

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10th June 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair
Jolie Rose (JR)
Edric Baker (EB)
Chris Kennedy-Barnard (CKB)
Andrew Miller (AM) – (until 6.30pm)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
William Spooner (WS) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

PF071.25 Apologies:

Everyone was present.

PF072.25 Minutes and matters arising from meeting 28th May:

Matters ongoing:

- I. Reserves Policy**
- II. Tech Start-up Proposal**
- III. Coins and stamps**
The first stamps would be issued on 31st August.
- IV. IT Audit / Telecoms providers**
- V. Quote for new generator for the North End**
- VI. New Tax Models**
- VII. Drone Legislation**
- VIII. Revenue generation**

All other actions were done.

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

PF073.25 Financial matters

There was nothing to bring to the meeting. The May accounts would be brought to the next meeting.

PF074.25 Office matters

a) Second SOO recruitment

The Committee discussed the final draft of the advert and where it would be advertised.

Non-Agenda Item Office Matters AOB

The Committee considered a draft expenses policy.

PF075.25 Other

a) Items deferred from meeting 28th May

i) Energy – letter from Guernsey States

The Committee had received a letter confirming the approval of Guernsey States for the £1.5m loan.

ii) French MOU

The Committee unanimously agreed that NT, as Deputy Chair of P&F and Chair of Tourism, would go to Jersey on 24th September to sign, on Sark's behalf, the MOU between Normandy, La Manche, Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark.

iii) Sarah Champion MP – Visit on 26th June

The Committee discussed the itinerary for the visit of Sarah Champion MP on 26th June.

iv) P&F open surgeries

The Committee agreed to hold open surgeries on a Saturday every couple of months.

v) CPA (Commonwealth Parliamentary Association) meeting 17th – 20th June

NT, WS and the Speaker would be going to Cardiff to attend this meeting.

vi) Newsletter

The next Chief Pleas Newsletter would be going out in August. Items to be submitted could be discussed at PDG and within Committees

vii) Approved Ports

A meeting had been arranged with Peter Knee, the Deputy Chief Officer of the Guernsey Border Agency the following week to discuss the potential cost involved in Sark becoming an Approved Port. Jersey had been contacted about the recent approval at the Jersey States for French visitors travelling on ID cards to be able to stay for 72 hours rather than just a day trip.

viii) Virtual attendance

The Committee felt that rules for virtual attendance at meetings needed to be clarified. It would be taken to PDG to be discussed.

b) New Items

i) Allocation of Chief Pleas Reports

The Committee agreed who would present each P&F report at Midsummer Chief Pleas.

ii) Shipping Registry Update

The Committee had had an informal meeting with an expert in this field who had offered to give the Committee some advice on how to proceed.

Action: On-going.

iii) Water testing

Jane Norwich had sent her proposals for water testing on the island which the Committee needed time to consider. A meeting would be arranged with Jane in due course.

iv) Engagement with Jersey

The UK Government had asked Guernsey if the Bailiwick wishes to consider inclusion of a Permissive Extent Clause (PEC) in the amending Bill to the National Security Act 2023 as a mechanism for extending all or part of this legislation in the future. Guernsey had felt it was a good idea as it did not have its own national security legislation. Further legislation would be needed to bring it into force. The Committee approved the inclusion of the PEC.

v) Post-graduate student visit

The Committee noted that there would be a visit to the Bailiwick, including Sark, of some post-graduate students of Goodenough College to consider governance in the Bailiwick.

a) Island Plan

The Committee were looking into a suitable facilitator.

b) Alcohol Production Licencing

This would be discussed at the next meeting

c) Congratulations to Lynda Higgins

The Committee congratulated LH on the 'Best Conservation Project' Award that had just been awarded to La Société Sercquaise for its Seabird Monitoring Project, which had been carried out by Lynda and drone operator, Pierre Ehmann.

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