

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MONDAY 5th January 2009, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.00 pm .Meeting with Mr Thompson, Chief Executive DOT.

Prior to the evening's public session a brief meeting was held with Mr Thompson the Chief Executive of the DOT. At this meeting several matters were discussed. These included pedestrian safety on the section of pathway between the Dhoon Church and the Dhoon School, which is very narrow. Several possible solutions were discussed and Mr Thompson agreed to have these assessed and report back to the Commissioners. Other matters discussed included cutting of hedges and verges at the Coronary (see item 3a below), and residential parking in the area of Maughold Village Green.

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mrs M. Fargher (Chair), Mrs H Lace CP, Mr M Cowley, Mr R Moughtin, Mrs G Stephens. Clerk: M Royle.

1. Apologies – All members present

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd of December 2008 and of the extraordinary meeting of 19th of December 2008.

MF requested comment on the accuracy of the above minutes. It was agreed that they were an accurate record of the meetings. Proposed, **HL**, Seconded, **GS**. Arrangements were duly made for Minutes to be signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the minutes of 3rd of December 2008 and of the extraordinary meeting of 19th of December 2008.

a. Maintenance of verges at the Coronary.

The maintenance of the grassed public areas and verges around the Coronary and Cronk Cardle was discussed with Mr Thompson of DOT prior to the opening of the public session of the meeting. Mr Thompson indicated that due to financial cutbacks such areas will now be cut less frequently. Consequently, whereas these public areas were previously maintained with cuts four to five times a year these would now only be cut once or twice a year. Comments about the unsightly nature of these areas had been made to the Commissioners throughout 2008 and the situation will be monitored during 2009. Several possibilities in regard to this matter were discussed by the Board. Further discussion was reserved until the February meeting.

b. Recycling in the Parish – Costing from Corletts.

RM advised that costings for disposal of glass had been obtained from Corlett's. It was agreed that the clerk should make further inquiries with the DLGE in regard to options for the recycling of paper, steel, aluminium and other materials.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to contact Mrs Mellor to request a meeting with RM to discuss these matters.*

c. Rate for Year 2009/2010

The clerk had circulated a report at the December meeting on the current position of the authority's finances along with forecasts for income and expenditure for YE 2009 and YE 2010. A revised report was circulated prior to this meeting by the clerk. In the light of these forecasts **MC** proposed a rate rise for YE 2010 of 4p in the £. This was seconded by **GS** and it was unanimously resolved to implement a rise at this level. The Board were advised by the clerk that this constituted a rate rise of approximately 3.8%, which is below the current rate of Manx inflation of 4.7% as publicly reported by Treasury in November 2008.

4. Matters for Discussion

4. Correspondence

a. **DLGE** – Refuse Collection Forum. Feedback & Questionnaire documents.

A request for operational information in regard to the refuse collection service was considered. The information sought details on the size of wheelie bins, use of black plastic bags, and whether overflowing/open lidded bins were emptied.

Action: *It was agreed that the clerk should forward the details to the Department by the 30th of January 2009.*

b. **DLGE** – Housing Consultative Conference to be held on Friday 6th March 2009 (8.45 am Registration), at the Mount Murray. It is likely that the focus will be on 'Supported Housing'.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to advise the Department that 3 Members would attend from Maughold.*

c. **DLGE** - Regarding IOM Local Government Pension Scheme.

The Department had requested details of past and present employees who were members of the local government pension scheme. The clerk advised the meeting that a response had already been forwarded to the Department which outlined that no employees past or present were members of the scheme. No further action necessary.

d. **Resident** – Regarding litter and anti-social behaviour in Ballagorry area. Concern was expressed about a quantity of bottles, food and other litter which had been dumped in the field by the Dhoon Church in the run up to Christmas. The reports of anti-social behaviour would be raised with the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team at the meeting on Tuesday 13th January.

Actions: *RM to raise anti-social behaviour issues with the NN Policing Team. The clerk was instructed to write thanking the resident for removing the litter, and for providing the information to the Commissioners.*

e. **Laxey Commissioners** – Request for a Joint Garff meeting with Planning Department to discuss Planning Issues.

It was agreed that this was a matter that should be discussed at the February GJIC meeting.

Action: *Clerk to notify Laxey of this decision.*

f. **Manx Heritage Foundation** – Regarding assessment of interpretive signage in the Parish. A brief discussion took place on the possibility of such signage in places such as the National Glens and heritage sites.

Action: *It was agreed that the clerk should liaise with MF prior to responding to this document.*

g. **Resident** – Regarding Dhoon Sculpture Trail. It was agreed that the resident should be invited to attend the February meeting to discuss the proposals in more detail.

