

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MONDAY 1st June 2009, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

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

09/01. Apologies – All members present.

09/02. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 6th of April 2009. HL proposed that the amended minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Seconded MF. **Agreed.** The minutes were signed and dated by HL.

09/03. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 6th of April 2009.

a. Investigation of Office Facilities

The clerk advised that it was anticipated that the Commissioners would be able to begin moving into the office at Maughold Village Hall in mid-June. A meeting would take place at which details of the lease agreement would be discussed with the Church Warden. In particular the level of charges for any other services would be resolved, as well as the terms of notice that would need to be served by either party.

Action: Clerk to meet Church Warden to discuss terms of lease. Clerk to source letterbox, and arrange provision of other services such as telephone/internet, etc.

b. Recycling in the Parish – further information on provision of 'mini-recycling centres'.

The clerk reported that a meeting was being arranged with Mr Wrigley the Waste Operations Manager at the DLGE. At this which proposals for the trial of a 'mini-recycling centre' at Corony would be discussed. It is anticipated that RM and the clerk will attend this meeting.

Action: clerk to contact Mr Wrigley and arrange meeting.

c. Proposal to investigate use by community of field by Dhoon Church.

The clerk reported that Mr Winstanley, the Director of Drainage at the DOT had indicated that he would brief the Commissioners as soon as agreement on purchase of a portion of the field had been arranged with the church authorities. It was agreed that no further action was possible by the Commissioners until the status of the field had become clear.

d. Bathing water quality at Port Lewaigue.

The clerk read a response from Mr Winstanley which advised the Commissioners that the final proposals for the next stage of the IRIS Project were due to be given Treasury and Tynwald approval during June. Once this had been achieved Mr Winstanley states that he will contact the Commissioners to discuss the proposed facilities which are to be installed at Port Lewaigue, and in other areas of the Parish.

e. Information from the MER on the fallen sign at Ballaglass Glen.

The clerk reported that Mr Cannell from the MER had contacted him to advise that the fallen sign will be removed in due course.

f. Register of Members' Interests – Pro-forma for discussion.

The draft document circulated at the May meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the current system of recording Members interests was adequate. No further action in this matter will be taken.

g. Pathways in Ballaglass Glen.

The clerk reported that the DAFF had written to advise that the pathway to the cottage had been cleared of large stones as requested. MF to assess whether any further action is necessary in this matter.

h Progress report on the condition of the Maughold Mountain Road from Glen Mona over Slieu Lhean to the Clarum.

The clerk read a letter from Juan Turner MLC, Political Member at the DOT, which outlined that works that will shortly be undertaken by the Department to repair damaged sections of the track way. This was noted. The Commissioners will be seeking clarification of these improvements, and will continue to monitor the situation.

i. Progress on the DOT's investigations in to the footpath/pavement on the A2 at Glen Mona.

Mr Corkish has advised the Commissioners that the DOT are to undertake works to cut back the hedge between the Dhoon Church and Dhoon School in the weeks following TT. It is anticipated that this will allow more room for pedestrians using the pavement. The Commissioners will continue to monitor the situation.

09/04. Matters for Discussion

a. To discuss the untidiness of the MER at the Dhoon Sidings and throughout the Parish.

The untidy state of sections of the MER line was raised in writing by HL. Particular reference was made to the poor state of the Dhoon sidings, where debris had been dumped and used sleepers have been poorly stacked causing health and safety concerns to be raised. Reports of other debris and materials left beside the line in other areas of the Parish were also noted.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to write to the MER setting out the Concerns of the Commissioners, and requesting that urgent action is taken to tidy the trackside throughout the Parish.*

b. Consideration of Draft Health & Safety Policy for the Commissioners, including comment from Senior Health and Safety Inspector at the DLGE.

The clerk circulated a draft copy of a Health and Safety Policy Statement and a Draft Risk Assessment for the maintenance activities undertaken by the Commissioners in the Parish. Consultation had taken place with a Senior Health And Safety Advisor at the DLGE who had given instruction on improving the documents.

Action: *Clerk to revise and re-present to Members at the July meeting.*

c. To note: Request from MSC for use of Parish Field on 16th of August for a car boot sale.

This request was discussed. It was stated that the field should be available for the use of the community. The subject of livestock grazing on the field was also discussed. It is anticipated that the field will be re-fenced during late July.

Action: *MF to notify the Club that the field can be used for the sale, and clarify that the club's insurance covers the running of such an event.*

09/05. Consultation Matters

Office of the Council of Ministers – Review of the Legislation Governing the Constitution and Functions of Manx National Heritage.

This consultation document had been circulated to Members following the May meeting. There followed discussion of the relationship of MNH to Government. The consensus being that there was no need to submit a response to this consultation from the Commissioners. No action to be taken.

09/06. Correspondence

DOT – Regarding IRIS Sewage Treatment Strategy. This matter was dealt with at 09/03.d above.

