



**MINUTES OF A  
NOMINATION MEETING OF PRINCIPALS AND ELECTORS  
7PM, THURSDAY 1st MAY 2025**

The Connétable welcomed all present and reminded the Assembly that they could sign the Attendance Book at the end of the meeting if they so wished. It was noted that 17 parishioners were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Deputy Steve Luce. The Convening Notice was read by the Parish Secretary.

*1. To elect one Centenier to complete a three-year term of office expiring June 2028*

Pursuant to an Act of the Royal Court dated 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, whereby it was ordered that an election be held for Centenier, this nomination meeting has been called to elect one Centenier to complete a three-year term of office expiring in June 2028.

The Connétable confirmed that a nomination form had been received for Christopher Garbutt which was completed by proposer Peter Stone (Rector of St Martin), and nine seconders who are electors of the Parish. The Connétable invited the Rector, Peter Stone, to address the Assembly.

The Rector, Peter Stone, read the nine seconders:

David Burmingham  
Steven Falle  
Nathan Wright  
Rozi Klein  
Julie Garbutt  
John Billington  
Graeme Phipps  
Teresa Roland  
Jacqui Phipps

The Rector, Peter Stone, then advised the Assembly that it was a pleasure to nominate Chris Garbutt for Centenier. He had known Chris since arriving on the Island two years ago and he had always found him to be a friendly individual with a good sense of humour. Whilst on duty Chris was always polite and fair and such characteristics would undoubtedly put him in good stead for serving the people of St Martin. It was noted Chris had been a Constable Officer from August 2021 before becoming a Vingtenier in July 2024.

The Rector advised that he had seen Chris go out in all weathers, to serve the community, including funerals and Parish events. He was also grateful for the mentoring and support he had provided to his wife, Anne, as she begins her honorary police journey.

The Rectory heartily nominated Chris for the role.

The Connétable asked if there were any other nominations and, after a period of ten minutes and no further nominations, declared Christopher Garbutt duly elected as a Centenier and warned him to appear at the Royal Court at 10am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June to take his Oath of Office.

The Connétable then congratulated Centenier Garbutt on his election. She reflected that it was a mere 4 years ago when she first suggested to Mr Garbutt that he might be interested in a role in the

Honorary Police after he had popped into the Pubic Hall to renew his fire arm licence. In that time he had proved to be a real asset to the Parish with his knowledge, enthusiasm, commitment and dry sense of humour.

The Chef de Police, Gordon Jones, then addressed the meeting and advised that he would be retiring at the end of his current term of office on 12<sup>th</sup> June. He had thoroughly enjoyed his time within the the Honorary Police and he acknowledged that whilst the Parish of St Martin had a small team, it benefitted from a good work ethos and an excellent relationship with the Connétable, Parish staff and amongst the police officers themselves.

The Connétable thanked the Chef de Police for his hard work and commitment. She advised that the Parish would be very sorry to lose his valuable contribution and remarked that it had been an absolute privilege to work with him over the years. It was noted that a Vin d'Honneur would be arranged as a token of the Parish's gratitude.

## **2. *Presentation of the Mick Eden Cup by the Connétable and Chef de Police***

The Chef de Police, Gordon Jones advised the Assembly that together with the Connétable he was delighted to be jointly presenting the Mick Eden Cup this year to Christopher Garbutt. The award was rather special as it was awarded to the Officer, whose peers considered had made a significant contribution to the Parish Honorary Police over the last 12 months.

The Chef de Police and Connétable presented the Cup to Mr Garbutt and warmly congratulated him on the award.

There being no further business the Connétable declared the meeting closed at 7.20 pm and advised that the Parish Assembly would be taking place at 7.30 pm

To be Approved