

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd March 2009, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

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

MF Opened the meeting at 7.35 pm.

1. Apologies – All Members present.

2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd of February 2009.

MF proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 2nd of February 2009 be accepted as a correct record.
Seconded **RM**. Resolved.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd of February 2009.

a. **Investigation of Office Facility.**

The clerk reported that the Kirk Maughold PCC had approved the rental of an office in the Church Hall in the Village. An e-mail from the Church Warden was read outlining some possible terms of agreement.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to discuss these matters further with the Church Warden and report back to the April meeting.*

b. **Recycling in the Parish.**

RM advised that information had now been gathered to allow full costings for a kerbside collection scheme to be established. It was anticipated that these figures would be available for discussion at the April meeting. The clerk advised that Mr Wrigley from the DLGE had been asked for a specification for grading the quality of paper collected by such a scheme. **RM** advised that full and wide consultation with the public would take place prior to any decision to progress this matter.

Action: *Clerk to produce costings of a scheme based on fortnightly collections carried out by a contractor. It was also agreed that the clerk should investigate the visit of Board Members to the EfW plant.*

c. **Dog Fouling Nuisance.**

The instruction to distribute a letter made at the February meeting was discussed. **MF** advised that a document had been drafted but was not suitable for distribution. A decision had been made to reserve the matter to the March meeting. The efficacy of the posters that had been displayed at the Coron, Glen Mona Loop Road and on Ballagorry Drive was discussed. The general consensus was that there had been some improvement particularly in the Coron area. It was agreed that a letter should be distributed to all properties in the Glen Mona area asking that dog owners behave responsibly. It was noted that the Environmental Health Section of the DLGE offered advice in regard to dogs barking at unsociable hours or for long periods.

Action: *Clerk to draft letter as above for approval by **MF**, and inclusion on the web site.*

d. **Golden Jubilee Trust Young Citizen's Fund Activities. Update from RM.**

RM advised Members that a meeting in regard to this matter was taking place at the same time as this meeting. He drew attention to the activity taking place for 14-16 year olds at Ardwhallian on May 4th. The clerk advised that he had received posters advertising the activity day. He had also spoken to a member of the community who had expressed an interest in the role of 'Young Persons Champion'.

Action: *Posters on notice boards and copy on website. Clerk to report back on candidates for 'YPC' at April meeting.*

4. Matters for Discussion

a. Proposal to investigate development of the field known as 'The Vicar's Field' beside the Dhoon Church Hall as a resource for the community. (Written request submitted by GS 06.02.09).
The use of the field as a community resource was discussed. Facilities that could be provided for local children and maintenance issues were briefly discussed. In the first instance it was agreed to contact the church authorities for information.

Action: *clerk to write to Ian Fauldes to obtain information on which element of the church had ownership. Proposed RM. Seconded HL. Resolved.*

b. Arrangements for Daffodil Competition 2009 at Dhoon School.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to speak to Mrs McLean to arrange a time for judging to take place. Clerk to source prizes for the winners in two categories and two age groups. Clerk to liaise with judges who were nominated at the meeting.*

4.a Consultation Matters to Note

i. **DHSS – Consultation on Proposed Changes to Family Income Supplement and income Support for Lone Parents.**

Response requested by 9th of April 2009.

These documents were noted by Members. Further discussion was reserved until the April meeting when a response will be discussed.

ii. **DLGE – Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Building Control Act 1991.**

Response requested by 30th April 2009.

These documents were noted by Members. Further discussion was reserved until the April meeting where a response will be discussed.

5. Correspondence

a. **Onchan District Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday 24th of May 2009, 3.00pm. Formal Invitations to follow in due course.

This was noted by Members. **RM** and **MF** advised that they would be able to attend.

b. **IOM Northern Neighbourhood Watch Association** – Invitation to meeting on Thursday 5th of March 2009, 7.30pm at Ramsey Town Hall.

This matter was noted and discussed.

Action: *It was agreed that contact details for the Association would be made available on the web site and notice boards. Clerk to attend NNWA meeting on 5th March to obtain contact details for residents.*

c. **Mayor of Douglas** – Invitation to Mayor's Reception on Friday 27th of March 2009, 7.00 pm in the Mayor's Parlour at Douglas Town Hall.

RM and **MF** to attend.

Action: *Clerk to forward acceptance to Douglas Corporation.*

d. **Resident** – In regard to the Appeal Decision on PA 08/00672/A, Shan Vallah, The Colony, Port Lewaigue.

This referred to confusion in the schedule of conditions accompanying the Appeal decision on this application. The clerk had contacted Planning and established that the full seven conditions had been applied.

Action: *The clerk was instructed in a written answer to the resident.*

e. **Lezayre Parish Commissioners** – Copy of letter sent to IOM Newspapers regarding registration of facilities for use as accommodation during TT.

