

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Andrew Miller (AM) – via Teams
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
William Spooner (WS) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

PF118.25 Apologies:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman
Jolie Rose (JR)

PF119.25 Minutes and matters arising from meeting 2nd September

a) Guidance note for the Code of Conduct

The Regulations were ready and Royal Assent was with HE.

Matters ongoing:

- i) **Prevôt**
- ii) **Reserves Policy**
- iii) **IT/Telecoms**
- iv) **New Tax Models**
- v) **Shipping Registry**
- vi) **Scrutiny/Tribunal panel amalgamation**
- viii) **Drone legislation – designated area for practice**

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.

PF120.25 Financial matters

The accounts for August were tabled and noted.

a) Budget 2026

The Committee was asked to consider its budget for 2026 ready to discuss at the next meeting.

PF121.25 Tax

a) The Direct Taxes (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2025

This would be taken to Michaelmas Chief Pleas as a late paper.

The Committee agreed to schedule an extra P&F tax-focused meeting.

PF122.25 Office matters

a) 2nd SOO recruitment

2 of the candidates were coming for their on-island interviews at the weekend. The 3rd candidate, who had been unable to come to Sark at this time, would have a remote interview.

PF123.25 Other

a) Island Plan

The Committee was reaching out to contacts to find a suitable person to be the facilitator for the Island Plan.

b) CPA visit

Stephen Twigg, the Secretary General of the CPA, Sarah Dickson OBE, the Chief Executive of the UK's CPA branch, Deputy Adrian Gabriel, member of the Guernsey States of Deliberation and the chairman of the CPA's small branches network and Simon Ross, the States Greffier in Guernsey and the secretary to Guernsey's CPA branch were visiting Sark the following week. There would be several opportunities for Conseillers to meet with them to learn more about the CPA.

c) Brittany Summit 13th – 15th October

It had been decided that Sark would not be sending a representative to the Brittany Summit in Dinard in October.

d) Company Registry

Richard Walker, Director of Financial Crime Policy and International Regulatory Adviser for Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee, would be attending P&F's meeting on Tuesday 28th October via Teams to talk about a company registry.

e) Visit from the new President of Economic Development to Sark

Saskia Kazantseva-Miller's visit to Sark was scheduled for either the 10th, 12th or 14th November.

f) Alcohol production licence

The Committee had become aware of a company producing alcohol and would send a reminder that it needed to apply for the relevant licence.

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