

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 2nd February 2009, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

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

1. **Apologies:** All present.

2. **Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of 5th of January 2009.**

MF proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of January 2009 be accepted as a correct record.
Seconded **MC**. Resolved.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 5th of January 2009.**

a. **Recycling in the Parish.** Feedback from **RM** following meeting with Mrs Mellor.

RM briefed Members on the meeting he had had with Mrs Mellor, Director of Corporate Services at the DLGE. The Head of Waste Management, John Wrigley and the clerk had also been in attendance. **RM** reported that the use of the DLGE's recycling routes for paper and steel/aluminium tins had been discussed. Detailed costings for the provision of a kerbside recycling service would be produced in due course.

b. **Selection of a charitable organisation to receive monies collected at the Garff Carol Service.** It was agreed that the monies collected (£56.24) should be made available to the 'Dhoon in Bloom' voluntary group for tools or materials used on the various projects at the school and around the parish. **GS** to provide details of materials/tools at the March meeting.

c. **Investigation of Office Facilities** – The clerk reported that there was a possibility that an office room and storage space could be rented at Kirk Maughold Parish Hall. The Church Warden was raising the matter at the February meeting of the PCC and would report back to the clerk. Another possible option was renting space at the Commissioners Offices in Laxey. It was agreed that these matters should be discussed further at the April meeting of the Commissioners.

d. **Proposal for a Sculpture Park in Dhoon Glen** – Mr Tomlinson was unable to attend the meeting and had advised he would be able to attend the March meeting due to a meeting of the PAG. It was agreed that Mr Tomlinson be invited to attend the April meeting.

4. **Matters for Discussion**

a. **Launch of Maughold Parish Commissioners Web Site** – The clerk advised Members that the Commissioners web site at www.maughold.org.im was now 'live'. It is intended to develop the site further as a useful community resource in the coming months. Any groups who wish to have information posted or to have a link included should contact the clerk. The latest information will be uploaded on to the site including minutes, etc. Members of the public are encouraged to use the site for information and as a means to contact the Commissioners.

b. **Information from The Land Registry on Applications for Ownership Based on Possession** – The clerk reported that he had contacted the Land Registry. Their representative had advised that the body did not contact the local authority directly to advise them that such matters were being advertised in the press. The clerk was not instructed further at the meeting.

c. **Arrangements for Daffodil Competition 2009 at Dhoon School.**

Action: *The clerk is to liaise with Members of the Board once a date has been selected for the judging to take place. It is expected that this will be in early-mid March.*

d. **DOE – Consultation document on Isle of Man Framework for Careers Education 11-19 for consideration.** A summary report in regard to this matter had been circulated by the clerk with the Agenda Papers.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to respond to the consultation request reflecting general support for the Draft Framework.*

e. **Dog Fouling Nuisance** – It was reported at the January meeting that complaints had been received about the amount of dog fouling at the Corony and the Glen Mona Loop Road. Posters had been erected in these areas requesting that all dog faeces are removed by owners. Reports suggested that these notices had had only a small impact on the situation. Further complaints had been received prior to this meeting about the amount of dog faeces on Ballagorry Drive. These matters were noted by Members. **GS** proposed a leaflet drop in the Ballagorry and Corony areas. Seconded **MF**. Resolved.

Action: *Clerk to produce an appropriate leaflet to be approved by the Chairman prior to delivery in these areas.*

5. Correspondence

a. **Digital UK** – Further information on the Digital Switchover taking place on 18th June 2009 was noted. It was agreed that contact information should be put on the web site.

b. **DLGE** – A statement of the financial contribution to be made by the Commissioners to the operation of the Northern Civic Amenity Site for Year 2009/2010 was noted. The charge is rate borne and will amount to £8,992.68 for the year, payable in 4 instalments.

c. **Kinrade Bros. Haulage Ltd** – Notification of a 5% inflationary rise in refuse collection charges from 1st April 2009 has been received. The current rate of Manx inflation was noted. It was noted that operating costs had increased in the last 12 months, particularly of diesel fuel which had risen well beyond the reported inflation rate. It was agreed that under these conditions the rise was acceptable.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to notify Kinrades accordingly.*

d. **IOM Safeguarding Children Board** – Invitation to attend regional meeting on the function and operation of this Board, dates and venue to be announced. This matter was noted by Members.

e. **Malew Parish Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service 3.00 pm, Sunday 15th February 2009, The Abbey Church, Ballasalla - It was noted that **RM** would attend on behalf of the Commissioners.

