

FALKLAND ISLAND TOURIST BOARD



Exempt Minutes

Held at 14:00 on Thursday, 6th January 2026

Chamber of Commerce

Exclusion of the Press and Public the Committee resolved to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the next items of business to be considered were exempt within the terms of Paragraphs 17 relating to information about preparation or consideration of budgetary information, of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012.”

These minutes are a draft until confirmed at the next meeting of the Falkland Islands Tourist Board.

Present	Richard Stevens	RS	Chair
	Peter Nightingale	PN	Vice Chair
	Petra Mansilla	PM	Director
	Matthew Daniel (virtually)	SPA	Senior Policy Advisor
	Karen Lee	KL	Financial Controller, FITB
In Attendance	Steph Middleton	SM	Executive Director
Minutes	Karen Lee		

Item	Action
1. <u>Apologies for absence</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carli East and Dwight Joshua
2. <u>Declarations of interest</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No declarations of interest.
3. <u>Confirmation of minutes dated 27th November 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- These minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
<u>Matters arising from the minutes dated 27th November 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No matters arising.
4. <u>Approval of budget</u>	

KL explained that the budget had been based entirely on the strategy with the exceptions that were noted (café at gypsy cove, circular bus and passenger tax introduction).

The budget was approved with some very small adjustments suggested about how the budget was spent rather than variations in amounts.

Staff costs were considered and SM outlined the difficulty in recruitment for the JVC during high volume of tourist days, and with the onset of new industries this may increase pressures. We agreed to maintain hourly paid staff under review to ensure we kept good staff.

There was also discussion about the need for clear workings during the budget process so that the treasury and MLA's could see how it all linked together.