



2026.05.20-NT-Executive Committee Minutes

Assembly Rooms at 18.00

Attendees: Speaker Paul Armorgie, Deputy Speaker Jeremy La Trobe-Bateman, Deputy Speaker Elect Theo Leworthy, Conseillers Carol Cragoe, Jimmy Martin and Natalie Tighe

Agenda Item		Comments	Ownership / Comments	Date of Conclusion
CPA 2026.001	Access and explain to other Conseillers the CPA's Parliamentary Academy.	Discussion followed on the wealth of material available through the online Parliamentary Academy.	NT	Ongoing / registration info email sent
CPA 2026.002	Encourage all Conseillers to complete as a minimum the 'Induction for New Parliamentarians course'.	Access to the Parliamentary Academy would follow once Sark had an entry in the CPA's directory.		29/04/2026
CPA 2026.003	Encourage the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker to complete the 'Advanced Course for Speakers and Presiding Officers' course.	The courses would be rolled out to all members, and everyone encouraged to participate. Discussions followed as to the best way to encourage take-up, for example, group learning and courses for the Speaker and Conseillers on particular committees.		Details to be forwarded to TL – 20/05/2026
CPA 2026.004	17 - 20 June CPA BIMR regional meeting and AGM. 26-28 May 2026: Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities	Prioritise what we can attend (definitely for the BMIR conference, two people - one man and one woman). WS explained that it was a 'must have' for Sark, as an active CPA member, to	FM/NT/SH attendance agreed; travel to be finalised – NT	

	(CPwD) Forum 2026, Cape Town, South Africa 22-26 June 2026, CPA Parliamentary Academy Residency Programme for Members (Skills-Building), Darwin, Australia 30 June 2026: International Day of Parliamentarism / World Parliament Day 2026 26-31 July 2026: 13th Commonwealth Youth Parliament, Sydney, Australia 13-18 September 2026: 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Cape Town, South Africa 9-13 November 2026: Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Workshop, Nadi, Fiji	attend the British Islands Mediterranean Region (BIMR) conference. At present, all attendance except officers will be self-funded due to no budgetary allowance in 2026. Contact to be made with Sark School to see if a project with a theme focusing on World Parliament Day.	PA	
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CPA 2026.005	CPA Benchmarks	There was discussion around CPA Benchmarks and this being an exercise to help improve Sark's parliamentary democracy. It was agreed that CPA Benchmarks would be accelerated with contact made to the CPA Secretariat to see how best to proceed.	Ongoing – NT to seek assistance as to next steps	22/05/2026
CPA 2026.006	Explore funding from the Small Branches Regional Initiative Fund	WS explained the Small Branches Regional Initiative Fund and possible opportunities, and that thought should be given as to what the Branch might seek.	Ongoing – all to consider; possibility of a review into officer roles	
CPA 2026.007	Participate in the various networks - CPA Small Branches, Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities, LGBT+.	The CPA include various networks, including the CPA Small Branches (Deputy Adrian Gabriel), Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) (Deputy Sasha Kazantseva-Miller) and Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD).	Ongoing - all	
CPA 2026.008	CPA Crown Dependencies Network meeting on Sark in October 2026	Next steps to be shared with the Executive Committee.	General support of the draft programme – NT to discuss possibilities with service providers	

CPA 2026.009	Is a Branch Secretary required?	It was agreed for NT to take on the role of interim Branch Secretary and that this would be re-visited. WS explained that, typically, the role is carried out by an official and that the presence of an official also assisted in ensuring opportunities for officials to access the CPA resources, as well as by parliamentarians.	Ongoing – NT to continue in the role.	
CPA 2026.010	General Election 2026	Election observer Election date update BIMR	2026 General Election to take place in November 2026; ongoing conversations with CPA for volunteer involvement for an Election Observer	
AOB	Sark School Youth Council Initiative	Took place on 22/04/2026 and there is impetus for this initiative to continue possibly with one taking place each school term. There were various suggestions to encourage broader participation by students. The theme suggested was Future Sark and its results have potential to be included in the final project itself.	PA to contact Sark School to arrange a follow up meeting. NT to draft an intro piece for the school to follow up.	