

MINUTES of the CHRISTMAS MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS

Held in The Assembly Room, Sark on **21st JANUARY 2009** at 10.00 am.

Present: Sieur J.M. Beaumont OBE, Seigneur; Lt.Col. R.J. Guille MBE, Seneschal; A.W.J. Adams, Prévôt; T.J. Hamon, Greffier; Mrs. W. Kiernan, Treasurer; and the Constables. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Vice-Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon, KBE, also attended.

28 Conseillers were present at the roll call (see attached list).

Opening Remarks

- (a) The Seneschal welcomed His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Lady Malbon, Lord and Lady De Saumarez and Col. Richard Graham MBE, ADC to HM Governor, to this the first business meeting of the newly constituted Chief Pleas.
- (b) The Lieutenant Governor spoke to the Assembly, saying that he hadn't expected to be part of history when he had taken his appointment; today was a historic day and he drew parallels to the inauguration of President Obama in the United States the previous day. He recognised the struggle it had been to achieve the real democracy that is being seen for the first time today and he congratulated all those who had brought it to fruition. There could still be difficult times ahead but he was confident that Chief Pleas would overcome those obstacles just as others had overcome problems throughout the Island's history. He was heartened by the good wishes sent to the Island by Guernsey, Alderney and Jersey. Her Majesty the Queen continues to show a keen interest on matters concerning Sark and is well informed of progress. He gave Chief Pleas and the Island his best wishes for the future.

1a Minutes of the Michaelmas Meeting on 1st October 2008

- 1.1 Seneschal Asked if there were any matters of fact that needed to be made in the minutes.
- 1.2 Baker E. **Item 8.24 (page 5) – Tax Collector** should read *Tax Assessor*.
- 1.3 Williams P. **Opening remarks (d) (Page 1)** – John Jackson won his silver medal in the Island Games not the Commonwealth Games.
- 1.4 Seneschal Accepted the correction.
- 1.5 The minutes were **APPROVED** by the House with those amendments.
- 1.6 Seneschal Asked for any matters arising from the minutes.
- 1.7 Williams P. **Item 23 (Road maintenance)** – gave an update on the use of the Meri-crusher and grader used on the Island's roads with work starting on Friday 9th January and continuing every day, including Sunday, until Thursday the 15th; six days in all. The roads treated were –
- Harbour Hill, from the end of the Bituchem section to the top;
 - The Avenue;
 - The bump at the back of The Gallery;
 - The War Memorial around the corner towards Clos de la Tour;
 - All Rue Lucas;
 - Clos a Jaôn to Carrefour;
 - The entrance to Nightingales stables to Adrian Guille's House;
 - The Heart to La Seigneurie Farm gate;
 - The Old Pavilion to Plaisance;
 - Creux Tunnel;
- And three private jobs –
- The lane to Stocks and Dixcart Hotels;
 - The lane down past the Vallette;
 - The lane at Mon Plaisir.
- 1.8 The weather was very kind and many things have been learnt. Time will tell as to how well the experiment has gone and he stressed, very strongly, that the whole exercise had been an experiment. He was aware that some of the roads are flat and aware of the mud; knowing the locations, efforts will be made to resolve any problems this winter.
- 1.9 Williams P. The grader that came with the Meri-crusher was an unknown quantity and the team was unsure how much camber it would be getting. He accepted this was not entirely successful but, if the Meri-crusher returns in future, then different levelling equipment will be used. Soilband has been used on most of the Rue Lucas but this product can take up to 28 days to cure so results are unclear.

