



Minutes of Electoral Assembly

Held on Wednesday 11th April 2017 at 7pm

At St Lawrence Parish Hall

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

Welcome:

Procureur Bruce Harrison welcomed everyone to the Electoral Assembly and explained that as Connétable Deidre Mezbourian was a candidate for the position of Connétable, in accordance with the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 the Assembly would be chaired by the Senior Procureur; hence the reason he was chairing the Meeting.

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 Parish of St Lawrence will be held on 11 April 2018 at **7.00 p.m.**



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at the Parish Hall to elect one person to fill the office of Connétable.

Deidre W Mezbourian, Connétable de St Laurent

4th April 2018

I hereby certify that the above notice has appeared in the Official Notice Box of the **Parish of St Lawrence** during the period Wednesday 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.

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

- First he 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 him the completed Declaration of Convictions required from the candidate in accordance with the Connétables (Jersey) Law 2005, which he would read to the meeting.
- The nomination form to be given to the Parish Secretary to check that the Proposer and Seconders are eligible to sign.

Procureur Harrison then asked if there were any nominations for Connétable.

Mr Brian Philip Raffray stood and said that he was delighted to propose Mrs Deidre Wendy Mezbourian for a further term of four years as Connétable. Mr Raffray said that he was currently serving on the St Lawrence Roads Committee and he was well placed to make the nomination. He had supported Mrs Mezbourian since 2005 when she became a Deputy of the Parish. Mrs Mezbourian was first elected as Connétable in 2008. She was re-elected in 2011 and 2014. Mr Raffray said that Connétable Mezbourian was a steadying hand for the Parish and the Parish had been very well run for the past nine years. He had seen that during her time as Connétable she had made improvements around the historic village area and had the



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Moignard Liberation Garden designed and constructed. Connétable Mezbourian had an open door policy and was always helpful, providing advice and being there for a friendly chat with all Parishioners. Mr Raffray listed Mrs Mezbourian's positions that she has held in the States, including that of Assistant Minister at Home Affairs.

Mr Raffray said that there were a large number of States members standing down including our two Deputies whom he thanked for their Parish service. He said that with changing times ahead, an experienced States Member was needed, and without her track record and knowledge the States would be a poorer place. He thanked her husband David for supporting the Connétable and said that he was honoured to propose Deidre Wendy Mezbourian as Connétable. Mr Raffray then read the nomination paper including the names of all signatories as follows:

Proposer : Brian Philip Raffray

Seconders: Susan Elizabeth Kerley,
Margaret June Howard
David Edward Le Cornu
Marlene Anita Farrow
Gerald John Le Brun
Alfred Stanley Pipon
Caroline Lynette Evans
Edward James Noel
Michael Peel Ethelstein

Procureur Harrison confirmed that all the signatories were entitled to sign the nomination paper; he then read out the Declaration by Candidate for Election as Connétable required under Article 4A of the Connétables (Jersey) Law 2008. Mrs Mezbourian had signed it to the effect that she had no convictions and was not disqualified from being elected.

He then asked if there were any further nominations for the role of Connétable, however no further nominations were received.

As the meeting had already lasted for more than ten minutes in accordance with Article 20(8) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, there being no further nominations, Procureur Harrison declared Mrs Deidre Wendy Mezbourian duly re-elected as Connétable for the Parish of St Lawrence. He warned her to appear in the Royal Court to take the Oath of Office as Connétable on Friday 1st June 2018.

Procureur Harrison congratulated Connétable Mezbourian on her re-election and invited the Connétable to address the Assembly. The Connétable thanked everyone present for attending. She thanked Mr Raffray for his kind words as her Proposer and thanked her Seconders. Connétable Mezbourian thanked Deputies Le Fondré and Noel (who were stepping down) for all their hard work. She also thanked the Parish Staff for their hard work and continuous support to her and all Parishioners. Connétable Mezbourian made a heartfelt thank you to her husband and daughter for all their support during the good and not so good times. Connétable Mezbourian said it would be



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an honour to continue in her role and urged all present to participate in the election to be held on the 16th May.

There being no further business, Procureur Harrison declared the meeting closed at 7.23pm.

Minutes Approved

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