

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

**Present:**

John Guille (JG) – Chairman  
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair  
Edric Baker (EB)  
Chris Kennedy-Barnard (CKB)  
Andrew Miller (AM) – (until 6.30pm)  
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer  
William Spooner (WS) – SOO

**PF077.25 Apologies:**

Jolie Rose (JR), Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer, Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

**PF078.25 Minutes and matters arising from meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Matters ongoing:**

- I. Reserves Policy**
- II. Tech Start-up Proposal**
- III. Coins and stamps**  
The Tourism Committee would promote the launch of the new stamps.
- IV. IT Audit / Telecoms providers**
- V. North End Electricity**
- VI. New Tax Models**
- VII. Drone Legislation**
- VIII. Revenue generation**
- IX. Approved Ports**
- X. Shipping Registry**

**All other actions were done.**

**JG signed off the Minutes as correct. The summary of the minutes for the website was approved.**

**PF079.25 Financial matters**

The May accounts were tabled and noted. It was anticipated that there would be a deficit at the end of the year due to the unexpected emergency work on La Coupée. The Committee discussed what might need to be budgeted for in 2026. P&F and Douzaine would have a joint meeting in the near future to discuss the 2026 budget.

**PF080.25      Office matters**

**a) Second SOO recruitment**

The advert was ready to be posted.

**Non-Agenda Item      Office Matters AOB**

**a) Policies**

Work had started on drafting policies including a communications policy, recruitment policy, an expenses policy and a 'Committee officers and their roles' policy. The Committee agreed that all policies should be taken to Chief Pleas for approval. It would discuss policies further at another meeting and planned to have them ready to take to Michaelmas Chief Pleas.

**PF081.25      Other**

**a) Alcohol Production Licencing**

WS was due to meet with Guernsey to discuss the tests required on premises producing alcohol.

**b) Engagement with Alderney**

WS was now having fortnightly meetings with Alderney, who were keen to have more engagement with Sark. An in-person meeting would be scheduled in the near future.

**c) CPA Debrief and Island Plan**

NT told the Committee about the recent CPA meeting she had attended with the Speaker and WS in Cardiff. She felt that attending the meeting had raised the profile of Sark and they had made invaluable connections with representatives from other Crown Dependencies. Being a member of the CPA gave Sark access to a lot of guidance and advice on many things including mental health, small parliaments, social media, accessibility and financial planning.

**d) P&F open surgeries**

There would be a P&F surgery on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 9-12 am. NT, JG and AM would be there to meet with any residents who came.

**PF081.25      AOB**

**a) Congratuations to His Excellency**

The Speaker would be officially congratulating Lieutenant General Richard Cripwell CB, CBE for being awarded the KBE in the King's Birthday Honours in June. He would also be congratulating Major Marco Ciotti, secretary and Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor, who had been made a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

**b) Late Paper for Midsummer Chief Pleas**

WS had now received the legislation for Item 7, the appointment of Dr McCullough as Sark's Commissioner for Standards, for Midsummer Chief Pleas from the Law Officers. He would send the legislation and the covering report to the Committee. There would also be some Commencement Regulations which P&F would be required to bring. The Speaker had given until Friday for the late papers to be submitted.

**c) Amalgamation of Tribunal Panels**

Some members of the Tribunal Panels had concerns about the amalgamation of the tribunal panels and felt that appeals and scrutiny should be kept separate. More consultation and discussion was planned before any decision would be made.

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