- 1.10 He asked that thanks be recorded to –
- Reeds – who only charged when the Meri-crusher was operating; normally their charge is £500 per day once the machinery leaves their works until its return;
 - Soilbind – for reducing the price of a barrel of the compound from £1,050 to £695.
 - Sark Estate Management (SEM) – due to the logistical problems for Sark Shipping of unloading the machine safely in Sark, SEM was approached and agreed to transport the oversize machine on the Brecqhou Warrior. This enabled the machine to be driven straight off onto Creux Harbour beach and up the slipway. Following a further request, the return journey was also so arranged. Some fairly urgent work on the Brecqhou Warrior was put on hold as a result.
As a gesture of goodwill no charge has been levied to Sark in respect of using the vessel, the services of the crew, or the insurance costs. Conseiller Williams couldn't thank SEM enough for the prompt and professional approach;
 - Antony Dunks, Jim Pollard and Adrian Webber who worked alongside him for the whole six days without grouse or grumble.
- 1.11 Williams P. Item 27 (Conversion to Organic Farming) – read out an e-mail received from an organic farmer in the UK –
- It sounds a great idea in principle Sark going organic but very complicated to implement. Firstly, which symbol would you use – a European one or one of the two English ones? We have the Soil Association and Organic Farmers and Growers. The latter has less stringent rules in, for example, animal welfare. Secondly, how would this be policed? We had an annual inspection in which our land, buildings, accounts etc., in fact everything was checked. If all was okay we were allowed to use the symbol for the next year. So will each of the businesses on the Island be checked separately and if so what happens if one fails? When you say island-wide does this just mean agricultural land or all of the island's gardens, roadsides, footpaths etc. If it is the latter then I can't see how it could be enforced. If it is the former you still have the problems of spraying going on right next to an organic field especially on a windy site which you definitely are. Conversion usually takes two years before you can use the organic symbol. The other main problem is cost. If you use a recognised symbol then the annual inspections are going to cost a great deal. It cost us several hundred pounds for one small market garden and the inspector came from down the road.*

1b Minutes of the Extraordinary (Special) Meeting on 9th January 2009

The minutes were **APPROVED** by the House without change and there were no matters arising.

2 Questions not related to the Business of the Day

No questions had been submitted.

3 General Purposes & Advisory Committee Report with Proposition

The Prescribed Businesses (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008

- 3.1 Dewe R. The new Committee has adopted the report written by its predecessor. It is legislation to combat money-laundering and terrorism and needs to be passed ahead of the IMF inspection; this has now been delayed to late 2009 or even 2010, those carrying out the inspection having been diverted to other work during the International financial crisis.
- 3.2 Gomoll Investigated yesterday what Sark businesses would be involved with this legislation. His company, SG Law, seems to be the only business affected on Sark. To that end he declared an interest. Neither of the two Sark Estate Agents is registered. If they want to register in future, this Law would make it more difficult for them to do so.
- 3.3 Cocksedge In the days when Jonathan Brannan (former Tenant on Chief Pleas) was involved, meetings were held with the Commission. Does this still happen?
- 3.4 Dewe R. Representatives of the Guernsey Financial Service Commission (GFSC) meet as required with the GP&A Cttee, the most recent meeting was last year (5th November 2008).
- 3.5 Henry Sark Estate Agents were both consulted and invited to comment on the new legislation but neither offered any view.
- 3.6 Gomoll Each may have made a conscious decision not to apply for registration.

- 3.7 Cocksedge In Clause 8 (4)(c), reference is made to a Juge Délégué; can someone explain the term?
- 3.8 Gomoll It means a judge stand-in.
- 3.9 Cocksedge If a Court is held here, where will any fines levied go?
- 3.10 Seneschal Need to ask GP&A Committee.
- 3.11 Gomoll Referred to Clause 27 – *Without prejudice to any jurisdiction exercisable apart from this section, proceedings for an offence under this Law may be taken, and the offence may for all incidental purposes be treated as having been committed, in any place in the Bailiwick.* Practically that means that it could be heard in Guernsey. He assumed that clause was there for the convenience of GFSC to prescribe where any court proceedings take place.
- 3.12 Seneschal Were these issues raised in consultation?
- 3.13 Gomoll Pressure was put on the GP&A Committee to pass this legislation because of the imminent visit of the IMF early in 2009.
There could now be time to take these matters up.

Proposition – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas approve the Projet de Loi entitled “The Prescribed Businesses (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008”.