The matters in this document were noted and discussed by Members. The clerk was given no further instruction in this matter.

f. DOT Road Closure & Temporary Notices

1. **Lower Dhoon Road** – Whole length closed from 6.00 am on 5th of March until 6.00 pm on 1st of April. Access to properties maintained.
2. **Dhoon Quarry Road** – Whole length closed from 6.00 am on 5th of March until 6.00 pm on 1st of April. Access to properties maintained.
3. **Sections of A2 around Dhoon Glen Halt** – 10 mph and 30 mph speed limits imposed as indicated by placement of temporary signage. From 9.00 am on Tuesday 10th of March until Monday 16th of March.

The above three orders were noted by Members. The clerk was given no further instruction in these matters.

g. **DHSS** – Material promoting National 'No Smoking Day' Wednesday 11th of March 2009. These documents were noted by Members. The information was placed on display in the Dhoon Hall.

h. **DHSS** – Confirmation of place on free 'Accident Prevention Seminar' 24 March 09. The clerk advised that he had booked one place on this free course. The clerk advised that the course would be of benefit to the Commission's Health and Safety Policy which was being finalised.

Action: *It was agreed that the clerk should attend.*

i. List of **further Correspondence** in the March Circulation File Attached below. These matters were noted by Members.

6. Searches: None this month.

7. Parish Maintenance.

Adoption of Tram Stops: **MF** reported that a resident had committed to 'adopt' the halt at Belle Vue. This was welcomed by members.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to liaise with the resident and report back to the April meeting.*

Arboretum: The clerk reported that the majority of trees had now been restaked. Further works were to take place on the trees in the next weeks. Some shrubbed areas had been tidied. It was agreed that the additional sign for the entrance would be purchased from the Government Saw Mills. Proposed **HL**. Seconded **MF**. Agreed. The erection of a display cabinet indicating the memorial trees was discussed.

Action: *Clerk to arrange for purchase of a sign, and to investigate the cost of a display cabinet. GS and Mrs Smith to purchase 8 replacement trees and arrange for their planting.*

Maughold village Car Park: The clerk reported that the sensors had been fitted to the lighting system. This means that the lamps will light for a ten minute period when the car park is accessed by vehicles or pedestrians. He also reported that the hedge at the entrance had been sensitively re-profiled to allow improved access, and that several branches had been removed for a similar purpose.

CPA: The clerk reported that chip bark had been laid on the steep slopes of the pathway around the play area.

General: tidying had taken place as necessary.

- the clerk reported that the cutting machinery had been serviced.

A list of hand tools considered necessary to support the various activities of the Dhoon in Bloom Group around the Parish was circulated. Proposed **MF**. Seconded **HL**. Agreed by **RM** and **MC**. **GS** abstained from the vote on approval of this matter.

The remaining four Members all agreed that these items should be purchased forthwith.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to purchase the items identified on the list.*

Signage to the waterfall at Dhoon Glen was discussed. **Action:** *The clerk was instructed to contact DAFF and ask that this aspect is improved.*

9. PLANNING.

For Information: 2 Letters from residents dated 05.02.09 & 17.02.09 in regard to PA 09/00079, Alterations and Improvements to Farm Access Track, **Barony Hill**.

These matters were closely noted by Members and comments were reserved.

9.1. COMPLETION CERTIFICATES – 08/07095/DOM Dreemskerry Farm. Erection of new dwelling.
08/07082/DEX Croit e Ben Cornaa. Inglenook fire place/chimney

These matters were noted by Members.

9.2. Decisions from DLGE:

08/01954/B **Elgin Stables**, Jack's Lane,; Alteration of an extension - **Refused** 13th February 2009.
08/01979/A **Baldromma Beg Farm**, Ballajora,; Approval in Principle to convert farm building into an agricultural workers dwelling – **Approved** 13th February 2009.

These matters were noted by Members.

9.3. Planning For Decision:

09/00126/A **Laurieston House, Booilushag**; Erection of split level bungalow/chalet.

The Commission noted these proposals for Approval in Principle.
Members request that the Drainage Division of DOT is asked to confirm that the current system of raw sewage disposal from the Booilushag Estate is able to accept additional load without compromising public health or the sea/coast environment. It is the view of the Commission that these matters are relevant to the consideration of this planning application under the terms of EP 22 of the Strategic Plan.

09/00186/B **The Old Mill, Corony Bridge**, Replace PVC Casement windows.

The Commission wishes to record no objection to these proposals.

09/00200/B **Holiday Cottage, Primrose Lodge**; Porch to South elevation and render external walls to weather proof building.

The Commission wishes to record no objections to these proposals.

