Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25th November 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman (via Teams) Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair Edric Baker (EB) Jolie Rose (JR) (until 6.30pm) Carol Cragoe (CC) Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer William Spooner (WS) – SOO Ali Bateson (AB), CSO

By Invitation:

Paul Armorgie (PA), Speaker (until 5.50pm)

PF149.25 Apologies:

Andrew Miller (AM)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Jeremy La Trobe-Bateman (JLTB), Deputy Speaker

PF150.25 By-Election Follow-up

The By-Election to fill the vacancy for a Conseiller was scheduled for Wednesday 25th February. The electoral roll would close on 6th February. If there was a tied vote the re-run would take place on 11th March. A report, the draft timetable and draft Ordinance would be brought to Christmas Chief Pleas. The successful candidate would only be in post for a few months as they would be replacing a Conseiller whose term of office ended at the end of the year. It was agreed that there should be a continual programme of encouraging people to register on the electoral roll.

The Committee and PA discussed new forms for application to be on the electoral register and to stand for election. The Greffier had also given feedback for consideration. The forms would be amended as discussed and reviewed again.

PF151.25 Deputy Speaker vacancy

There would have to be an Extraordinary Chief Pleas Meeting to elect a Deputy Speaker which was planned for the week before the Easter Chief Pleas Meeting. The Ordinance would be brought at Christmas Chief Pleas.

PF152.25 General Election

The Committee considered dates for the 2026 General Election to try and prevent a big gap between the election and the new Conseillers being sworn in and Committees populated.

PA left the meeting at 5.50pm.

PF153.25 Minutes and matters arising from meetings:

a) 3rd November

- a) Prevôt
- b) Reserves Policy
- c) New Tax Models
- d) Shipping Registry
- e) Scrutiny/Tribunal panel amalgamation
- f) Role of Committee Chairs
- g) Digimap charges for surveys

i) Code of Conduct

The Law Officers would draft the Regulations which P&F would sign. They would not need to be laid before Chief Pleas. The start date would be 1st January 2026.

ii) Invite to External Relations Group

WS confirmed that only 1 politician was able to attend the External Relations Group.

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.

b) 11th November

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PF154.25a Financial Matters

a) Tax Assessor and Deputy Tax Assessor Recruitment

Some applications had been received but there was still time before the deadline.

PF154.25b Office matters

a) SOO recruitment

The recruitment panel was the same as for the previous recruitment drive. 4 candidates were being interviewed by Teams to decide who to invite for on-island interviews.

b) Clerk to the Board

It was agreed that the Education Committee could give the Board the funds to pay for a Clerk. The Office would work with the Board to decide how many hours would be needed a year.

PF155.25 Other

a) H.E. response

The Committee agreed it was happy with the draft response to H.E.

b) Scrutiny

The Committee agreed that scrutiny was important but discussed whether there should be at least one other proposal for Conseillers to consider alongside the establishment of a Scrutiny Management Panel as approved by Chief Pleas in January 2019.

c) Bailiwick Commissioners

The Committee discussed the list of proposed Bailiwick Commissioners.

d) Island games funding

The Committee agreed that it would pay the subscription for 2026 but would ask the people competing to work with the Sports Club to see if there were any more potential participants who could attend the next games.

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