

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19th August 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Andrew Miller (AM) (until 6.45pm)
Jolie Rose (JR)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer (until 6.55pm)
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
William Spooner (WS) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

PF112.25 Apologies:

Everyone was present.

PF113.25 Minutes and matters arising from meetings:

a) 29th July

Some clarification was needed from the Law Officers on some points in the Direct Taxes legislation.

All actions were done.

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

b) 5th August

Matters ongoing:

- i) **Prevôt**
- ii) **Reserves Policy**
- iii) **Island Plan**
- iv) **IT/Telecoms**
- v) **New Tax Models**
- vi) **Shipping Registry**
- vii) **Scrutiny/Tribunal panel amalgamation**
- viii) **Guidance note for Code of Conduct**

All 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.

PF114.25 Financial matters

The accounts for July were tabled and noted.

a) Letter to HE

A letter to HE covering ideas for new income streams, the introduction of a new Capital Reserve Fund and developing a new Island Reserves Policy had been drafted and would be circulated to the Committee for feedback.

PF115.25 Office matters

a) 2nd SOO recruitment

The recruitment panel had narrowed down the applicants to a shortlist of 6 who had been interviewed via Teams. 3 candidates would be invited to Sark for on-island interviews.

b) Meeting schedule

The Office had drafted a meeting schedule to ensure all Committees had regular meeting slots allocated. Once the schedule had been approved that Office would proceed with setting up the schedule.

PF116.25 Other

a) Papers for Michaelmas Chief Pleas

The Committee discussed the papers it planned to take to Michaelmas Chief Pleas.

b) Manches Iles funding for 2026

The Committee discussed how much contribution Sark should pay to Manches Iles to allow them to operate in 2026.

c) CPA Branch creation

The Committee discussed the draft CPA Branch Constitution document and mandate.

d) Prisoner Transfer Agreement

The UK were seeking to negotiate, sign and/or ratify three bilateral Prisoner Transfer Agreements (PTAs) with Italy, Poland and the Philippines and had requested an indication of whether Guernsey/the Bailiwick had an interest in being part of any of the three potential Prisoner Transfer Agreements. Guernsey had not identified a need for the

PTAs to be extended locally and wanted Sark's views. The Committee agreed it needed more information to understand why Guernsey didn't want to sign up to this

e) IOSS winter schedule

The Committee discussed the draft winter schedule which IOSS had sent for feedback.

PF117.25 AOB

a) Stamp Launch

The stamp launch was planned for 3rd September. It would be held in the garden at the Gallery Stores if the weather was nice. If it was bad, it would be in the Sark Art Gallery, where Betty Guille's postbox toppers were displayed.

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