

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 21st July 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

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

Apologies:

Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer

- **Minutes and matters arising from meetings:**

a) 23rd June

- **MOU for Digimap**

This was being reviewed by the Law Office

- **Tax Tribunal Age Limit**

This was with the Law Office to draft the necessary legislation.

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.

b) 7th July

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- **Financial matters**

The Committee approved payment for an invoice from Prosperity 247 for assistance with IT issues.

- **IOSS**

The Office and IOSS were finding a suitable time for P&F and the Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee to meet with the Board.

- **Papers for Michaelmas**

The Committee considered the papers it wanted to take to Michaelmas Chief Pleas. These included the tax measures agreed at the previous meeting (i.e. minimum number of quarters for forfeit and limiting Box 2 to one nominated person per household), proxy voting and PTT on share transfer.

- **Tax Reform Update**

The Office was working on a tax reform update to be shared with the public.

- **Future Sark**

As people were busy with the summer season, the Committee had agreed that the Future Sark consultation should be paused until later in the year.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

The Bailiwick Commissioners were coming to Sark at the end of August for a public meeting and to meet with people from different sections of the population.

- **Vacant Property Tax**

The Committee agreed to discuss this at their next dedicated tax-focused meeting.

- **Alcohol Production Licence Application**

The Committee approved an application from the Sark Brewery to produce beer.

- **Purchase of piece of land**

The owner of the piece of land that the oil tanks for the teachers' house were on had offered to sell the land to the Island for £1. The conveyance document was now ready for signing. The Committee agreed that they were happy for the Douzaine to sign, as advised by the Law Office.

- **Amendment to Conseiller Oath**

The Committee considered an amendment to the oath for newly elected Conseillers which had been suggested by a Sark resident via the Speaker. The Committee were in support of the amendment and agreed to take it to Michaelmas Chief Pleas.

- **Immigration Amendment Rules No. 3**

The Committee noted that Guernsey were in the process of transitioning to digital-only visa approvals and had made some minor amendments to their immigration legislation so that during the transitional period people could be notified in writing, rather than in person, that their application had been approved,

- **OECD – Synthetic Biology**

The OECD (Office for Economic Co-operation and Development) had provided some recommendations on synthetic biology. They were not legally binding but set out best practice on how the industry should be regulated. Guernsey had decided not to follow them at this time as they did not feel it was relevant to them. The Committee agreed that Sark should align with Guernsey and not adopt the recommendations.

- **North End Generators**

JP had been looking into the possibility of connecting all of the houses at the North End to one generator. He would send details of the costs to the Committee for consideration.

- **UK-GCC Free Trade Agreement**

The UK had signed a Free Trade Agreement with the Gulf Co-operation Council and had asked Guernsey if they wanted it to be extended to include the Bailiwick. Guernsey had agreed for it to be extended for them for goods and services because of their finance industry but Sark and Alderney would only need the goods sections to be extended to include them. The Committee had no objections to the Agreement being extended to include Sark.

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