Action: *Clerk to liaise with resident prior to the next meeting.*

h. **Treasury** – Update on the current Parish Rateable Value: £81,738.00. This was noted by Members.

i. **Office of the Chief Minister** – Invitation to Holocaust Memorial Day Service on Sunday 25th January 2009; St Georges Church, Upper Church Street, Douglas at 3.00 pm.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to advise that **RM** would attend on behalf of the Commissioners.*

j. **Lonan Parish Commissioners** – Notification that £168.71 was raised to be divided between the three authorities and forwarded to a charity nominated by the Board. A decision on the charity to which this money should be forwarded was reserved until the February meeting.

Action: *Clerk to place this matter on the agenda of the February meeting.*

k. **Golden Jubilee Trust** – Regarding half day workshop on 4th May 2009.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to forward this correspondence to the Maughold Social Club.*

l. **DHSS** – Regarding Campaign to reduce cigarette litter. The correspondence was noted.

Action: *MC to forward the campaign posters to the Glen Mona Hotel.*

m. List of **further Correspondence** in the January Circulation File Attached.

These were noted by Members.

6. Searches: Land Between Whiteside and Broogh LEEANNE, Ballafayle.

This matter was noted by Members.

7. Parish Maintenance.

Adoption of Tram Stops: Report on progress. The clerk reported that a further meeting had taken place with Mr Kennaugh, Head of Railways at the MER. It is anticipated that those residents 'adopting' tram stops will be contacted by the clerk in March.

Arboretum: The clerk advised that around 15 trees had been re-staked and had also had number posts installed. GS circulated the new number plates which had been obtained to identify the trees.

The clerk advised that the remaining trees would be re-staked, etc during February and March.

The clerk also advised that no quotation for the 'Picnic Area and Viewing Point Sign' had been received. Clerk instructed to contact DAFF with a view to advice on sourcing a good quality wooden sign.

In addition the clerk indicated the following tasks to Members:

Maughold village Car Park: 1. Tidy shrub beds. 2. Raking of gravel.

CPA: Tidying of boundary fence and hedges.

General: tidying as necessary.

Further Action: *The clerk was instructed to contact John Kennaugh at the MER with a view to purchasing used railway sleepers. GS advised that around 20 would be needed.*

9. PLANNING.

9.1. COMPLETION CERTIFICATES - None received since date of last meeting.

9.2. Decisions from DLGE:

08/01630/B Sea Bank, Port e Vullen Erection of replacement dwelling including the installation of a bio-disc and drainage layout;; - Approved 22nd December 2008.

9.3. Planning For Decision: None.

9.4 Appeals

08/01517/B Maynrys, Glen Mona, Appeal against refusal for extension to dwelling, driveway and entrance alterations, landscaping works and increase to property cartilage. **Submission required by 7th January 2009.** The clerk was instructed in the content of a Statement of Case from the Commissioners.

08/ 00592/B & 08/01095/B Glen Shone, Glen Mona.

Appeal Documentation received. Hearings to take place 2.00 pm 13th January 2009.

The clerk was instructed to write referring the Inspector to the written Statement of Case submitted by the Commissioners.

10. Finance

10.1. Approval of cheques:

The following cheques were unanimously approved and duly signed by Members.

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
117	18 Dec 08	Dhoon PCC	72.00		2280
118	5 Jan 09	Manx Telecom Ltd	49.24	6.42	2281
119		Feltons	36.70	5.46	2282
120		IOM Government Tipping Nov 08	746.90	475.30	2283
121		Dhoon PCC	130.00		2284
122		Isle of Man Government	259.84		2285
123		Attendance Allowance	60.00		2286
124		Attendance Allowance	90.00		2287
125		Attendance Allowance	90.00		2288

10.2. Approval of November Finances.

A summary of the current status of the authority's finances was circulated and noted by Members.

11. Any Other Business

- **Request for leaflets on the 'Ballure Glen Walks'.**

Action: *The clerk was instructed to contact the Water Authority to request if the leaflets are to be made available in the future.*

- **Web site**

Members thanked Chris Stephens for developing the site over the last few months.

Action: *It was agreed that IOM Website Design should be engaged to maintain the site on a day to day basis. This will involve an initial outlay of £250-£300, with costs of between £20 - £40 per month thereafter.*

- **Draft Health and Safety Policy**

A draft Health and Safety Policy document was circulated. The clerk advised that the final draft of this document will be available for approval at the March meeting of the Commissioners.

RM left the meeting at 9.20 pm. The Public Section of the Meeting was closed by the Chairman.

12. Private Session – This session began at 9.22 pm. There being no further business to conduct the meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 9.56 pm.

Next Meeting Monday February 2nd 2009, 7.30 pm at Dhoon Church Hall

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Appendix 1.

Items of Correspondence in the January 2009 Circulation File.

Christmas greetings from: The Municipal Association and Other Authorities and Bodies

GJIC Minutes – 09.12.08.

Community Partnership Minutes – 09.12.08.

Border TV – Regarding Digital Switchover Update.

DOT – Highways Monthly December 2008 Issue 29.

RTL – Issue Numbers 241 – 243

DOT – IRIS Presentational slides from the meeting of 10th of November 2008.

Britannia International – Regarding interest rate fall.