**4 Education Committee
Report with Proposition**

Headteacher attending Committee

- 4.1 Magell The Education Committee has brought this proposition to the new Chief Pleas as soon as possible because the old committee were unanimous in believing it to be of the utmost importance and the new Committee also agree. It is obvious to us that the Headteacher’s direct involvement with this Committee is vital.
It would be madness to have meetings and discussions about the management of the school without the Headteacher. You would then have to meet with the Headteacher to discuss what has been discussed at the meeting and then meet with the Committee again after that to discuss what has been discussed with him or her. Utterley ridiculous! Conseiller Magell realised that the Committee is a bit teacher heavy at this particular point in its history but this is very unusual and a few years ago there was no one with any relevant educational experience on the Committee and in the future this may again be the case from time to time.
The Education Committee has brought this proposition to Chief Pleas before and lost due to the view being taken that it would be awkward to have a meeting to discuss issues to do with the Headteacher’s position or performance. In practice, this is not awkward because we all know that sometimes there are issues that we have needed to discuss in private. On these occasions we have asked the Headteacher to leave the meeting.
This is why we would like to slightly change the wording of our proposition to replace *rest* with *majority* so that procedures are clear from the outset.
The Committee therefore bring this proposition back now to the new and hopefully more enlightened and forward thinking Chief Pleas and Conseiller Magell urged a vote in favour of the proposition.
- 4.2 Cocksedge Supported the proposition but asked was there an independent procedure for teachers?
- 4.3 Magell There is a complaints procedure for both parents and teachers.
- 4.4 Cocksedge There should be an independent appeals procedure.

Proposition - CARRIED

That the Headteacher of Sark School, or, at times when there is no Headteacher, the Acting or Deputy Headteacher, should become an ex-officio member of the Education Committee with immediate effect.

**5 General Purposes & Advisory Committee
Information Report**

Assistant for the Committee Secretary

- Dewe R. Reported that Mrs Robins was enjoying her new role and doing a good job.

6 Development Control Committee Information Report

Outline Plans and New Legislation

- 6.1 Dunks Nothing to add to the information report prepared by the previous Committee and adopted by the new.
- 6.2 Baker E. The Housing (Control of Occupation)(Sark) Law has been four years in the drafting and will eventually replace the 1976 Law. The disapplication to Brecqhou will remain in the new Law.
- 6.3 Henry In the last sentence, the Committee are asking for both Chief Pleas and the public to come forward with input and suggestions before the drafting of a new Development Control Law begins. Sark is always complaining about development and the lack of housing for young people and so on. The opportunity now exists for revisions to strengthen the Laws that currently exist and he appealed for some positive input to be sent to the Conseiller Dunks as the new Chairman of the Committee.

7 General Purpose & Advisory Committee Information Report

Renewable Energy

- Dewe R. This is an information and progress report prepared by the outgoing Committee. The new Committee adopt the report and the only further update would be to report that Guernsey is going the same way as Alderney with Commissioners to manage the project. GP&A continues to consult widely and a meeting is pencilled in with Guernsey for mid-February; Jersey has also expressed interest in sharing information.

8 Finance & Commerce Committee Information Report

Pre-Budget Planning

- Atkinson This report from the previous Committee is endorsed by the new Committee.
- Seneschal As there was no further comment, the Seneschal took this opportunity to explain that, following reference to the new Reform Law, the correct title of what was Vice-Chairman is now Deputy Chairman.
- Cocksedge Would it not be appropriate for the Chairman of all Committees to meet two or three times a year to exchange views on issues that should be shared?
- Seneschal That is for the Finance and Commerce Committee to organise.

9 Shipping Committee Report with Propositions

Isle of Sark Shipping Company (IoSS)

- 9.1 Cole This report has been inherited from the previous Committee, it having been written following meetings between the Committee and the new Directors. Since its writing there has been a well attended Public Meeting and the Directors have had more time to familiarise themselves with the Company and its operations. The new Committee has considered this report and its propositions and felt it necessary to make some changes. A new set of propositions has been printed in full and these will now be issued and Members will be able to see the changes made. It is intended to go through an explanation and invite questions before each proposition is considered and voted on. The new Committee will do its best to answer them; he asked if there were any general questions but none were forthcoming.
- 9.2 **A new set of propositions was distributed and the Seneschal allowed a five minute cessation of proceedings for Members to read and compare the changes.**
- 9.3 Cole Proposition 1 is not a generalised expression of goodwill. It is important the Directors of IoSS have the full support of Chief Pleas. It also emphasises that Chief Pleas is retaining control of its lifeline shipping service. It is hoped that when restructuring has been completed in the medium term, the Company will become self funding.
- 9.4 Cole The Directors have been very open with their findings so far and shared this information at the Public Meeting. They are investigating every detail of IoSS operations. Neither Robert Taylour nor Julie Mann are shrinking from confronting the problems or upsetting long held practises which are of no benefit to the Company.