HL alerted Members to the forthcoming Lezayre Civic Service which had been overlooked by the clerk. This takes place at Lezayre Parish Church on the 22nd of February at 11.00 am. **HL & RM** to attend.

Action: *clerk to notify the clerk's at Malew and Lezayre.*

f. **DAFF** – Invitation to Community Meetings on the DAFF Marine Nature Reserve Project. The following dates were noted by the Commissioners. Members of the public can also attend.

Friday 20th February 2009 – 8.00 pm Ramsey Town Hall

Thursday 26th February 2009 – 8.00 pm Laxey Football Club.

g. **DOT** – Road Closure Order. A15 Hibernia Road closed between Ballajora Chapel and its Junction with the Lower Dreemskerry Road at Booilushag – from Tuesday 3rd February to 10th of February. This matter was noted by the Commissioners.

h. **War Memorial Preservation Society** – A request for information on the establishment of the various war memorials in the parish has been received. The clerk advised that he had found a limited amount of information on these matters which could be passed on to the Society. The Church Warden had indicated that the churches records from the early – mid 20th Century were lodged at the Manx Museum Library.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to forward this information to the Society. The clerk was also instructed to contact Greggs in regard to the works to maintain the condition of the main war memorial in the churchyard.*

i. **Marown Parish Commissioners** – Request for information on outdoor Recreation Facilities in the Parish.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to forward information to the clerk at Marown.*

j. List of **further Correspondence** in the February Circulation File Attached. These matters were noted by Members. No matters were brought forward for discussion at the meeting.

6. Searches: Sycamore Cottage, Jacks Lane; Cable Cottage, Port e Vullen. These matters were noted by Members.

7. Parish Maintenance.

Action Plan for Areas in Glen Mona – These proposals for improvement works including planting at the Glen Mona Bus Stop, The Coronary Bus Stop and Folieu flag were placed in to the February Circulation File. There followed a discussion of the cutting of the field by the Dhoon Church Hall. **GS** said that this would benefit the children who attended youth club by allowing them to play football etc. It was stated that the field was under the ownership of the church authorities.

Action: *It was agreed that the clerk should make enquiries in this matter prior to the March meeting.*

Adoption of Tram Stops: The clerk reported that contact would be made with those who had agreed to help at the stops in late Feb/early March. The stops at Belle Vue and at Ballaglass Glen had not as yet been 'adopted'. Posters requesting assistance will be put up in these areas and the web site will be used to encourage participation.

Arboretum: Clerk to report on progress with Action Plan. Additional sign to be sourced from DAFF.

Action: *Clerk to forward details to the Saw Mills at St Johns and obtain a quotation.*

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

CPA: Tidying of boundary fence and hedges.

General: - tidying as necessary.

- Repair of toilet seat in Maughold Village. The clerk reported that this had been repaired.
- Installation of bench at Coronary. The clerk reported that this was now installed.
- Supply of sleepers from MER. The clerk reported that the MER would be able to supply a quantity of used sleepers. GS suggested a quantity of around 20.

Action: *clerk to contact the MER and arrange collection/delivery during February.*

- Letter from Watsons re availability of plants and shrubs etc. This was passed to **GS** for information.

9. PLANNING.

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

9.2. Decisions from DLGE:

The following decisions were noted by Members and the clerk instructed:

PA 08 02058/B **Dhooon School**, Erection of a shelter; DoE – Approved 13th January 2009.

PA 08 01651/B **Land Adjacent to Traiheen**, Port Lewaigue, Erection of a dwelling – Approved 19th January 2009.

PA 08 02083/B **Primrose Lodge**, Alterations and erection of extensions – Approved 21st January 2009.

PA 08 02057/B **Maynrys**, Glen Mona, conversion of garage to provide garden store and gym – Approved 23rd January 2009.

9.3. Planning For Decision:

PA 08 02330/B **Booilushag House**, Booilushag, New gated entrance to existing entrance for rear horse paddocks.

The Commission noted the proposals and have no concerns they wish to raise.

