

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 18th August 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chair (also member of Taxation Review (Special) Committee)
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair (also member of Taxation Review (Special) Committee)
Edric Baker (EB)
Carol Cragoe (CC) – via Teams
Joe Perrée (JP)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
Rhys Rowlands (RR) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

Not present:

Jolie Rose (JR)

By invitation - members of Taxation Review (Special) Committee

Jimmy Martin (JM)	}	From 5pm to 5.50pm
Nick Moloney (NM)		
Mike Locke (ML)		

Apologies:

No apologies had been received.

- **Public Tax Update**

The Committees discussed the public tax update which would be sent out at the beginning of September.

JM, NM and ML left the meeting at 5.50pm.

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 4th August**
 - **Deputy Tax Assessor recruitment**

One interview had taken place, the other was scheduled for later in the week.

- **Tax Tribunal Age Limit**

This was with the Law Office to draft the necessary legislation.

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

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

- **Financial matters**

- a) The accounts for July were tabled and noted.

- **IOSS**

The Committee discussed IOSS's proposal for additional sailings during the school summer holidays.

- **Papers for Michaelmas**

The Committee discussed the papers that would be taken to the Michaelmas Chief Pleas meeting.

- **Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas on 26th August**

The Committee agreed that NT would present the paper, which was to extend the current loan agreement with IOSS for 3 months as the company had not been able to provide the financial information required to negotiate new terms. The Committee would have discussions with the Board and bring the new loan agreement to the Budget meeting of Chief Pleas.

- **Future Sark update**

Question Factory had sent their Autumn reactivation plan proposal and draft consultation. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

The Bailiwick Commissioners were visiting Sark on the 25th and 26th August, meeting with people from various sectors and demographics. P&F would also meet with them and there would be a public meeting in the Island Hall.

- **MOU for Digimap**

The Committee discussed Digimap and felt it would be useful to have a viewing licence. They felt that the public should be charged for using Digimap. This would be added to the MOU.

- **Liquor Licencing**

The Committee agreed that the fees for liquor licences needed to be reviewed and that the fee for producing alcoholic products should be increased. They would also look into taxing THC.

- **HR Policies**

The Office had drafted HR policies. These would be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Energy Data Logger**

The Committee approved the purchase of an energy data logger which could be used for the North End generators in the short term and the new electricity company in the long term.

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