- 9.5 Funding of the Company is a key issue and the Shipping Committee has met with the Finance and Commerce Committee (F&CC) four times in the last five days. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer had to deal with our F&CC there would be no financial crisis in the UK. They are a tough bunch of women with a couple of token blokes in support. The Shipping Committee is not supporting every request from IoSS for money at this stage. Every request must be filtered through Shipping & F&CC in future.
- 9.6 Gomoll Checked that this was not a “letter of comfort” to be relied on by a Bank without going back to Chief Pleas and this was confirmed by Conseiller Cole.

Proposition 1 – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas continues to support the Isle of Sark Shipping Company for the foreseeable future.

- 9.7 Cole The second proposition has changed; the numbers have gone down – surprise. Consultation with the F&CC was imperative to see what was affordable now. The revised figures are fully supported by the F&CC.
- 9.8 Atkinson Confirmed that the financial revisions now incorporated into Propositions 2 & 3 are supported and endorsed by the Finance and Commerce Committee.
- 9.9 Cole By capitalising the present loans, these become an investment for Chief Pleas. The outstanding loan will remain and be guaranteed for 24 months during which time it will be reviewed. This arrangement gives IoSS security in the meantime.
- 9.10 Bateson Asked for clarification of the advantage to the Company
- 9.11 Cole The £335k no longer shows as a debt and puts the Company on a sounder financial footing. The arrangement doesn’t actually cost Chief Pleas anything.
- 9.12 Melling Asked if the remaining loan would be interest free.
- 9.13 Cole Confirmed it would be.
- 9.14 Bateson Is there not some inconsistency here by strengthening the balance sheet but devaluing the ships?
- 9.15 Cole The re-evaluation of the ships is an ongoing discussion. There are various ways of valuing the ships and these alternatives need to be considered.

Proposition 2 – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas agrees the capitalisation of the two earliest of the Chief Pleas’ loans, of £75k and £260k, totalling £335k, into shareholder funds; and leaving the remaining £304k as a loan which will not be recalled for 24 months while it remains as a loan.

- 9.16 Cole Proposition 3 removes the reference to further advances in 2010 and 2011. The Committees are waiting on more and better information being available. The £200k loan advance for 2009 will be treated in the same way as the existing outstanding loan.
- 9.17 Henry Have the Directors been involved in the discussions between Shipping and F&CC?
- 9.18 Cole Confirmed they had been fully involved in the negotiations and are satisfied with the arrangement currently proposed.
- 9.19 Melling Is this additional loan also interest free?
- 9.20 Cole Confirmed that was so.

Proposition 3 – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas makes available additional funds of up to £200k during 2009, on the same terms as the existing loan of £304k referred to in Proposition 2 above.

- 9.21 Cole It was essential to let IoSS continue running. Proposition 4 refers to the Spencer Report which was produced at the end of December 2007. This Review had as its main recommendations –
- Financial Restructuring of IoSS – this is now underway;
 - Full Review of the 1951 (Sark & Alderney) Law – the Law Officer allocated to drafting this legislation, having had discussions with the previous Committee, has been diverted to IMF issues. The new Committee will now press for drafting to resume.
 - A new long-term service level agreement between IoSS and Chief Pleas – it is hoped to bring this to Easter Chief Pleas.
 - Review of the structure of the relationship between Chief Pleas, its Committees and IoSS – previously some of the Directors were Members of Chief Pleas; this is no longer the case and a new relationship has to be defined.

9.22 Seneschal There is no change here from the previous Proposition 4.

Proposition 4 – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas supports the Company implementing the recommendations of Dr. J. Spencer as set out in his December 2007 “Review of Shipping between Guernsey and Sark”.

