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MEETING OF CHIEF PLEAS

OF THE

ISLAND OF SARK

HANSARD

Assembly Room, Sark, Wednesday, 27th March 2019

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Present:

Seigneur

Maj. C M Beaumont Esq.

Speaker of Chief Pleas

A J Rolfe Esq.

Prévôt

Mr K N Adams

Greffier

Mr T J Hamon

Deputy Treasurer

Mrs L Higgins

Constable

Mr M Fawson

Conseillers:

Alan Blythe
Peter La Trobe-Bateman
Christopher Nightingale
Anthony Ventress
Sandra Williams
Pauline Mallinson

Philip Long
Christopher Drillot
William Raymond
Amanda de Carteret
Ellen Lalor
Rodney Lalor
Simon Couldridge

Business transacted

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Extraordinary (Emergency) Meeting of Chief Pleas

Chief Pleas met at 7.00 p.m.

[THE SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

PRAYER

The Greffier

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

The Greffier: There are 13 Conseillers, the Seigneur and the Speaker of Chief Pleas present.

Apologies for absence

The Speaker: The Lieutenant-Governor is unable to attend our meeting, due to other commitments, and sends his apologies.

5 I actually have not received any apologies from Conseillers, so I do not know whether they are all coming late or what.

Statement by Conseiller Pauline Mallinson – Appointment of a new Island Safeguarding Officer

The Speaker: First off is a statement by Conseiller Pauline Mallinson regarding the appointment of a new Island Safeguarding Officer.

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Conseiller Mallinson: Last year, we appointed Mrs Sarah Cullen as the Island Safeguarding Officer. When she started in September as a teacher in the school we advertised for a replacement, but there were no applicants. We advertised again in February and we had three candidates, and I am very pleased to say that we appointed Mrs Sharon Boerenbeker, who takes over as the Island Safeguarding Officer with effect from 1st April.

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Mrs Cullen will continue in her role as the designated safeguarding lead for the school, and I would like to thank her for all her hard work establishing the role of Island Safeguarding Officer.

The Speaker: Thank you.

**Procedural –
Electronic devices**

20 **The Speaker:** In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, I would remind all present that mobile phones, cameras, recording devices and other electronic equipment is switched off now, less those allowed to Chief Pleas Members in accordance with Rule 18.

Business of the Day

1. Extraordinary (Special) Meeting, 11th January 2019 – No matters arising

Matters arising from the Extraordinary (Special) Meeting of the Chief Pleas held on Friday, 11th January 2019.

The Speaker: We go to Agenda Item 1, matters arising from the Extraordinary (Special) Meeting of the Chief Pleas held on Friday, 11th January 2019.
25 Are there any matters arising from that?

2. Christmas Meeting, 16th January 2019 – No matters arising

Matters arising from the Christmas Meeting of the Chief Pleas held on Wednesday, 16th January 2019.

The Speaker: In that case we go to Agenda Item 2, matters arising from the Christmas Meeting of the Chief Pleas held on Wednesday, 16th January 2019.
Are there any matters arising from that one?

3. Extraordinary Meeting, 6th February 2019 – No matters arising

Matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chief Pleas held on Wednesday, 6th February 2019.

The Speaker: In that case we go to Agenda Item 3, matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas held on Wednesday, 6th February 2019.
30 Are there any matters arising from that one?

**4. Extending the United Kingdom's Membership of
the World Trade Organization
Policy and Finance Committee Report considered –
Propositions carried**

To consider a Report with six Propositions from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Extending the United Kingdom's Membership of the World Trade Organization'.

Proposition 1:

To agree that the United Kingdom's membership of the World Trade Organization should extend to Sark.

Proposition 2:

To agree that Chief Pleas commit to meet the UK's World Trade Organization obligations, on an ongoing basis, and to resolve any issues or disputes promptly in a manner which is consistent with applicable international standards and protects the Bailiwick of Guernsey's international reputation.

Proposition 3:

To delegate authority to the Policy and Finance Committee to negotiate and agree on behalf of Chief Pleas, with the States of Guernsey and the States of Alderney, all such matters as may be necessary to enable a request to be forwarded by Guernsey's Policy and Resources Committee, on behalf of all three Bailiwick authorities, to the UK government for the extension of the United Kingdom's membership of the World Trade Organization to the Bailiwick.

Proposition 4:

To direct the Policy and Finance Committee to request Guernsey's Policy and Resources Committee (acting on behalf of all three Bailiwick authorities) to send a formal request to the UK Government for the extension.