PA 09 00044/B **The Spinney**, Dreemskerry Road, Installation of solar panels.

The Commission has no concerns with the proposals in this application and resolved to recommend approval.

PA 09 00079/R **Fields 622106, 622110, 624259, 622173, 624277**, Barony Hill, Barony Estate, Alteration and improvement of access track.

Members of the Commission noted the plans and supporting information provided by the Applicant. It was also noted that the work undertaken on the track ways is prominent in views from distant higher ground in the Glen Mona area, as well as being visible from the A2 Highway.

In this respect Members noted the intention of Sections 7.4 and 7.5 of the Strategic Plan which seeks to ensure the protection of the landscape and open countryside.

Members also noted the comments from the Applicant in regard to the need to improve and establish the tracks to facilitate agricultural activity.

To establish if these changes to the landscape are necessary it is the view of the Commission that the Planning Committee should request advice from the Agricultural Advisor at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry prior to making a decision on this retrospective application.

9.4 Appeals

08/00732/B Appeal against refusal for erection of timber barn, **Dreemskerry Farm**.

Hearing to take place 9.30 am on 3rd December 2008 – Original Refusal decision confirmed by the Minister. This matter was noted by Members.

08/01630/B Sea Bank, Port e Vullen Erection of replacement dwelling including the installation of a bio-disc and drainage layout – Submission by 3rd of February 2009.

The clerk reported that comment had been submitted reiterating the view of the Commissioners as expressed in their original submission at the application stage.

10. Finance

10.1. Approval of cheques:

The following cheques were approved and signed at the meeting.

FINANCES JANUARY 2009

INV.	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
126	05-Jan-09 5 Star Security Services	143.75	18.75	2289
127	14-Jan-09 Spotless Cleaners	200.00		2290
128	02-Feb-09 DAFF (tree stakes)	76.94	10.04	2291
129	Manx Telecom	54.44	7.10	2292
130	IOM Gov Tipping Dec	892.50	535.50	2293
131	Feltons	23.81	3.10	2294
132	IOM Gov CA Site 4 th Qtr	2,850.26	371.77	2295
133	Sadler Ag Supp	97.75	12.75	2296
134	IOM Gov Training Course	115.00	15.00	2297
135	MEA	191.29	24.95	2298
136	MEA	121.34	5.66	2299
137	Spotless Cleaners	200.00		2300
138	Kinrade Bros AV & Litter Bins	214.74	28.01	2301
139	Chris Littler Web Design	280.00		2303
141	IOM Gov NI & ITIP	299.20		2305

10.2 Approval of January Finances.

The clerk circulated a statement of the Commissioners finances at the end of January 2009. This was noted by Members and included in the minute file.

11. Any Other Business

- **Action:** *The clerk was instructed to contact the MER to advise them of damage done by their contractors to the memorial tree planted by the Maughold Social Club close to the Dhoon Sidings. The amount of litter left by the contractors in this area was noted and the clerk was also instructed to raise this matter with the MER.*

- RM told the meeting about the work of the Golden Jubilee Trust on which he had been briefed at the last Municipal Association meeting. He advised that it would be worth becoming involved by the appointment of a 'Young Person's Champion' in the Parish.

Action: *RM to obtain further details and report back to the Commissioners.*

- MF reported that a gate was off its hinges on the 'Maughold Mountain Road' which runs from Glen Mona on to the hills.

Action: *Clerk to notify DOT.*

The Public Session of the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10.10 pm.

12. Private Session – Matters for Discussion

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

Appendix 1.

Items of Correspondence in the February 2009 Circulation File.

- a. **RTLC** – Circulars 244 to 248.
- b. **Brittania BS** – Notification of change in interest rates.
- c. **Onchan District Commissioners** – regarding Legal Advice to Elected Officials.
- d. **MEA** – Notification of undercharge and VAT reimbursement.
- e. **DOT** – Highways monthly.
- f. Municipal Association – Minutes of Meeting of 27th November 2008.
- g. **WOMU** – December Tipping Figures (Demonstrates average of 14.17 kgs per wheelie bin per week during the month).
- h. **DAFF** – Information on Conserving Manx Wildlife in new and existing gardens.
- i. **Newsletter of the Chronically Sick & Disabled Persons Committee** – December 2008.

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