

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4th August 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chair (also Deputy Chair of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee)
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Jolie Rose (JR)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
Rhys Rowlands (RR) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

By invitation:

Jimmy Martin (JM) – Chair of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee
Karl Rang (KR) – member of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee

Apologies:

Joe Perrée (JP)

- **IOSS**

The Committees discussed various matters relating to IOSS.

JM and KR left the meeting at 5.50pm.

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 21st July**
 - **MOU for Digimap**

This would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

- **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.

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

- **Financial matters**

- a) The accounts for the year to date were tabled and noted.
- b) The Committee approved payment of an invoice for accommodation for Heidi Soulsby who was the Speaker at the CPA Crown Dependencies Network meeting in Sark in October.

- **Tax Reform Update**

This would be finalised at the next meeting. The Taxation Review Special Committee and the Tax Assessor would be invited to attend.

- **Papers for Michaelmas**

The Committee would review the draft reports for Michaelmas and give feedback by email. The Committee agreed that it would ask the Law Office to draft new legislation for Impôt, to replace the 1950 Order in Council, which would allow amendments to be made by Ordinance as required. The paper on Proxy Voting had been shared with all Conseillers, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for comments.

- **Tax Tribunal**

The Committee discussed ways to reach more people who might be interested in being on the Tax Tribunal Panel.

- **Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme**

The Committee had agreed to various amendments to the Banking Deposit Scheme back in 2024. The amendments had been put into a Ordinance. Guernsey were now asking Sark and Alderney for a formal agreement that they were happy to approve the Amendment Regulations. All Conseillers present at the meeting agreed that they had no objections to the Amendment Regulations.

- **Date for dedicated Tax meeting (including Vacant Property Tax discussions)**

The Committee agreed to wait until after the deadline for Michaelmas Chief Pleas Papers to have a dedicated tax meeting.

- **Future Sark update**

Costs for the Future Sark project would be made in 5 separate payments on completion of each stage. The Committee approved payment for the first 2 stages. Steve Skelton and Question Factory were working on a proposal for the reactivation of the Future Sark process in the Autumn for the Committee to consider.

- **2026 Election Observer**

The CPA had suggested asking a volunteer charity organisation called 'Democracy Volunteers' if they would be able to provide an Election Observer for the 2026 General Election.

- **Deputy Tax Assessor recruitment**

The Committee considered the applications they had received for the role of Deputy Tax Assessor. 2 applicants would be invited for interview.

File Ref: Committee Minutes Summary 2026/Policy and Finance, (16)