

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Andrew Miller (AM)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

PF118.25 Apologies:

Jolie Rose (JR)
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
William Spooner (WS) – SOO

PF119.25 Minutes and matters arising from meetings 19th August

a) Stamp launch

The stamp launch had been postponed to Wednesday 10th September due to bad weather. Royal approval had now been given for the Liberation stamps which featured HRH The Princess Royal.

Matters ongoing:

- i) **Prevôt**
- ii) **Reserves Policy**
- iii) **Island Plan**
- iv) **IT/Telecoms**
- v) **New Tax Models**
- vi) **Shipping Registry**
- vii) **Scrutiny/Tribunal panel amalgamation**
- viii) **Guidance note for Code of Conduct**

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

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

PF120.25 Financial matters

a) Budget considerations

The Committee was asked to consider its budget for 2026 ready to discuss at the next meeting.

b) Response to HE

HE had been told that he would be sent the letter covering ideas for new income streams, the introduction of a new Capital Reserve Fund and developing a new Island Reserves Policy in the second half of September. JG and AM were meeting with HE on Thursday and would give him a verbal update in the meantime.

c) Invoice

The Committee approved an invoice from one of the members of the SOO recruitment panel for time spent so far.

PF121.25 Office matters

a) 2nd SOO recruitment

Two of the candidates had booked their travel for the on-island interviews. A member of the recruitment panel would contact the other candidate the following day.

PF122.25 Other

a) Papers for Michaelmas Chief Pleas

The Committee agreed the papers it would take to Michaelmas Chief Pleas.

b) Bailiwick Commission – appointment of Commissioners

Sark and Alderney had been asked to consider the long-list of suggested Bailiwick Commissioners and make any additional recommendations.

c) Manches Iles subsidy

The Committee discussed how much contribution Sark should pay to Manches Iles to allow them to operate in 2026.

d) Drone legislation and Sark Fire Service request

The CAA had been asked about the Sark Fire Service's request to be able to use a drone to assist with searches and for general situation awareness and to be used by other authorities under the supervision of the Fire Service, for example, cliff face surveys. The CAA had said that once the Fire Service's nominated drone team leader had completed the required courses, they would issue him with a licence. The Committee agreed that

they were happy for the Sark Fire Service to work with the CAA to get a licence for use of a drone for emergency purposes.

PF123.25 AOB

a) Summit with Brittany and Ile et Vilaine

The Committee still had to decide whether someone would attend the Summit with Brittany and Ile et Vilaine in October. It would discuss this further at the next meeting.

b) CPA visit 22nd to 23rd September

An itinerary was being put together for the CPA visit on 22nd to 23rd September. The suggested theme for the visit was 'Scrutiny'.

c) IOSS winter timetable

The Harbours and Tourism Committees were meeting with the MD of IOSS the following day to talk about the proposed winter schedule.

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