

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Open Minutes of the Meeting held
Monday 17th February 2020 commencing at 13.30
at the Public Accounts Committee Office, Reflections Building, Dean Street

An audio copy will be available from the Secretary once the minutes have been approved.

Present: Mrs Nadia Knight (NK) (Chair)
Mr Richard Cockwell (RC)
Mrs Leona Roberts MLA (LR)
Dr Barry Elsby MLA (BE)

Minutes: Mrs Nancy Locke (NL) (Secretary)

Apologies: Mr Owen Betts (OB)

Present: Mr Vincent Henderson (VH)

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular highlighting that this was the first meeting for Vincent Henderson, FIG Internal Auditor.

Apologies had been received from Mr Owen Betts.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Richard Cockwell declared an interest in agenda item 8, Falkland Islands Museum and National Trust Financial Statements June 2019.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on December 2nd 2019**

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on December 2nd 2019 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. **Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of the Meeting held on December 2nd 2019**

None.

5. **Falklands Conservation Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019**

The Chair invited comments. A spelling mistake was queried by RC on page 17 at 2.1 d) which reads 'The Royal Society for the Prevention of Birds' instead of 'The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds'. There were no other comments.

ACTION: SECRETARY

Update post meeting: The Secretary contacted Falklands Conservation who acknowledged that an error had been made on page 17 and confirmed that it should read 'The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds'.

6. Falkland Islands Development Corporation Financial Statements for the year ended June 2018

The Chair reminded Members that any points arising from the Audit Completion Report (ACR) should be taken in the closed section with only the accounts being considered in the open section. NK invited comments about the accounts, there were none.

Update post meeting: The Audit Completion Report accompanying the Financial Statements was for the incorrect year, the correct ACR has not been received.

7. Falkland Landholdings Corporation Financial Statements for the year ended June 2019

The Chair reminded Members that any points arising from the Audit Completion Report should be taken in the closed section with only the accounts being considered in the open section. The Chair invited comments, there were none.

8. Falkland Islands Museum & National Trust Financial Statements for the year ended June 2019

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9. Responses from Legislative Assembly

- a) The secretary noted that a recommendation concerning the implementation of the Pandemic Plan to the Major Incident Plan made on 3rd May 2019 following the review of an Internal Audit had been overlooked. The committee agreed to take steps to follow up on the recommendation in light of the world situation regarding the COVID-19 virus.

ACTION: SECRETARY

Update post meeting: Internal Audit have updated the committee to indicate that this item will be covered in a FUR which is currently in draft stage, PAC await that report in due course.

10. Confirmation of dates & times for next meetings

The following dates were proposed for meeting during 2020/21:

- May 11th 2020, provisionally at 2pm
- July 27th 2020, provisionally at 3pm
- September 21st 2020, provisionally at 2pm
- March 2021 tbc

7. Authority for documents from this meeting to be published

Members of the Public would be advised that copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and all accounts would be available from the PAC's office and published on the PAC's website www.pac.org.fk.

The Chair requested that members of the public leave the room for the consideration of the following items in accordance with the Public Accounts Committee Ordinance as amended by the Part 9 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012.

I confirm that these minutes are an accurate record of the meeting

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(Chairperson)

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(Date)

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