- 9.23 Cole Proposition 5 deals with fares; if IoSS is to be viable it has to generate income. Next year’s estimate of users has been set at 40,000 and all fares are geared to generating income from that number. This maybe a pessimistic forecast but with the uncertainties of the economic downturn a safer option than building on the 47,000 during 2008.
- 9.24 The income is based on these predictions so if Chief Pleas asks for a £1 reduction on the fare, income would reduce by £40k; if a £2 reduction was required, income would go down by £80k and so on. The Committee’s recommendation is to leave the setting of fares to the Directors. The Directors, in discussion with the Committee and following the public meeting, have agreed a reduction to the standard return fare from £25.99 to £25.50 from 1st February.
- 9.25 Hunt What is the age range for child fares?
- 9.26 Williams S. Infants under 4 go free; children’s fares relate to those under 16.
- 9.27 Prevel In the new fare structure, a reduced fare has been introduced for families. Has some similar reduction been considered for Senior Citizens? It would encourage more to make the trip to Sark. The Early Bird Reduction, using the 8.00am boat is too early for most Senior Citizens.
- 9.28 Williams S. Had received representations about the rise in student fares for Sark students going to College in Guernsey. Currently the five students receive a discount and only pay £15 per return journey reducing the fare from £17.50; the new fare, even with a 15% discount, will rise to £21.70.
Could the Education Committee consider subsidising these increases?
- 9.29 Perrée Although the Early Bird fare is reduced, could it be reduced further to encourage regular day trippers from Guernsey; reduction would mean they have enough money left to spend during their longer stay on the Island.
- 9.30 Cole These are all good ideas that will be passed on to IoSS and followed up in future discussions.

Proposition 5 – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas approves the changes to passenger fares, *as amended and cargo rates as outline in Appendices 4 & 5 of the Directors’ Report.

(* Standard Return Fare is amended to £25.50 from £25.99)

- 9.31 Cole Was originally confused by this proposition as the IoSS 2007 accounts were signed at the shareholders meeting. He suggested a change in the wording to remove *confirms the signing* and replaces it with *approves*.
- 9.32 Baker E. Wished to complement everyone in preparing the Directors Report and the supporting paperwork which was clear and understandable.

Proposition 6 – CARRIED as amended in the meeting.

That Chief Pleas **approves** the IoSS 2007 Accounts.

A 15 minute break was taken at 11.15am

10 General Purpose & Advisory Committee Report with Proposition

Transfer of Functions Ordinance

Dewe R. This was an oversight and should have been done a long time ago when the GP&F Committee was split into GP&A and the Finance & Commerce Committee.
The title of the Ordinance should now be 2009 and not 2008.

Proposition – CARRIED as amended

That Chief Pleas approve in principle that a “Transfer of Functions (Sark) Ordinance **2009**” be drafted so that (a) functions vested in a “General Purposes and Finance Committee” October 2001 are transferred to the General Purposes and Advisory Committee and/or the Finance and Commerce Committee and (b) that references in Sark legislation are updated accordingly.

11 Harbours & Pilotage Committee

Information Report

Maseline Jetty Project

Guy The new Committee has liaised with Mr. Le Lievre and Mr. C. Rang and are able to concur with everything in this report. The only outstanding task is the sourcing and fitting of suitable fendering and Mr. Rang is in the process of researching this at the moment. As a temporary measure, additional tyres will be utilised. It is hoped to be able to give a final report, with co-operation from Mr. Le Lievre and Mr. Rang, at Easter Chief Pleas. It remains the case that the project is likely to run at or under budget.

12 General Purpose & Advisory Committee

Information Report

sark.gov email

- 12.1 Dewe R. Since his predecessor had written this report a cost for the introduction of the sark.gov.gg e-mail address has been quoted as £250 per annum allowing up to 50 addresses to be served. This would be sufficient to allow all Conseillers and Officers to be covered. He requested that a proposition be put forward by the Committee for permission to proceed with this initiative.
- 12.2 Hunt Declared an interest as he may be involved in the introduction.
- 12.3 Seneschal Already on the system, he supported the proposal; his mailbox never gets full. Chief Pleas was content to introduce the proposition.

Proposition – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas allocate £250 per annum to establish and maintain a sark.gov.gg e-mail address for Chief Pleas Members and Officers.

13 General Purpose & Advisory Committee

Information Report

General Election

Dewe R. The new Committee fully endorse the report and statement prepared by the previous Committee.

14 Road Traffic Committee

Election to the Road Traffic Tribunal

- 14.1 Cocksedge Has been asked by the Tribunal to put the name of Mr. David Curtis forward. Mr. Curtis was previously a Member of Chief Pleas and the Road Traffic Committee but stood down at the election.
- 14.2 **Chief Pleas approved the nomination of Mr. David Curtis to the Tribunal.**
- 14.3 Cocksedge Asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr Brian Prout for his years of service on the Road Traffic Tribunal; Chief Pleas endorsed that request.

