

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY (SPECIAL) MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS **Held in The Toplis Room, Island Hall, Sark on 11th January 2013 at 10.00 am.**

Present: Sieur J.M. Beaumont OBE, Seigneur; Lt. Col. R.J. Guille MBE, Seneschal; A.W.J. Adams, Deputy Prévôt; T.J. Hamon, Greffier; W. Kiernan FCA, Treasurer and the Constables.

26 Conseillers were present at the roll call (see attached list).
Apologies were received from Conseiller Perrée.

0 Opening Comments

- 0.1 The Seigneur congratulated all those who had been elected in the last election and welcomed the new Members. For those who are new to the Chief Pleas, he trusted that they would find the experience rewarding even if it does get a bit frustrating from time to time.
It is refreshing to know that there are still many on Sark willing to give of their time to work for the Island. There was a time with the old Chief Pleas when it was doubted whether the required 12 candidates for Deputies could be obtained. He thanked the new Members for standing and he hoped that each will get a place on their chosen Committees.
- 0.2 The Seneschal welcomed Conseillers Karen Adams, Michael Mann, Margaret Mallinson and Robert Cottle to this their first Meeting and congratulate them on their election and placing in the poll. He also welcomed returning Conseillers Sandra Williams, who topped the poll with 244 votes, Hazel Fry, Richard and Elizabeth Dewe, Antony Dunks, Andrew Prevel, Paul Williams, Rosanne Byrne, Christine Audrain and Charles Maitland. He urged all the new, returning and sitting Conseillers to continue to govern Sark for the benefit of all residents in this their Island home and not be swayed from that course by outside pressure. One of Sark's strengths is that as Conseillers you govern by consensus and far reaching decisions on the Island's future should not be rushed but be considered carefully to ensure that the electorate's support has been obtained. He wished them well in this next term of parliament.
- 0.3 The Seneschal gave valedictory remarks about Mr Paul Armorgie and Mrs Helen Magell.
Mr Armorgie first stood as a Deputy of the People in the General Election of 2002 and was successfully returned to office in each General Election since then. He took the decision last year that having given 10 years of service to Chief Pleas, he would not seek re-election in December and his term of office ended at midnight last night. He served on numerous Committees and has been an excellent ambassador for Sark during his time on the Tourism Committee and has been the point of contact for many years by the radio media on matters Chief Pleas.
- 0.4 Mrs Magell became a Tenant Member of Chief Pleas on the death of her grandmother, Mrs Rosina Woolford, taking her seat on the 8th March 2006. She then stood for election as a Conseiller in December 2008 where she was placed fourth out of a field of 57 candidates, polling 280 votes. She balloted a four-year term and that term also ended at midnight last night.
Mrs Magell also served on a number of Committees during her nearly seven years of service to Chief Pleas but her main legacy will be that as Chairman of the Education Committee and she leaves that Committee and the Sark School in very good shape having given great leadership to her team. She was also a careful and clear (if soft voiced) speaker in the Assembly and her Education Reports were a model to which others might aspire. On Chief Pleas' behalf he wished to record a vote of thanks to Mr Armorgie and Mrs Magell for their service to Chief Pleas. The Assembly gave its verbal support.
- 0.5 The Seneschal also gave valedictory remarks for Mr Christopher Bateson, who tendered his resigned as a Conseiller on the 7th December 2012. Mr Bateson was elected in the December 2008 General Election and in the subsequent ballot picked up a two-year term; during his time in Office he served on the Development Control, Douzaine, Road Traffic and Public Health Committees; he was a good and successful Chairman of the Road Traffic Committee and drew many of the strands of Road Traffic legislation together for his successors to take forward in the period up to the 2010 General Election, at which he was re-elected, but when at this equivalent Meeting in 2011 he did not stand for election to that Committee again. He was a good and conscientious Conseiller who only spoke when he had something of value to impart in the Assembly and spoke with clarity and conviction, his skills will be missed and on your behalf the Seneschal wished to record a vote of thanks to him for his service as a Member of Chief Pleas. The Assembly gave its verbal support.

