

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman – via Teams
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Jolie Rose (JR)
Carol Cragoe (CC) – via Teams
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
Rhys Rowlands (RR) - SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

By invitation:

Jon McLellan (JMcl) – Crown Advocate, Director of Legal Services – via Teams (5 – 5.40pm)

- **Apologies:**

Everyone was present.

- **Meeting with Jon McLellan**

The Committee and JMcl discussed communication between Committees and the Crown Advocates (CAs). It was agreed that it was more efficient for contact with the CAs to be done through the Office to avoid any duplication and conflict. It was recommended that the CAs should be asked for advice before any reports asking for approval for the CAs to draft legislation were taken to Chief Pleas as there may be an alternative to legislation to achieve what the Committee was trying to do. There was discussion on prioritisation. The Office had started a legislation tracker to keep track of legislation that had been approved by Chief Pleas. There would be regular meetings with the CAs to discuss workflows.

JMcl left the meeting at 5.40pm

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 17th February 2026**

- **Derelict properties**

Discussions on derelict properties were on-going.

- **IOSS NEDs**

The interviews for the IOSS NEDs were scheduled for the following week.

- **Future Sark – public consultation exercise**

Steve Skelton from the Question Factory had been scheduled to pay an initial visit to Sark the previous weekend but had had to cancel due to the weather.

- **Film Locations Sark**

The representative from a film location firm who had recently visited Sark to find out what locations might be available to film makers had been asked to give the Committee a workplan.

All other actions were done or on the agenda for further discussion.

NT signed off the minutes as correct. The summary of the minutes for the website was approved.

- **Sark Sheep Racing Weekend**

The Committee agreed that it was happy for the Island-owned generator to be used for the Sheep Racing weekend and also to donate a tank of diesel.

- **Accessibility Audit**

The CPA had given Sark a grant to do an accessibility audit. Aindre Reece-Sheerin, a Guernsey-based Disability Access Consultant, had sent the Committee details of what his accessibility audit would involve. The Committee agreed that they were happy with his proposal. There was further discussion on the importance of making sure that people were fully informed about what to expect when they came to Sark.

- **Extraordinary Chief Pleas meeting**

- The Extraordinary Chief Pleas meeting for the loan agreement was now scheduled for Wednesday 8th April at 5.30pm. The papers would be published on or before Wednesday 18th March.
- The date for the All Conseiller briefing was discussed. RR would check Guernsey representatives' availability.
- The Committee discussed the best way to share the loan agreement papers with Conseillers ahead of the briefing.

- **Future Sark presentation Monday 16th March**

Steve Skelton from the Question Factory would be coming to do a presentation on Future Sark on Monday 16th March in the Island Hall. H.E. would also be attending. A house-to-house would be sent out early the following week to make people aware of the presentation.

- **Tax Information**

NT had been working on information sheets for the public about the current tax system and budget.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

The first formal meeting of the Bailiwick Commission was scheduled for 24th March. Each of the islands had been asked for a list of key stakeholders, individuals and experts who would be able to give information on different areas. The Committee would give this some thought.

- **GST**

Guernsey had decided on 5% GST on everything rather than food being exempt and 6% on everything else. A meeting would be scheduled shortly to brief Conseillers on the proposals and potential options for Sark.

- **Proxy/postal voting**

It was noted that the Reform Law said that allowing proxy/postal voting could be done by Ordinance. The Office would look into this.

- **Deputy Speaker Election**

The Committee discussed the upcoming election for a Deputy Speaker. It was noted that some other jurisdictions had a 'pool' of Speakers and this could perhaps be discussed at a PDG meeting.

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