9.4 Appeals

9.4.i The following matters were noted:

PA 08/01517/B Maynrys, Glen Mona Loop Road, Appeal against refusal for extension to dwelling, driveway and entrance alterations, landscaping works and increase to property curtilage.

Hearing to take place 11.00 am, 10th March 2009 Government Office. This matter was noted. The meeting was advised that the clerk would attend.

PA 08/02083/B Primrose Lodge, Slieau Lewaigue, Appeal against approval for alterations and the erection of extensions.

Written Statement of Case to be submitted by 6th of March 2009.

Appeals (cont'd)

9.4.ii Decisions from the Minister:

The following matters were noted by Members.

PA 08/01338/B Sea Croft, Dreemskerry, Erection of replacement dwelling, garage and creation of vehicular access – **Appeal upheld and application refused.**

PA 08/00592/R Glen Shone, (I) Excavation to form level area, and (ii) temporary parking of caravan – **Appeal against approval of (I) dismissed. Appeal on approval of (ii) upheld.**

PA 08/01095/B Glen Shone, Alterations & Extensions (comprising amendments to the development approved under 07/00657/B) – **Appeal dismissed. Approval of application confirmed.**

10. Finance

10.1. Approval of cheques:

FINANCES FEBRUARY 2009

INV.	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
142	02-Mar-09 Manx Telecom	53.89	7.03	2306
143	Sadler Ag Supp (Bench)	458.85	59.85	2307
144	Wolseley UK (Concrete & Fittings)	140.35	18.30	2308
145	Eden Park GC (Mach Servicing)	154.98	20.21	2309
146	Feltons (Woodstain/Brush,etc)	27.42	3.57	2310
147	IOM Gov (Jan Tipping)	729.00	437.40	2311
148	Chris Littler Web Design (Updates)	73.00		2312
149	Kinrade Bros Haulage (AV & Bins)	214.74	28.01	2313
150	GS (Plants)	26.01	3.39	2314
151	MEA	13.73	0.64	2315
153	Spotless Cleaners Feb 09	200.00		2317
154	IOM Gov NI & ITIP	291.23		2318
	TOTALS	6,141.37	979.02	

10.2 Approval of January Finances.

A document indicating the up to date position of the authorities finances was circulated, noted and received by the Board. **MC** proposed that a range of quotations be obtained for service of machinery be obtained in future. This was seconded by **RM** and agreed.

11. Any Other Business

HL raised the matter of the **mud being deposited on the A2 Highway in Glen Mona**. It was noted that MER track repair works were being carried out at Creg Moul. This involved the transfer of ballast from the Glen Mona car park and the removal of old ballast to repair the Green Way Lane above Glen Shone. The effect on the lane up to Glen Shone was also noted.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to contact the supervisor at RMS Locotec to determine when the works would be finished, and to ask that more effective action is taken to keep the road clean and in fit condition.*

Mr Thompson DOT – The clerk reported that Mr Thompson had contacted the Commissioners with a view to attendance at the April meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Thompson should be invited to attend the meeting to be held on the 6th of April at 7.00 pm.

Action: *Clerk to liase with Mr Thompson and arrange as agreed above.*

MC asked Members to consider further ways in which the Commissioners could liaise with the press. He suggested that more effective contact and liaison would improve the communication of the Commissioners with residents, government and others. It was agreed that this could be a great benefit to the operation of the Commissioners.
Action: *clerk to liaise with SW from IOM Newspapers for advice in this matter, and release information more frequently to other press organisations such as the radio stations.*

MF advised that Mr Duff of the IOM War Memorial Preservation Society had requested a photograph of the memorial on North Barrule.

Action: *Clerk to forward photograph.*

Action: *The clerk was also asked to contact DOT regarding the damage to the wall on the Coron Hill, and the condition of the road at the Lhaggan, near the ford.*

This Session of the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

12. Private Session

Several matters were discussed in this Session.

MF declared the meeting closed at 10.50 pm.

Next Meeting Monday April 6th 2009, 7.30 pm at Dhoon Church Hall

Appendix 1.

Items of Correspondence in the February 2009 Circulation File.

- a. **RTLC** – Circulars 249, 250, 251
- b. **Britannia Building Society** – Notification of further fall in interest rates.
- c. **DLGE** – Details for Representative attending conference (copy passed to GS).
- d. **Treasury** - 1st Supplemental List 2009.
- e. **Digital UK** – Further information on digital switchover.
- f. **DOT** – Highways Monthly Issue 31, February 2009.
- g. **DLGE** – Tipping Figures Jan 2009. 29.16 tonnes (4 Collections) Average bin weight 14.52 kg.
- h. **GJIC** – Minutes of the meeting of 12.02.09.
- i. **GJIC** – Diary of Events 2009

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