- 0.6 The Seneschal took the opportunity to speak on the requirement to hold By-Elections: Section 23(8) of the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008, as amended, governs when By-Elections can be held and it says that no By-Election is required for a single casual vacancy, but that Chief Pleas can call a By-Election when there are two casual vacancies and that Chief Pleas must call a By-Election in the event of three casual vacancies; with the provision that a single or greater number of casual vacancies can be filled at the same time as a General Election, should three vacancies trigger a By-Election after the 30th June in any General Election year, the President of Chief Pleas has the discretion as to whether to call a By-Election or hold the vacancies to be filled at the subsequent General Election.

1 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

Elections of Fourteen Conseillers to Committees of Chief Pleas

- 1.1 Seneschal Thanked all new Members for returning their nomination forms to him as requested. Subsequent to the closing date for self-nomination he emailed a consolidated list of Members' self-nomination to committees which he hoped was useful in today's voting for committee membership. Before moving into the election process he asked if any Member wished to raise any questions/comments on the GP&A Report or on the notes to the consolidated list.
No questions were raised.
- 1.2 Seneschal Before going to the vote he reminded Members that they must not vote for more candidates than there are vacancies, so if 5 members are standing for 3 places you must decide for which 3 of the 5 you are going to vote.
Invited questions on the voting process but none were forthcoming and the election procedure started.
- 1.3 **General Purposes and Advisory Committee – 2 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Maitland (1); Mallinson (1); Audrain (3)
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
Elected by the voting of the Assembly –
Maitland (25); Mallinson (13); Audrain (13)
- 1.4 Seneschal Declared that Conseiller Maitland was elected but that as the other two candidates were tied he would call for a second ballot.
- 1.5 This took place but again the two candidates were tied with 13 votes each.
- 1.6 Seneschal Checked the Rules of Procedure and had a choice –
“...Should a second round of voting result in a further tie the President may either rule that a further ballot shall be held or the vote be deferred until the next Meeting of Chief Pleas”.
- 1.7 Gomoll Suggested that the further ballot be delayed until after recruitment for the other Committees was complete as this may open up different considerations.
- 1.8 Seneschal The President agreed to this option and continued to the next Committee.
- 1.9 **Agriculture Committee – 3 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
P. Williams (2); Byrne (1); Cottle (1)
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
Elected –
P. Williams; Byrne; Cottle
- 1.10 **Development Control Committee – 4 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Dunks (1); S. Williams (2); Prevel (1); Mann (2)
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
Elected –
Dunks; S. Williams; Prevel; Mann

- 1.11 **Douzaine – 7 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Fry (1); P. Williams (1); R. Dewe (3); Prevel (3); Mallinson (2); E. Dewe (3)
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
Mann (nominated by E. Baker)
Elected–
Fry; P. Williams; R. Dewe; Prevel; Mallinson; E. Dewe; Mann
- 1.12 **Education Committee – 4 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Dunks (2); Audrain (1)
Self-nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
E. Dewe; Byrne
Elected –
Dunks; Audrain; E. Dewe; Byrne
- 1.13 **Emergency Services Committee – 3 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Fry (2); Mann (3)
Self-nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
Adams; R. Dewe; Prevel; Mallinson
The voting of the Assembly –
Fry (22); Mann (22); Adams (7); R. Dewe (4); Prevel (14); Mallinson (9)
Elected –
Fry; Mann; Prevel
- 1.14 **Finance & Commerce Committee – 4 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Dunks (3); S. Williams (3); Bache (1)(*currently serves on GP&A*); E. Dewe (2); Cottle (2)
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
The voting of the Assembly –
Dunks (18); S. Williams (24); Bache (17); E. Dewe (19); Cottle (21)
Elected –
Dunks; S. Williams; E. Dewe; Cottle
- 1.15 **Firearms Committee – 1 vacancy**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
R. Dewe (2)
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
Elected –
R. Dewe
- 1.16 **Harbours & Pilotage Committee – 2 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Prevel (2); Mann (1)
Adams (3) withdrew
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
Elected–
Prevel; Mann
- 1.17 **Medical Committee – 2 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Adams (1); R. Dewe (1)
Fry (3) withdrew
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
Elected–
Adams; R. Dewe

