

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman – also member of Future Energy Committee
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair
Jolie Rose (JR)
Edric Baker (EB)
Chris Kennedy-Barnard (CKB)
Andrew Miller (AM) – via Teams – also member of Future Energy Committee
Michael Bertram (MB) – SEO
William Spooner (WS) - SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

By Invitation:

Mike Locke, Chair of Future Energy Committee
Emma Webb, Head of Customs & Excise Division of the Guernsey Border Agency
Peter Knee, Deputy Chief Officer of the Guernsey Border Agency

} via Teams

PF038.25 Apologies:

Carol Cragoe – member of Future Energy Committee

PF042.25 Approved Ports – Policy Letter (brought forward)

The Committee, Emma Webb and Peter Knee discussed a policy letter about Approved Ports from Guernsey's Committee of Home Affairs.

Emma Webb and Peter Knee left the meeting at 5.25pm

PF039.25 Energy Matters

The Committee and ML discussed an update report to be sent to Conseillers and the public about the conditions of the loan agreement from the States of Guernsey. A member of Guernsey's External Affairs Department had offered to come to talk to the Conseillers about the Bailiwick Commission.

ML left the meeting at 6pm

PF040.25 Minutes and matters arising from meeting 18th March

Matters ongoing:

- a) Implementing items 5 and 6 of the Tax Rates adjustments
- b) Writing a Reserves Policy

- c) Sark Coins and stamps
- d) IT Audit / Telecoms providers
- e) Obtaining quotes for an Island Plan consultation
- f) Domestic Abuse Phase 2 consultation
- g) Proposition to remove Option 2 from Tax form

h) Introduction of Green and White papers for Chief Pleas

This would be looked at by the Policy Development Group's Governance working group.

All other actions were done.

JG signed off the Minutes as correct.

PF041.25 Financial Matters

SH presented the finalised Financial Statements which had been approved by the auditors and would be taken to Easter Chief Pleas. The accounts were agreed and signed off.

4 invoices received for work for the Electricity Project were approved for payment.

The Committee agreed that quotes for a new generator for the North End could be obtained along with an assessment of how urgently it might be needed.

PF042.25 Office Matters

- a) The Committee agreed that the website should have summaries of Minutes rather than redacted Minutes.
- b) An Assistant CSO had been employed on a temporary ad-hoc basis until the new permanent CSO could start at the beginning of June.
- c) The Committee agreed the reports that would be submitted for Easter Chief Pleas.

PF043.25 Other

b) Connection to North End generator

The Committee agreed that a newly renovated house could be connected to one of the generators at the North End for their electricity supply.

PF044.25 AOB

a) Bailiwick legislation

It was agreed that the Office would set up Teams folder, accessible to all Conseillers, where any legislation would be filed.

b) Code of Conduct Panel

The Committee discussed that any Code of Conduct complaints that came in before Dr Melissa McCullough was formally appointed as Sark's Commissioner for Standards would be accepted by the Panel and then handed to Dr McCullough to look at retrospectively.

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