

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 31st March 2026 at 5.15pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Jolie Rose (JR) (until 6.35pm)
Carol Cragoe (CC) – via Teams
Rhys Rowlands (RR) – SOO
Aidan Mallon (AM) - SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

- **Apologies:**

John Guille (JG) – Chairman

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 17th March 2026**

- **Derelict properties**

Discussions on derelict properties were on-going.

- **Tax Reform Discussions**

The Committee discussed the implications of changing or removing any of the options on the current tax declaration form. They felt it might be helpful to hold a Conseillers' surgery to find out from residents how they may be affected by removing and/or amending any of the boxes.

- **Remote attendance**
- **Proxy/postal voting**

These would be discussed at the next meeting.

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.

- **Extraordinary Chief Pleas meeting**

The Committee would agree by email who would introduce each of the papers for the Extraordinary Chief Pleas meeting.

- **Papers for Easter Chief Pleas**

As there was a P&F meeting the day before the Easter Chief Pleas meeting, the Committee agreed to wait until then to decide who would introduce each of the papers.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

The Committee considered Sark's trades and community which should be represented for engagement with the Bailiwick Commissioners.

- **Future Sark**

The Question Factory were aiming for mid- to end- April to start engagement with Sark. The Office was working with them on the best way to get information out to residents. Each Committee would have to discuss what they wanted to achieve from the Future Sark consultation, while being mindful of what Sark's constraints were with regards to, for example, water and infrastructure.

- **GST briefing**

The proposed date for the all Conseiller briefing by members of the States of Guernsey on GST and potential options and impact for Sark was Wednesday 22nd April.

- **Law Officers visit**

Crown Advocate Jon McLellan, HM Procureur Megan Pullen and HM Comptroller Hilary Pullen would be visiting Sark on Thursday 9th April. They would meet with P&F and Chairs of other Committees.

- **OECD AI & Quantum**

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) had sent Guernsey its draft recommendations for AI and Labour, and Quantum Technologies, and asked them to consider its position on the recommendations. The Committee noted that the OECD's recommendations were not legally binding although the UK usually aimed to adopt them. Guernsey felt that they did not need to take up the recommendations at this time as these industries currently didn't exist in the Bailiwick and they wanted more time to understand how they would be applied and affect the Bailiwick. Guernsey had asked Sark if they were happy to defer adoption of the recommendations. The Committee agreed it was happy to defer.

- **Claims Commission for Ukraine**

An International Claims for Ukraine was being established. It would be an international body which assessed and decided on compensation claims against Russia for illegal activities in Ukraine. The Foreign Office had asked the Bailiwick if it would like the Convention extended to include Guernsey, Sark and Alderney. If they did choose to adopt it there would be some legislation around privileges and immunities of people working for the Commission. The Committee agreed that it would not extend the Convention to Sark.

- **CPA**

The Committee discussed the possibility of hosting the CPA Crown Dependencies UK network event in 2026. There could be around 20 delegates who would pay for their own accommodation and travel. Sark would host a dinner for the delegates. It was expected to take place in late September or early October so could bring people to the island in what was usually a quieter period.

The Committee discussed the benefits of being part of the CPA and attending meetings. There was also online training available which could help Conseillers and Officers.

- **General Election**

The Committee considered the two options for the date of the General Election. One option was to hold the election in late November with population of Committees in December. The other was to hold it in December with population of Committees in January. There was some discussion on the implications on Conseillers who were up for election having their term reduced by a month. It was noted that the Law Office had no issues with this from a legal perspective and the Election Ordinance would amend the out-going terms. There was some feeling that this should be discussed at a PDG meeting before being agreed.

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