

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26th May 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) - Chair
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Jolie Rose (JR)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Joe Perrée (JP)
Rhys Rowlands (RR) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

- **Apologies:**

Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 12th May 2026**

- **IOSS**

The Committee had received a letter from IOSS saying that the onboarding of the new NEDs was due to take place this week.

- **MOU for Digimap**

This had been sent to the Law Office to review.

- **CPA Meeting in Gibraltar**

A Conseiller had queried the P&F-funded attendance of the Treasurer at the upcoming CPA meeting in Gibraltar. The Committee noted that one Officer and two Conseillers were able to attend. As there had no budget for the CPA for 2026, the Committee had agreed that, on this occasion, it would pay for the travel for the Treasurer to attend. Accommodation was provided free to attendees by the hosts. Conseillers had been invited to express an interest in attending but they would have to self-fund the travel. The Committee unanimously agreed that they were happy to pay for the Treasurer to attend.

Other actions were done or on the agenda for further discussion.

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

- **Financial Matters**

The Committee approved the countersigning and payment of expenses claims for RR and JG to attend a meeting in Guernsey and for JG to attend a meeting in London. The expenses would be posted on the Sark Government website once paid.

The Committee had received a query from a Conseiller about the clean-up survey of the Power Station site that had been mentioned in a previous P&F meeting summary on the website. The Committee noted that the clean-up survey was an essential part of the Compulsory Purchase and would cost around £10-£15K, it was being done by the company recommended by Geomarine and the visit was being combined with a survey of the Harbour Quarry for the Douzaine. A reply would be sent explaining this.

- **Future Sark Update**

The latest Chief Pleas newsletter had gone out with the QR code to the new WhatsApp channel. The 4th weekly question card had been released. The workshops were scheduled for the following week at three different locations. The video by Ian Skinner had been shared with Conseillers with a request that Committees discuss how they could contribute to and support the consultation and had also been shared with the Community Champions. All 4 of the questions were on the Future Sark website and could be submitted at the same time if people had not yet done the earlier ones.

- **PTT on share transfer**

At the Midsummer meeting in 2024, Chief Pleas had approved P&F's proposition '*to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to draft legislation to secure payment of Property Transfer Tax where there has been a material change in the beneficial ownership of a company which holds property on Sark*'. The Ordinance had been drafted but had not yet gone back to Chief Pleas for approval. The Committee agreed to take it to the upcoming Midsummer Chief Pleas meeting.

- **Papers for Midsummer Chief Pleas**

The Committee discussed the papers they wanted to take to Midsummer Chief Pleas.

- **UK/Australia CMAA**

The UK had asked Guernsey if the Bailiwick wanted the CMAA (Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance) in Customs matters between the UK and Australia to be extended to include the Bailiwick. It was not expected to have much effect on the Bailiwick due to the low levels of trade with Australia. Guernsey's P&R Committee had agreed the extension at their recent meeting. The Committee agreed that they had no comments or concerns to raise.

- **Proxy Voting**

The form had now been finalised and the Ordinance was being drafted. It was expected that the Committee would be able to bring this to Midsummer Chief Pleas.

- **Tax Tribunal**

The Office was working on repopulating the Tax Tribunal.

- **CPA meeting funding**

The Committee discussed a possible itinerary for the attendees for the CPA Crown Dependencies Network meeting in October.

- **SPS implications with UK/EU negotiations**

The UK and the EU were currently negotiating an SPS (Sanitary and Phytosanitary) Agreement to align food safety and sanitary rules. These were applicable to the production and distribution of food and animals and would ease movement of food products. It was likely that there would be some legislative implications for the Bailiwick. This was noted by the Committee who would wait for further details in due course.

- **Remote Attendance**

The PDG had discussed this at their recent meeting and had felt that people attending meetings remotely should be allowed to count towards quoracy and to vote but only in 'exceptional circumstances'. It had also been suggested that there should be an amendment to the Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas Committees document to say that anyone attending remotely for 3 Committee meetings, or within a specified timeframe, without a good reason should lose their place on that Committee. The LO had advised that the definition of 'exceptional circumstances' would have to be very specific. There would have to be an Ordinance to amend the Reform Law and, once approved, the change to the Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas Committees document could be made. It was hoped to have this ready to take to Michaelmas Chief Pleas.

- **Normandy and Brittany Summits**

The Committee agreed that JG and NT would attend the Brittany Summit in Guernsey in October. NT would attend the Normandy Summit in Caen in September.

- **Drone for Tourism Committee**

The Committee discussed a request from the Visitori Centre for blanket permission to use a drone to enable better content creation. It noted that the 'Rules for Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA/Drones) in the Vicinity of Sark and Islets' which had been agreed between P&F and the Director of Civil Aviation required operators to get individual permission for each flight and therefore the Committee could not give blanket permission.

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