



Minutes of Electoral Assembly

Held on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 7.30pm

At St Lawrence Parish Hall

Present :	Connétable Deidre Mezbourian, Rector Philip Warren, Procureurs Bruce Harrison and Martin Sabey. 87 Principals & Electors.
Apologies:	Vingtenier Noel Le Fondré Jenny Cartwright
Minuted by:	Anita Barker, Parish Secretary

Welcome:

Connétable Deidre Mezbourian welcomed everyone to the second Electoral Assembly for the nomination of Deputies for the Parish of St Lawrence.

Agenda Matter

Reading of the Convening Notice

The Parish Secretary read the following convening notice as advertised in the Church Box and Jersey Gazette:

ELECTIONS FOR CONNÉTABLE AND FOR DEPUTIES NOMINATION MEETINGS

An election will be held in each Parish to fill the office of Connétable, and an election will be held in each constituency to fill the office of Deputy or Deputies.

Assemblies of Electors will be held in each Parish and in each constituency on **Wednesday 11 April 2018** as follows to receive nominations of persons wishing to be admitted as a candidate in these elections (please note times of meetings vary). If there are more candidates than vacancies the Royal Court has fixed Wednesday 16 May 2018 for the taking of a poll.

A person who is eligible as an elector and whose name is on the Electoral Register or the Supplementary Register is entitled to vote in the Election. The Electoral Register closes at noon on Monday 9 April 2018 and the Supplementary Register closes at noon on Wednesday 9 May 2018.

An Assembly of Electors of the constituency of St Lawrence will be held on 11 April 2018 at **7.15 p.m.** at the Parish Hall to elect two persons to fill the office of Deputy.

Deidre W Mezbourian, Connétable de St Laurent
4th April 2018



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I hereby certify that the above notice has appeared in the Official Notice Box of the **Parish of St Lawrence** during the period 4th April 2018 to the morning of Wednesday 11 April 2018 inclusive in accordance with Article 19(4)(b) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 and the custom.

Reverend P J Warren
Recteur de St Laurent

Date 11/04/2018

In accordance with the law, this convening notice has been placed in the Jersey Gazette and I have received the copy placed in the Parish church box and signed by the Rector.

Connétable Mezbourian then continued by explaining that there would be an opportunity later in the meeting should the candidate wish to thank their proposers and seconders but the procedure for this evening would be as follows:-

- First she would ask for nominations and for a Proposer to come forward to make the nomination. The Proposer would read the nomination paper for the candidate and state whether the candidate wished to be known by a common or family name. The Proposer may make a short speech of approximately five minutes.
- When the nomination had been made the Proposer would pass to her the completed Declaration by Candidate for Election to the Office of Deputy under the States of Jersey Law 2005 which she would read to the meeting.
- The nomination form is to be given to the Parish Secretary to check that the Proposer and Seconders are eligible to sign.

Connétable Mezbourian then asked if there were any nominations for Deputy.

Mrs Nicola Suzanne Parker-Buckle was the Proposer for Mr Gregory Charles Umberto Guida for a term of office as Deputy for the Parish of St Lawrence. Unfortunately she was out of the island and as such Mr David Thomas Charles Pittom as a Secunder, addressed the Assembly by reading a letter from Mrs Parker-Buckle.

In it she said that: Mr Guida had been in the St Lawrence Honorary Police since 2013 and his role was to sort out the communications and equipment. In 2016 he became a Centenier attaining the position of Vice President of the Honorary Police Association. Mr Guida is methodical, a man of his word and a team leader. He loves the Island of Jersey and has made it his home. He is a businessman and amongst his many talents he is a qualified pilot, a wildlife photographer and has navigational qualifications.



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Mr Pittom read the names of all signatories on the nomination paper as follows:

Proposer: Nicola Suzzanne Parker-Buckle

Seconders :

David Thomas Charles Pittom

Major Stephen Coleman

Patricia Kennedy

Michael John Turner

Bruce Lyndon Thomas

Sarah Ann Hall

Andrew McMillan

Andrew Habin

John Gerald Weir

The Connétable confirmed that all the signatories were entitled to sign the nomination paper.

The Connétable read out the Declaration by Candidate for Election to the office of Deputy under the States of Jersey Law 2005 and confirmed that Mr Guida had no convictions.

The Connétable thanked Mr Pittom and asked if there were any further nominations for the role of Deputy.

