



MINUTES OF AN ASSEMBLY OF PRINCIPALS, OFFICERS AND ELECTORS

An Assembly of Principals, Officers and Electors of the Parish of St Martin was duly convened and held in the Public Hall on Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7.00pm.

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 19 people were in attendance.

Apologies had been received from Lester Richardson.

The Convening Notice was read by the Parish Secretary.

Item 1

Receive and if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 26th March 2026.

The Connétable reminded those assembled that the Minutes had been available on the Parish website and Public Hall. Copies had also been placed on the seats. After due consideration the Minutes were approved as follows:

- Proposer – William Sutton
- Seconder – Rev. Peter Stone

Item 2

Consider, and if deemed advisable, recommend to the Licensing Bench an application for a provisional grant of a licence for 2026 by virtue of the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 as amended:

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Lulu Café Limited – Justine Blackstone</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>6 Gorey Pier, St Martin JE3 6EW</i>
<i>Category:</i>	<i>3rd Category</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Justine Blackstone</i>
<i>Business Address:</i>	<i>L'Avarison, Le Mont de Gouray, St Martin JE3 6ET</i>

The Connétable stated that the application had been made to the Bailiff for this permit and this Assembly had been requested by the Bailiff's Chambers in order to seek comments and approval from Parishioners. The Connétable stated that both the Fire Safety Officer and the Environmental Health Officer had approved the application subject to occupancy of the premises not exceeding 20 patrons and three members of staff.

The Connétable advised the Assembly that Café Louise was a well established business in Gorey. The licence was intended to allow alcohol to be served with food for lunch and early evening customers. Alcohol would remain strictly supplementary to meals and would not be available for general sale or public consumption.

The Connétable invited the applicant's proposer, Tony Dorris, to address the Assembly.

Mr Dorris advised that he had known the applicant for 33 years and in his opinion she was a very trustworthy individual, who would act in a responsible manner. He noted that the applicant was a school teacher.

The Connétable invited the applicant's seconder, Andy Makin, to address the Assembly.

Mr Makin advised that he was the owner of a nearby food establishment in Gorey and he was happy to fully endorse the proposer's comments regarding the trustworthiness and good character of the applicant.

The Connétable then asked for any questions from the Assembly.

With no further questions and comments, a show of hands showed that the application was unanimously approved.

The Connétable congratulated Justine Blackstone and warned her to appear before the Licensing Assembly on Thursday 18th June at 9.45 am.

Item 3

To elect an Officer du Connétable for the Vingtaine de Queruee for a three-year term of office.

The Connétable stated that there was currently a vacancy for the Vingtaine de Queruee as the current officer's term of office had come to an end. The Connétable was delighted that Mr Nathan Wright had kindly put himself forward for re-election. Mr Wright had joined the Honorary Police during Covid in May 2020 and had been a great asset to the team. The Connétable noted that Mr Wright took responsibility for the policing of the annual Gorey Fete.

The Connétable requested a proposer and seconder for this nomination.

Rev. Peter Stone proposed the nomination and advised the Assembly that he was delighted to recommend Mr Wright for another term as Constable's Officer. Rev. Stone advised that he had known Nathan over the last eighteen months, both as a friend and as someone who helped mentor his wife, Anne, during the early stages of her service with the St Martin Honorary Police. Rev. Stone felt Nathan was a patient and wise individual who carries an authoritative presence without ever appearing aggressive. His coordination of the policing arrangements for the Gorey Fete is one example of the trust and respect he enjoys amongst his colleagues, helping to ensure the event runs smoothly and safely each year.

Through his work on patrol, Nathan's positive presence has helped many individuals in difficult situations. He is always willing to give his time, offer support, and use his experience for the benefit of others and for the good of the Parish. Nathan's commitment and service were rightly recognised recently when he was awarded the Mick Eden Trophy, an honour nominated by his fellow officers in recognition of outstanding effort during the year. Nathan is married to Angie and is a proud father to Sydney and Sam. He is deeply committed to the St Martin Honorary Police and consistently gives generously of his own time in service to the Parish and community.

Rev. Stone wholeheartedly and unreservedly recommended Nathan Wright for appointment as Constable's Officer for another term of office.

Chris Garbutt seconded the proposal and fully endorsed the words of Rev. Stone.

The Connétable asked if there were any other nominations and, there being none, declared Mr Wright duly elected as Officer du Connétable for the Vingtaine de Queruee.

The Connétable congratulated Mr Wright on his election and warned him to present himself at the Royal Court on Friday 22nd May at 10am to take his Oath of Office.

Item 4

To present Mr Dave Burmingham with a Certificate of Service.

The Connétable was delighted to present Mr Dave Burmingham with a Certificate of Service for his six years of service as a Centenier. The Connétable advised the Assembly that Mr Burmingham had joined the force at the beginning of Covid and the Parish had been extremely fortunate to have a person with such a high level of experience within its ranks. The Connétable thanked Mr Burmingham for his service and wished him well for the future.

There being no further business, the Connétable thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.


Karen Shenton Stone
Connétable


Date

