

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman (from 5.10pm due to being at another meeting)
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Jolie Rose (JR),
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Andrew Miller (AM)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
William Spooner (WS) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

NT chaired the meeting until the arrival of JG.

PF096.25 Apologies:

Everyone was present.

PF097.25 Minutes and matters arising from meeting 8th July 2025

Matters ongoing:

- I. Reserves Policy**
- II. Tech Start-up Proposal**
- III. Coins and stamps**
- IV. IT/Telecoms**
- V. New Tax Models**
- VI. Drone Legislation**
- VII. Revenue generation**
- VIII. Approved Ports**
- ix) Engagement with Alderney**

A trip to Alderney was scheduled for the following week. Some members of the Douzaine would be visiting the waste management sites. It was also hoped to arrange visits to the customs post, quay FM and Visit Alderney.

- x) Shipping Registry**
- xi) Scrutiny/Tribunal panel amalgamation**
- xii) Policies**
- xiii) CPA branch creation**

All other actions were done or on the agenda for discussion.

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

PF098.25 Financial matters

The half-year accounts were tabled and noted.

It was agreed that SH could continue to put money into 3-month deposit accounts with RBS.

Non-Agenda item – AOB Financial matters – Compulsory purchase valuers

The Committee were given an update on the appointment of Sark's compulsory purchase valuers.

PF099.25 Office matters

a) 2nd SOO recruitment

A number of applications had been received so far. The deadline for applications was 31st July.

PF100.25 Other

a) Housing request for dairy farmers

A representative of the Sark Community Dairy Trust had sent an email to all Conseillers asking for local market status to be given to the dairy farmers. As the Committee understood that the Douzaine and Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committees were going to send a joint reply to the Trust, it agreed that it did not also need to respond.

b) By-Election

The Committee discussed potential dates for the By-Election and the Extraordinary Chief Pleas meeting. The Speaker would be asked if he was happy with the dates suggested by the Committee.

c) Island Plan

There was a short discussion on the Island Plan. It would be discussed in more detail at the P&F meeting on 5th August.

d) Tax proposals for Michaelmas and public consultation

This would be discussed at the extra P&F meeting on tax matters on 29th July. (see item i)

e) Proposal for a new P&F meeting format

It was agreed that, in future, a big topic item such as tax or the Island Plan would be put on the start of the agenda to be discussed for the first 30-45 minutes of a meeting.

f) IOSS Non-Executive Directors (NED)

The closing date for applications for the NED Technical Director had been 30th June.

One of the NEDs term of office was coming to an end. The re-appointment would have to be approved by Chief Pleas. The Committee hoped to be able to take it to the upcoming Extraordinary Chief Pleas meeting.

g) Application for generator connection

A resident had asked if he could connect his house to the North End generators as he had been refused permission to be connected to the grid. The request was unanimously approved by the Committee on condition that a meter was installed.

h) Geomarine site survey for power station site

Although Geomarine had previously quoted for the clean up of the power station site, they would be asked to provide a new quote which would be factored into the compulsory purchase price.

i) Extra P&F meeting about tax on Tuesday 29th July

The Committee agreed to have an extra tax-focused meeting on 29th July to discuss tax proposals for Michaelmas Chief Pleas. The Tax Assessor would be invited to attend.

j) Date for joint P&F and Douzaine meeting

It had ben agreed that P&F would join the start of the Douzaine's meeting on Thursday 14th August.

PF101.25 AOB

a) Generator for Sheep racing

LH formally thanked P&FF on behalf of the Sheep Racing Committee for the use of the island's emergency generator and providing fuel for the previous weekend's Sheep Racing event.

b) Visit to French Nuclear Site

Sark had received an invitation to send a representative to the French nuclear site at Flamanville. The visit was usually operational but this time it would be political with several senior politicians from both Jersey and Guernsey attending. The Committee unanimously agreed to JG attending the visit.

c) Loan

Guernsey's Policy and Resource's Committee would send a formal letter inviting Sark to begin negotiations on the terms of the loan.

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