15 Finance & Commerce Committee

Election to the Taxation Tribunal

Atkinson The Chairman of F&CC explained that no nominations had yet been received for the two vacancies on the Tribunal; one followed her own resignation and the other was of some long standing following the resignation by Mr. Mike Terry. Further action is held in abeyance until Easter Chief Pleas.

16 General Purpose & Advisory Committee

Information Report

Staggered Election Ordinance

Dewe R. The GP&A Committee fast-tracked this piece of legislation upon its approval by HM Privy Council shortly ahead of the election. The letter of support from HM Comptroller in Guernsey is attached to the report. This Law introduced the concept of staggered elections with fourteen of the elected Conseillers serving for only two years. Thereon after fourteen Conseillers will be elected every two years, thus retaining some consistency and continuity for Chief Pleas, lost by the removal of the Tenants. Chief Pleas can only annul this legislation should it so wish.

No motion was made to annul “The Reform (Election of Conseillers)(Dates)(Sark) No.2 Ordinance”.

17 The Reform Law Enactment Committee (ReLEC) General Purpose & Advisory Committee Joint Report with Proposition

The Dual Role of the Seneschal

- 17.1 Dewe R. This is a joint report put together by the GP&A Committee and the outgoing Reform Law Enactment Committee.
- 17.2 Guy Because she was certain that the vast majority of the House would wish to show its support for the role of the Seneschal in the meantime and, for the avoidance of doubt, she asked that GP&A consider amending its proposition to add the following sentence after the word *course* –
“Chief Pleas has complete confidence in the Seneschal continuing in his traditional role until this issue is resolved”.
- 17.3 Dewe R. The GP&A Committee is quite prepared to accept this amendment to the proposition.
- 17.4 Plummer Thanked the Seneschal for the role he has played and the support he continues to give especially to the new Conseillers. This was followed by a round of applause.
- 17.5 Baker E. Asked for a named vote and this was supported.
- 17.6 Gomoll Was concerned that the GP&A Committee should remain neutral over the new amendment as it was the same Committee tasked with carrying out the investigation.
- 17.7 Guy Had thought carefully about the wording and didn't think it compromised the GP&A Committee. She suggested that GP&A Members could abstain in a named vote.
- 17.8 Seneschal Suggested that Members of GP&A and any Conseillers formerly on ReLEC should retire to consider making it two separate propositions.
- Those involved retired from the room to discuss and returned with a decision.**
- 17.9 Dewe R. There was no objection to Chief Pleas expressing its view and splitting the proposition in two; this would allow GP&A Committee to follow its conscience.

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED on a named vote – 28 Pour**

That Chief Pleas direct the General Purposes and Advisory Committee to consider a plan of action to examine the Dual Role of the Seneschal and report back to Chief Pleas in due course.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED on a named vote – 21 Pour and 7 No votes**

That Chief Pleas has complete confidence in the Seneschal in his traditional role until this issue is resolved.

- 17.10 Seneschal Reminded Conseillers that only Committees can bring propositions from the floor. Please advise Committees ahead of a meeting if changes to propositions are required.

18 Development Control Committee

Election to the Development Control Tribunal

- 18.1 Dunks Mrs. Robins has resigned from the Development Control Tribunal following her appointment as Administrative Assistant in the Committee Office where she would have access to papers that could cause a conflict of interest with Tribunal work.
- 18.2 He has been asked by the Tribunal to put forward the name of Mr. Simon Elmont.
- 18.3 **Chief Pleas approved the nomination of Mr. Simon Elmont to the Tribunal.**
- 18.4 Baker E. The Committee are also obliged to confirm the name of Mr. Ewan de Carteret as Deputy Chairman of the Tribunal. He asked that thanks were recorded to Mrs. Robins as retiring Deputy Chairman for her years of impartial service on the Tribunal.
- 18.5 **Chief Pleas approved Mr. Ewan de Carteret becoming Deputy Chairman of the Tribunal.**
- 18.6 Baker E. It should be noted that it is not the Committee who have selected and put forward these nominations; both requests have been forwarded from the Tribunal Members.
- 18.7 Seneschal Confirmed that the Committees act as a conduit to Chief Pleas for the Tribunals.

