

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman (also Deputy Chair of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee)
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Jolie Rose (JR)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Simon Elmont (SE) – non-Chief Pleas member of P&F (from 5.35 – 6.10pm)
Sarah Hudson (SH) - Treasurer
William Spooner (WS) - SOO
Rhys Rowlands (RR) - SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

By invitation:

Jimmy Martin (JM), Chair of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee } from 5pm to
Patrick Dewe, member of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee } 5.43pm

- **Apologies:**

Everyone was present.

- **IOSS NEDs**

The Committees discussed the shortlist for the IOSS NEDs. It was noted that it was for P&F to take recommendations for the NEDs to Chief Pleas. It was planned to take them to the Easter Meeting in April, although they could possibly taken to an Extraordinary Meeting before that if finalised in time.

JM & PD left the meeting at 5.35pm

SE joined the meeting at 5.35pm

- **Approved Ports**

SE would be looking into all options that might be available to Sark to become an Approved Port and would bring back details and estimated costings to the Committee in due course.

SE left the meeting at 6.10pm.

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 20th January 2026**

a) Matters on-going:

i) Prevôt

- ii) **Reserves Policy**
- iii) **Shipping Registry**
- iv) **Role of Committee Chairs (policies and procedures document)**
- v) **Digimap – charges for surveys**

The Committee agreed to have these as 'Standing Items' on the agenda in future and they would only be discussed when there was something new to bring.

b) General Election dates and timetable

Action: On-going. The Speaker would be coming to the next meeting to discuss.

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.

- **Financial matters**

- SH had sent the draft financial statements to the auditors.
- The Committee approved payment of an invoice for a meal for official visitors to the Island.
- The Committee approved payment of an invoice from one of the members of the SOO recruitment panel for time worked in January.

SH left the meeting at 6.30pm.

- **SOO Start Date**

The Committee was waiting for Aidan Mallon to confirm his start date.

- **Sark's inclusion in the UK-India FTA**

The UK had asked Guernsey if they would like the UK-India FTA to be extended to include the Bailiwick of Guernsey. This would mean that tariffs on some goods from India would be removed or reduced. Guernsey was consulting with both Sark and Alderney as part of the Bailiwick. The Committee noted that it supported the UK-India FTA being extended to the Bailiwick.

- **Future Sark**

The Committee hoped that representatives from the Question Factory would come to Sark in March to do a presentation on their Future Sark proposal.

- **Bailiwick Commission update**

A media release would be published by Guernsey on 13th March announcing the Bailiwick Commission and the Commissioners.

- **Legislation Tracker**

Once the Office was fully staffed, it would look into legislation that had been approved by Chief Pleas but was still outstanding. The Committee agreed that, in future, it would be advisable for the Law Officers to be consulted before a report was taken to Chief Pleas.

- **Date of Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas**

The Extraordinary Meeting for the Guernsey States loan would be held on Wednesday 18th March.

- **GST**

Guernsey had confirmed that there would be further dialogue between Sark and Guernsey about GST in due course.

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