

**Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room**

**Present:**

John Guille (JG) - Chair  
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair  
Edric Baker (EB)  
Jolie Rose (JR)  
Carol Cragoe (CC)  
Joe Perrée (JP)  
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer } until 6.15pm  
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer }  
Rhys Rowlands (RR) – SOO  
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

- **Apologies:**

Everyone was present.

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

- **MOU for Digimap**

This had been sent to the LO to review.

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.**

- **Tax system modelling**

The two tax information mailshots had been sent out. The Committee had discussed different concepts at meetings and the tax surgeries and now needed to do some modelling. There was some discussion on what modelling the Committee wanted the Office to do. The Committee Office and Finance Office (Tax and Treasury) would work together on modelling to bring back to the Committee.

- **Tax Assessor Roles**

The Deputy Tax Assessor contract had been for one year so the Committee would need to think about recruitment.

**SH and LH left the meeting at 6.15pm**

- **Constables**

RR, SOO Aidan Mallon and JG had met with Constable Charlie Turner to discuss Constable matters. They had talked about the current structure of 2 Constables and 2 Assistants and possible alternatives. They had also discussed who was responsible for the Constables and who they should report to. The Office would work on a proposal for the Douzaine to consider.

- **CPA meeting in Gibraltar**

The Committee discussed the CPA meeting in Gibraltar in June. One Officer and two Conseillers from Sark could attend. As the CPA did not have any budget for 2026, it was unanimously agreed that P&F would pay for SH to attend but if Conseillers wished to attend they would have to pay for themselves.

- **Proxy voting**

An Ordinance would be needed to allow proxy voting but the LO had said this was quite straightforward. The Application for Proxy Voting form was being finalised. The report would be taken to Midsummer Chief Pleas for approval which should allow time for proxy voting to be in place for the General Election.

- **Future Sark**

A meeting was scheduled later in the week to discuss the workshops which would take place in the first week of June. The weekly questions that were being distributed now were designed to find out what the 'hot topics' were for residents. This would inform Question Factory how they would do the workshops which in turn would inform them how they would do the main questionnaire.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

The public survey was open until 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Commissioners' visit to Sark had gone very well and the Chair of the Commissioners, Sir Bob Neill, had written to express his thanks for the warm hospitality and constructive discussions during the visit.

- **Remote Attendance**

This had been discussed at the recent PDG meeting and they had agreed to make it admissible in some circumstances. However if a person attended 3 meetings in a row remotely without a good reason, they could be potentially be removed from the Committee. It was suggested that it should perhaps be over a time period, rather than a number of meetings, as some Committees met more frequently than others.

- **Tax Tribunal**

The Office was working on repopulating the Tax Tribunal.

- **Request from Sark Distillery**

The Committee agreed that it was happy to confirm to Guernsey that the Sark Distillery did not produce more than 20,000 litres of pure spirit a year.

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