



2026.07.14-NT-Executive Committee Minutes

Assembly Rooms at 13.30

Attendees: Speaker Paul Armogier, Deputy Speaker Theo Leworthy, Conseillers Carol Cragoe, Jimmy Martin and Natalie Tighe

Agenda Item		Comments	Action / Ownership	Date of Conclusion
CPA 2026.011	Access and explain to other Conseillers the CPA's Parliamentary Academy.	Discussion followed on the wealth of material available through the online Parliamentary Academy.	Ongoing / registration info email sent 29/04/2026.	
CPA 2026.012	Encourage all Conseillers to complete as a minimum the 'Induction for New Parliamentarians course'.	Access to the Parliamentary Academy would follow once Sark had an entry in the CPA's directory.	Possible Branch meeting to be held in early September.	
CPA 2026.013	Encourage the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker to complete the 'Advanced Course for Speakers and Presiding Officers' course.	The courses have been rolled out to all members, and everyone encouraged to participate.		
CPA 2026.014	26-31 July 2026: 13th Commonwealth Youth Parliament, Sydney, Australia 13-18 September 2026: 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Cape Town, South Africa	Prioritise what we can attend (definitely for the BMIR conference, two people - one man and one woman). WS explained that it was a 'must have' for Sark, as an active CPA member, to attend the British Islands Mediterranean Region (BIMR) conference.	Email to be sent to all members to submit expressions of interest to attend the CPC in South Africa. Conseiller Martin was the only member to do so. Confirmation to be	

	1-4 November 2026: 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat, in Antigua and Barbuda. The CPA will be hosting an official side-event during the Conference. 9-13 November 2026: Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Workshop, Nadi, Fiji	At present, all attendance except officers will be self-funded due to no budgetary allowance in 2026. Gibraltar report attached.	sent to the Secretariat (NT)	
CPA 2026.015	CPA Benchmarks	There was discussion around CPA Benchmarks and this being an exercise to help improve Sark's parliamentary democracy. It was agreed that CPA Benchmarks would be returned to as a topic in the future, once an entry in the CPA's directory was completed and the Parliamentary Academy accessed.	Ongoing	
CPA 2026.016	Explore funding from the Small Branches Regional Initiative Fund	WS explained the Small Branches Regional Initiative Fund and possible opportunities, and that thought should be given as to what the Branch might seek.	Ongoing	

CPA 2026.017	Participate in the various networks - CPA Small Branches, Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities, LGBT+.	The CPA include various networks, including the CPA Small Branches (Deputy Adrian Gabriel), Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) (Deputy Sasha Kazantseva-Miller) and Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD).	Ongoing	
CPA 2026.018	CPA Crown Dependencies Network meeting on Sark in October 2026	Placeholders sent to all CDs. Funding request approved by P&F. Invite and accompanying email to be drafted and shared with the Executive Committee.	Logistics to be organised.	
CPA 2026.019	Is a Branch Secretary required?	Typically, the role is carried out by an official and that the presence of an official also assisted in ensuring opportunities for officials to access the CPA resources, as well as by parliamentarians.	It was agreed for NT to take on the role of interim Branch Secretary and that this would be re-visited.	
CPA 2026.020	General Election 2026	Election observer Election date update BIMR	Comms to continue with Volunteer Democracy with regards to a possible election observer for the 2026 General Election.	

CPA 2026.021	Funding arrangements for 2027	Consideration to be given as to how much should be applied for within the 2027 Budget.	An initial suggestion of £3,000 was made with a request for members to consider and submit any other possible amounts.	
CPA 2026.022	Youth Forum update reference Future Sark	With the current education issues, unfortunately this had not happened; however, with the decision to delay the next stage of the FS project, this could still be a possibility during the Autumn term.	CC to reference through education channels.	