

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17th March 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Carol Cragoe (CC) – via Teams
Rhys Rowlands (RR) - SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

- **Apologies:**

Jolie Rose (JR)

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 3rd March 2026**

- **Derelict properties**

Discussions on derelict properties were on-going.

- **Date for All Conseiller briefing**

The briefing had been scheduled for Wednesday 25th March. Representatives from the Law Office and Guernsey Civil Service would be attending either in person or via TEAMS.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

Guernsey had asked for the names of stakeholders and expert by 19th March if possible.

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.

- **Tax Reform Discussions**

The Committee discussed tax reform. They felt they should focus on what could be done for 2027, such as removing or altering Boxes 2 and 6 on the Tax Declaration Form, and then work towards the wider tax reform for 2028.

- **Papers for Easter Chief Pleas**

The Committee discussed the papers it would be taking to Easter Chief Pleas.

- **Remote Attendance of meetings**

The Committee discussed whether people attending meetings remotely should be able to count towards quoracy and be allowed to vote. This had been put in place during Covid when an 'Emergency Measures' section had been added to the Reform Law (Sark), 2008 but only while the Covid restrictions were in place. This had been looked at again in 2023 but it had been felt that in-person attendance should be encouraged and there had been concerns that allowing people to attend remotely and count towards quoracy and be able to vote could be misused. The Committee agreed that it should be looked into again and asked the Office to come up with a proposal on how these concerns could be addressed. Once the proposal was agreed it could be taken to PDG.

- **Tax Information Sheets**

NT had been working on information sheets for the public about the current tax system and budget. She would circulate to the Committee to review. Once agreed, they would be sent out to the public.

- **Future Sark Update**

It was felt that the Future Sark presentation had been well received. Steve Skelton from the Question Factory was planning to join a meeting of each Committee to find out what they wanted to achieve from the Future Sark consultation. It was suggested that Committees could give annual updates to Chief Pleas on what they were doing towards reaching goals.

- **Proxy/postal voting**

It was noted that the Reform Law said that allowing proxy/postal voting could be done by Ordinance. The Office would look into this. It was hoped to have this in place in time for the General Election.

- **Quote for clean-up survey**

The Committee approved the quote for a clean-up survey of the Power Station site.

- **Valuer appointment**

The Committee expected to find out the court date for the valuer appointment shortly.

- **Chairs' meeting**

It was suggested that there could be quarterly Chairs' meetings with a budget overview. A meeting would be scheduled sometime after Easter Chief Pleas.