19 Election of non-Chief Pleas Members to Committees

- 19.1 Seneschal Has received indications that four Committees wish to nominate non-Chief Pleas' Members. Such Members of Committees are recruited for their expertise or advice on aspects of the Committee's work.
- 19.2 Williams P. The Agriculture Committee wished to nominate Ms. Jo Birch who previously served on the Committee and advised on environmental issues and organised the arrangements for the RAMSAR site.
- 19.3 Atkinson The Finance & Commerce Committee were not yet ready to make a nomination and would return at Easter Chief Pleas.
- 19.4 Dewe R. The GP&A Committee wish to return Mr. Andrew Bache, a former career Ambassador, who spends much of his time on the Island but has regular visits back to the UK mainland when he is able to pursue issues for the Committee.
- 19.5 Cocksedge The Harbours & Pilotage Committee would like to return Mr. Dick Adams to the Committee for his Pilotage expertise. Thanks also go to Mr. Bas Adams for his assistance with Pilotage Assessment.

- 19.6 **Chief Pleas approved the nominations from the various Committees and the following persons were ELECTED -**

**Ms J. Birch to Agriculture Committee;
Mr. A. Bache to General Purposes and Advisory Committee;
Mr. R. Adams to Harbours and Pilotage Committee.**

20 Shipping Committee

Verbal Report

Election of a Conseiller to the Committee

- 20.1 Cole Conseiller Maitland was nominated and elected to the Committee on 9th January. Conseiller Maitland together with Conseiller Cole, also elected at that time, are both Members of the GP&A Committee. That Committee is required to nominate a representative to sit on the Shipping Committee. To do so would make three Members of GP&A on the Shipping Committee. Conseiller Maitland has therefore resigned from the Committee as a directly elected Member but remains on Shipping as the GP&A representative.
- 20.2 The Committee wished to nominate Conseiller Atkinson to the vacancy.
- 20.3 Seneschal Asked but there were no other nominations from the Assembly.

Chief Pleas approved the nomination of Conseiller Atkinson to the Shipping Committee and she was duly ELECTED.

Forthcoming meetings for Chief Pleas Members

EASTER MEETING – Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at 10.00am

Agenda closes on **Wednesday 25th March 2009 at 3.00pm**

Papers distributed to Members by **Wednesday 1st April 2009.**

The Seneschal reminded the Assembly and Public that the vin d'honneur would start at 1.00pm in the Island Hall.

This meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Brian Garrard (Sark Committee Secretary) 23rd & 26th January 2009



Seneschal



Greffier

26th January 2009

MEMBERS OF CHIEF PLEAS

on 21st January 2009

		Propositions – named votes									
		Item 17 (1)	Item 17 (2)								
Attending											
The Seigneur – J. M. Beaumont OBE	/										
The Seneschal – Lt. Col. R.J. Guille MBE	/										
CONSEILLERS											
Mr. D.T. Cocksedge	/	P	P								
Mr. R.J. de Carteret	/	P	P								
Mrs. H.M. Plummer	/	P	P								
Mr. D.W. Melling	/	P	P								
Mrs. H.C. Magell	/	P	P								
Mr. C.H. Bateson	/	P	P								
Mr. A. Dunks	/	P	P								
Dr. S.L. Henry	/	P	NV								
Mr. D. Pollard	/	P	P								
Mr. A.C. Prevel	/	P	P								
Mrs. S. Williams	/	P	P								
Ms. E.M. Dewe	/	P	P								
Mr. E. Baker	/	P	NV								
Mr. P.J. Williams	/	P	P								
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Mr. R.J. Dewe	/	P	NV								
Mr. P.M. Armorgie	/	P	P								
Mr. A.J. Cook	/	P	P								
Mr. C.N.D. Maitland	/	P	NV								
Ms. M.A. Perrée	/	P	NV								
Mr. C.R. Nightingale	/	P	P								
Ms. J.M. Guy	/	P	P								
Mr. J.E. Hunt	/	P	P								
Mrs. A. Atkinson	/	P	P								
Mr. A.G. Ventress	/	P	P								
Mr. S.B. Gomoll	/	P	NV								
Ms. C.D. Audrain	/	P	P								
Mr. P.J. Cole	/	P	NV								
Pour		28	21								
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