Mrs Susan Mary Hardy addressed the Assembly and proposed Mr Kirsten Francis Morel for a term of office as Deputy for the Parish of St Lawrence. She said that:

Mr Morel grew up in the centre of the Parish, close to Carrefour Selous and now lives in Ville Au Bas. As such Mr Morel has a long standing love of the Parish. Mrs Hardy said that his experience in business in the modern world was invaluable. She had known Mr Morel for at least thirty years and he was multilingual and had lived in various places. He had won a scholarship to Atlantic College in Wales followed by going to University in the United Kingdom. Mr Morel was self employed as a writer in technology and finance. He was very aware of Island pressures and was courteous, thoughtful, sensible and ready to face any challenges that he came across. He was a very friendly, approachable and articulate young man and this would be invaluable when it came to States debates.

Mrs Hardy read the names of all signatories on the nomination paper as follows:

Proposer: Susan Mary Hardy

Seconders:

Tina Palmer

John Hedley Pallot



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Bernard James Birch
Derrick Ivor Frigot
Iris Medora Le Feuvre
David John Young
Rozelle Lucille Luce
Stephen Leslie Bouchard
Nicholas Carter

The Connétable confirmed that all the signatories were entitled to sign the nomination paper.

The Connétable read out the Declaration by Candidate for Election to the office of Deputy under the States of Jersey Law 2005 and confirmed that Mr Morel had no convictions.

The Connétable thanked Mrs Hardy and asked if there were any further nominations for the role of Deputy.

Mrs Alison Coles addressed the Assembly and proposed Ms Sarah Westwater (Reform Jersey) for a term of office as Deputy for the Parish of St Lawrence. She said that:

Ms Westwater came to live in Jersey thirty six years ago and has a degree in Politics and Social Sciences which she undertook at Highlands in Jersey. Her job is in retail and the skills she has learned in dealing with customers would prove invaluable. She is part of Reform Jersey and her manifesto is to strive to make things better for the future.

Mrs Coles read the names of all signatories on the nomination paper as follows:

Proposer: Jason Karl Michael Cronin

Seconders :John Baudains
Ami-Jane Ball
Bruce Nigel Ross Deane
Steve Southers
Judy Southers
Karen Bourne
Nina Stier
Deborah Coleman
Alison Coles

The Connétable confirmed that all the signatories were entitled to sign the nomination paper.

The Connétable read out the Declaration by Candidate for Election to the office of Deputy under the States of Jersey Law 2005 and confirmed that Ms Westwater has no convictions.

The Connétable thanked Mrs Coles and asked if there were any further nominations for the role of Deputy.



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There being no further nominations the Connétable thanked all the Candidates for standing. She advised the Assembly that as three nominations had been made for two positions an election would be held on May 16th.

The Connétable then informed the meeting of the following:-

- Polling day is on Wednesday 16 May 2018 and polling stations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Persons who will be out of the island on polling day may apply now for a postal vote.
- Application forms for a postal vote are available after this meeting, from the Judicial Greffier and on parish.gov.je and vote.je and must be made before noon on Tuesday 8 May 2018.
- The completed ballot and other documentation must be returned to the Judicial Greffe no later than noon on Wednesday 16 May 2018 in order for the vote to be included in the count.
- Persons wishing to cast their vote before the polling day may do so using the pre-poll facility offered by the Judicial Greffe. This is available on weekdays at St Paul's Centre in Dumaresq Street.
- Monday – Friday 8.30 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. from 30 April to 11 May 2018
- Monday 14 May 2018 from 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Closed Bank holiday Monday 7 May and Liberation day Wednesday 9 May 2018

And on Saturdays at –

- Trinity Youth Centre 10a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday 5 May 2018
- Communicare, St Brelade 10a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday 12 May 2018.
- The successful candidates will be sworn-in by the Royal Court on Friday 1 June 2018.
- Regarding Election Expenses, Candidates will receive details from the Judicial Greffe. The maximum permitted for this election is £2,128.89 (£1,700 + 11 pence x 3,899 electors).
- An additional sum of 11 pence will be added for each elector on the supplementary register.



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- The Privileges and Procedures Committee will also send out details about candidates and the Connétable reminded candidates that this information must be uploaded to the website by noon on Friday 13 April 2018.
- Guidelines have been issued by the Department for Infrastructure regarding the placing of election materials on the highway and on road signs. Candidates are asked to ensure that they and their supporters follow these requirements and guidelines and that all election materials are removed promptly following the election.

The Connétable invited the Deputies to address the Assembly; they all thanked their families and their supporters and said that they were delighted to be standing for Deputy.

The Connétable then asked the Candidates to remain after the close of the meeting to discuss what arrangements they wished to make, if any, for hustings, to receive a letter from the States Greffe as well as having a photograph taken for the media.

Under the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, a nomination meeting shall not be closed less than 10 minutes after it has opened and, those 10 minutes having expired and there being no further business, the Connétable declared the meeting closed at 7.53pm.

Minutes Approved

Date

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