches and of the nuisance and distress which could be caused to other beach users, including children, when the dog was not under the control of its owner. The correspondent asked the Connétables to ensure the restrictions imposed by the Policing of Beaches (Jersey) Regulations 1959 (requiring dogs to be kept on a lead between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the period commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> May and ending on 30<sup>th</sup> September) was policed and to consider whether it might apply all year round. The Comité recognised that it was a minority of irresponsible dog owners who did not exercise adequate control or abide by the law including in relation to the

removal of dog faeces. Beach inspectors were no longer employed by the Economic Development Department so policing rested with the Honorary Police, and States Police, but provision existed in the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961 to seek an order should a dog be out of control. The Comité requested the Chairman to reply and to consult with officers of the Environment Department regarding the Eco-Active campaigns it was undertaking which related to this issue.

draft Road  
Works and  
Events (Jersey)  
Law 201-

4. The Comité welcomed the Minister for Transport and Technical Services (TTS), the Director of Engineering and Infrastructure and the Street Works Manager, TTS, who outlined the proposed draft Road Works and Events (Jersey) Law 201-. The Comité also welcomed the Environment, Housing and Technical Services Panel members within whose remit the draft law fell (the Connétable of St Helier (Chairman), Deputy D Johnson and the Panel's Scrutiny Officer were present, apologies were received from Deputy J Martin and Deputy M Tadier, Scrutiny Panel members). The Manager Highways and Infrastructure, and the Senior Civil Engineer, TTS, were present for this item.

The Comité was reminded that the proposed law had been sponsored by TTS with the support of the parishes and was designed to make improvements to the regulation of 'road based activities'. The law would cover road works, which covered highway, utility and private works, and road based events including motor vehicle racing. The draft law would shortly be made available for consultation with key stakeholders with the aim of lodging 'au Greffe' later in 2015 for debate by the States in early 2016. The Comité requested that a presentation be made to all members of parish Roads Committees and to Roads Inspectors on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Road –TTS  
resurfacing trial

5. The Comité welcomed the Minister for Transport and Technical Services (TTS), the Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, the Manager Highways and Infrastructure, and the Senior Civil Engineer, TTS, who gave a presentation about the road resurfacing trial that TTS proposed to undertake in July 2015. The Comité also welcomed the Environment, Housing and Technical Services Panel members (the Connétable of St Helier (Chairman), Deputy D Johnson and the Panel's Scrutiny Officer were present, apologies were received from Deputy J Martin and Deputy M Tadier, Scrutiny Panel members). The Street Works Manager TTS, was present for this item.

The Comité was informed of the reasons for undertaking a trial to apply a surface dressing of micro asphalt. The product had been extensively used in the United Kingdom and France over the last 20 years and would provide a service life of 10 to 15 years at a significant cost saving over usual resurfacing costs. In addition to sealing the road against water ingress (a major contributory factor to highway deterioration) it required minimal preparation, covered surface defects and improved friction values. The Comité queried the impact on local contractors and was informed that the proposed UK contractor would work with local companies to deliver the service. The trial was proposed for July 2015 and Connétables would be invited to view the process. Following discussion the Minister, TTS officers and Scrutiny Panel were thanked for attending and then withdrew.

Liberation 70  
tapestry

6. The Comité considered a request from the Community Learning Director, Jersey Heritage, for funding for the Liberation 70 tapestry panel which would depict acts of resistance, remembering victims of Nazism and showing how Jersey had marked Liberation Day over the years. Jersey Heritage had commissioned the panel to accompany the 12 parish panels made by islanders in the early 1990s and the estimated cost was approximately £20,000. Sponsorship of £5,000 had been secured and the parishes were invited to consider making a contribution. The Comité agreed that it would be for each parish to consider whether or not it wished to contribute to the funding of the new panel and requested the Chairman to reply accordingly.

Liberation 70 -  
programme

7. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 1 of 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015, noted the thanks extended by the Chief Officer, Bailiff's Chambers, for all the assistance provided with Liberation 70 events and welcoming feedback which would be considered at the Working Group debrief. The Comité noted comments relating to the organisation of, and facilities for, those taking part in the parish parade and in relation to attendance of island dignitaries at the Parish events on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The Comité also discussed suggestions for marking Liberation Day in 2016, and future years, and requested the Chairman to write to the Chief Officer accordingly.

Honorary  
Police –  
training costs

8. The Comité received the Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police and discussed with him his letter outlining proposals for Honorary Police training courses and the fee structure agreed with the States of Jersey Police (SOJP). The Comité decided that the agreement with SOJP should be in the name of the Comité as well as the Comité des Chefs de Police.

Honorary  
Police – age  
criteria for  
election

9. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015, recalled that it had decided to seek an amendment to the Honorary Police (Jersey) Regulations 2005 to permit a person elected to the Honorary Police prior to the age of 70 years to seek a further term of office. The Comité confirmed that it was intended that, having reached 70 years of age, a person already serving in the Honorary Police of the parish might stand for election in the same or another office prior to the end of his/her term of office and that the law drafting brief should be prepared accordingly. The Chairman of the Comité des Chefs de Police, having been present for this item, was thanked for attending and then withdrew.

Freedom of  
Information  
(Jersey) Law  
2011

10. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 12 of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015, considered a briefing paper concerning the implementation of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 for the parishes. The FOI Supervisor (Parishes) was in attendance. The Comité recalled that following discussion at recent informal meetings the Connétables had asked the Chairman to write to the Chief Minister seeking agreement that the contract for the FOI Supervisor (Parishes) be extended for a further 6 months until June 2016 to enable the volume and impact of parish FOI requests to be assessed and consideration given to the longer term arrangements for a central unit to handle parish FOI requests. An initial response had been received and there would be further discussion regarding this proposal.

In relation to public information to be made available, the Comité agreed there should be a 'parish FOI' website and email address and that the postal address for FOI requests should be the Comité's office. All Connétables were asked to notify their parish suppliers of the future requirement to provide information, so that parishes might respond to FOI requests, and to include an article about FOI in Parish magazines/newsletters. It was also agreed that the Chairman should give a media briefing to local news editors in August 2015. The Comité noted the training being delivered to parish staff and the arrangements for training sessions to be held in June 2015 for all honorary/elected officers. The FOI Supervisor (Parishes) was thanked for attending and then withdrew.

Parish in bloom

11. The Comité was informed by the Connétable of St Brelade of the proposal for a floral competition for Parish Halls to be held in conjunction with the Parish in Bloom competition. The event would be judged this year on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and he asked Connétables to let him know whether or not their parish wished to take part.

Next meeting

12. The Connétable of Trinity was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Chairman .....*L. Norman*..... Date .....*15/06/2015*.....