Proposition 5:

To agree that suitable legislative and administrative measures are implemented and adopted, including statutory privileges and immunities relating to the World Trade Organization and its officials, in order to ensure that the extension may have effect.

Proposition 6:

To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.

The Speaker: In that case we go to Agenda Item 4, to consider a Report with six Propositions from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Extending the United Kingdom's Membership of the World Trade Organization'.

35 **Conseiller Sam La-Trobe Bateman** to introduce the Report.

Conseiller La Trobe-Bateman: Thank you.

I do not have much to add, just a small statement really to help clarify what we are voting on.

40 At present the Channel Islands benefit from the United Kingdom being a member of the European Union. The trading of goods throughout Europe is covered by Protocol 3. When the United Kingdom leaves Europe Protocol 3 falls away, meaning new trade and tariff charges agreements must be made. By joining the World Trade Organization, which Europe is a member of, sets out rules and regulations about trade and tariffs. It will give us a guarantee for fair trade deals when negotiating.

45 At present, the United Kingdom's World Trade membership does not extend to the Channel Islands. We believe that in order not to jeopardise trade from the Channel Islands into Europe we should be covered under the United Kingdom's membership. By voting for the Propositions in front of you we will start the process so we can be included into the Bailiwick's membership and also the UK's membership.

50 Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you.

Are there any questions or comments from the floor?

In that case, I will go to the Propositions. Proposition 1:

To agree that the United Kingdom's membership of the World Trade Organization should be extended to Sark.

55 Those in favour; are there any against? That is **Carried**.
Proposition 2:

To agree that Chief Pleas commit to meet the UK's World Trade Organization obligations, on an ongoing basis, and to resolve any issues or disputes promptly in a manner which is consistent with applicable international standards and protects the Bailiwick of Guernsey's international reputation.

Those in favour; are there any against? That is **Carried**.

Proposition 3:

To delegate authority to the Policy and Finance Committee to negotiate and agree on behalf of Chief Pleas, with the States of Guernsey and the States of Alderney, all such matters as may be necessary to enable a request to be forwarded by Guernsey's Policy and Resources Committee, on behalf of all three Bailiwick authorities, to the UK Government for the extension of the United Kingdom's membership of the World Trade Organization to the Bailiwick.

All those in favour; are there any against? That is **Carried**.

60 Proposition 4:

To direct the Policy and Finance Committee to request Guernsey's Policy and Resources Committee (acting on behalf of all three Bailiwick authorities) to send a formal request to the UK Government for the extension.

Those in favour; are there any against? That is **Carried**.

Proposition 5:

To agree that suitable legislative and administrative measures are implemented and adopted, including statutory privileges and immunities relating to the World Trade Organization and its officials, in order to ensure that the extension may have effect.

All those in favour; are there any against? That is **Carried**.

Proposition 6:

To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.

65 All those in favour; are there any against? That is **Carried**.

**5. Committee Elections –
Policy and Finance Committee, Conseiller A de Carteret elected;
Child Protection Special Committee, no nominations;
Top Level Domain Special Committee, no nominations**

To elect Conseillers to Committees, as required.

The Speaker: We go to Agenda Item 5, Committee Elections to elect Conseillers to Committees as required.

70 There is one vacancy on the Policy and Finance Committee and I understand that Conseiller Amanda de Carteret has agreed to be put forward for this vacancy. Is there anybody else who wishes to be put forward? In that case, I declare Conseiller Amanda de Carteret to be a member of the Policy and Finance Committee.

Just going on to other vacancies, there is one vacancy on the Child Protection Special Committee, are there any nominations from the floor? There are not.

75 There are three vacancies on the Top Level Domain Special Committee, are there any nominations for that one?

**6. Committee and Panel Elections –
Future Energy Special Committee, A Cook and A Beaumont elected**

To elect Non-Chief Pleas Members to Committees and Panels, as required.

The Speaker: In that case, we will proceed to Agenda Item 6, Committee and Panel Elections to elect Non-Chief Pleas Members to Committees and Panels, as required.

80 I have received a request from the Future Energy Special Committee for Mr Anthony Beaumont and Mr Andy Cook to be added as Non-Chief Pleas Members of that Committee. Are there any other nominations? In that case I declare Mr Anthony Beaumont and Mr Andy Cook as Non-Chief Pleas Members of the Future Energy Special Committee.

Are there any other nominations for Non-Chief Pleas Members to any other Committee? Okay.

85 That concludes the business at 11 minutes past seven. Greffier, the grace, please.

PRAYER
The Greffier

Chief Pleas closed at 7.11 p.m.