- 1.18 **Public Health Committee – 4 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Adams (2); P. Williams (3); Byrne (2); E. Dewe (1)
Cottle (3) withdrew
Nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
None
Elected–
Adams; P. Williams; Byrne; E. Dewe
- 1.19 **Road Traffic Committee – 2 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Mallinson (3)
Self-nomination from the floor of the Assembly –
Ventress
Elected –
Mallinson; Ventress
- 1.20 **Sea Fisheries Committee – 1 vacancy**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
None
Self-nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
Prevel
Elected –
Prevel
- 1.21 **Shipping Committee – 3 vacancies**
 Only two vacancies to be held by election. The third vacancy has to be filled by a Member of the Tourism Committee and that will be for that Committee to nominate a representative after this meeting.
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
None
Self-nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
Adams; Cottle
Elected –
Adams; Cottle
- 1.22 **Tourism Committee – 3 vacancies**
Nominations (with preferences) already received –
Byrne (3); S. Williams (1); Audrain (3)
Byrne (3) withdrew
Self-nominations from the floor of the Assembly –
Fry; P. Williams
The voting of the Assembly –
S. Williams (25); Audrain (17); Fry (24); P. Williams (9)
Elected–
S. Williams; Audrain; Fry
- 1.23 **GP&A Committee**
Audrain withdrew
Elected–
Mallinson
- 1.24 Seneschal Understood that after the Douzainiers are sworn in today, Committees would be meeting here for each to elect a Chairman and Deputy. The Committee Secretary and Committee Assistant will be on hand to assist.
 Asked that the names of Committee Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen should be forwarded to himself and to the Committee Secretary ahead of the Christmas Chief Pleas' meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th January 2013..

This meeting closed at 11.00am

Brian Garrard MCILT, Committee Secretary, 11th January 2013

MEMBERS OF CHIEF PLEAS

Special Chief Pleas Meeting –11th January 2013

	Attending								
The Seigneur – J. M. Beaumont OBE	/								
The Seneschal – Lt. Col. R. Guille MBE	/								

CONSEILLERS

2	Mr. D.T. Cocksedge	/							
2	Mrs. H.M. Plummer	/							
2	Mr. D.W. Melling	/							
2	Mr. C.R. Nightingale	/							
2	Mr. A.P.F. Bache CMG	/							
2	Mr. E. Baker	/							
2	Mr. S.B. Gomoll	/							
2	Mrs. D. Baker	/							
2	Mr. A.G. Ventress	/							
2	Mr. A.J. Cook	/							
2	Ms. M.A. Perrée	A							
2	Ms. J. Guy	/							
2	Mr J. Hunt	/							
4	Mrs. S. Williams	/							
4	Mrs. H. D. Fry	/							
4	Mrs. K. Adams	/							
4	Mr. R.J. Dewe	/							
4	Ms. E.M. Dewe	/							
4	Mr. M.J Mann	/							
4	Mr. A. Dunks	/							
4	Mr. A.C. Prevel	/							
4	Mr. P.J. Williams	/							
4	Mrs. R.E. Byrne	/							
4	Mrs. M. Mallinson	/							
4	Ms. C.D. Audrain	/							
4	Mr. C.N.D. Maitland	/							
4	Mr. R.W. Cottle	/							
2	Vacancy	-							

2 – Term of office ends in January 2015	A	Apologies Present
4 – Term of office ends in January 2017	/	

Brian Garrard, Committee Secretary, 11th January 2013

Seneschal
and President of Chief Pleas

Greffier

Signed on 11th January 2013