DOT – Response to Commissioners letter regarding the condition of the U92 Maughold Mountain Road. This matter was dealt with at 09/03.h above.

Mr Rodan – Regarding letter from Resident to Mr Hannay concerning the condition of the U92 Mountain Road. This correspondence was read and noted.

DAFF, DTL & DOT – Acknowledgement of the Commissioners letter regarding the U92. These documents were noted.

DLGE – Regarding Planning Enforcement Matters. This correspondence was read and noted.

Parish Walk Organisers – Request that toilets at Maughold Village are left open on the night of 20th June 2009. This request was noted and will be complied with.

09/07. Searches: *Hillcrest Cottage*, Corony Hill; *Glen Mona House*, Glen Mona; *Thie Lewaigue*, Port Lewaigue. These matters were noted.

09/08. Parish Maintenance.

Arboretum: The clerk reported that the next phase of tree replacement would take place in the Autumn. The new sign for the Arboretum was due to be supplied in the next week. It was agreed that a temporary display board should be erected that would explain the history of the Arboretum and the current works being undertaken. A quotation for a permanent display cabinet was being prepared at the Government Saw Mills and would be supplied in due course. **Action:** *clerk to contact the Saw Mills to discuss these matters.*

09.09. PLANNING.

9.1 **COMPLETION CERTIFICATES** - 08/07488/OR Faaie Mooar, Port Lewaigue, Enlargement of Window. These matters were noted by Members.

9.2 **NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION OF DEMOLITION** – Bungalow Ard Vagher, Corony Hill. These matters were noted by Members.

9.3 **Decisions from DLGE:**

The following matters were noted by Members.

09/00459/B **Rhennie Farm**, Dhoon, Erection of a double garage – Approved 13th May 2009.

09/00513/B **Creg Ny Geay**, The Colony, Inst. of 2 Solar Panels – Approved 18th May 2009.

9.4 **Planning For Decision:**

09/00706/B **Cedar Bank**, Ballajora Hill, Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new traditionally styled three bedroomed bungalow;

The Commissioners have no observations to make on this traditionally styled replacement bungalow; they recommend Approval.

09/00751/B **Faaie Mooar**, Port Lewaigue, Installation of replacement windows and doors;

The Commissioners note that the proposed replacement windows are in sympathy with the dwelling; they recommend Approval.

09/00758/B **Caardee**, Dreemskerry, Alterations, erection of an extension and installation of replacement windows; The Commissioners note the proposals for the modest extension and replacement windows; they have no issues or concerns to raise with the Planning Committee.

09/00817/B **Glen Cairn**, Port Lewaigue, Alterations and erection of extensions to dwelling house.

The Commissioners note the proposals for these modest extensions; they have no issues to raise and recommend Approval.

09/00870/R **Dreemskerry farm**, permission for erection of retaining walls, railings, steps and extension of courtyard;

This application was discussed in detail. The clerk was instructed to submit detailed comment requesting that the land be reinstated.

9.5 **Appeals:**

08/01630/B **Sea Bank**, Port-e-Vullen, Appeal against Approval for erection of a replacement dwelling, including the installation of a bio disc and drainage layout; Hearing taking place 11.00 am on 16th June 2009.

This matter was noted by Members. the clerk was given no further instruction.

09/10. Finance

a. Approval of cheques:

The following cheques were approved by Members

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
11A		Municipal Assoc.	90.00		2353
12	01-Jun-09	Manx Telecom	49.65	6.48	2354
13		IOM Gov. Tipping Apr.	786.50	471.9	2355
				0	
15		Contractor (Arbo. Cut)	90.00		2357
16		Feltons	19.33	2.52	2358
17		Vannin Officepoint (Paper/files)	32.17	4.20	2359
18		Spotless Cleaners (Apr)	200.00		2360
20		Moore Stephens	54.62	7.12	2362
21		MEA	5.82	0.26	2363
22		Tram Halt Planting (named resident)	21.49		2364
23		Tram Halt Planting (named resident)	64.20		2365
24		Tram Halt Planting (named resident)	63.83		2366

b. Approval of May Finances.

A spreadsheet indicating income, expenditure and the position of the authority's accounts was circulated and noted by Members.

09.11. Any Other Business

Web Site – RM suggested that the content of the home page should be selected to reflect the Commissioners business more prominently. This was supported by all present. It was agreed that matters for inclusion on the web site should be identified to the clerk during meetings as issues were discussed.

GS raised concern about the surface of the path from the A2 down to the Glen Mona Tram Stop.

Action: Clerk to contact DOT.

MF asked if DOT could be contacted again in regard to the fallen gate on the U92 above Glen Mona.

Action: clerk to contact DOT.

Next Meeting provisionally 29th June 2009, 7.30 pm at Dhoon Church Hall

Appendix 1.

Items of Correspondence in the May 2009 Circulation File.

RTL – Circulars 261, 262,263,264,265,266.

SMP – Re. assistance with accounts.

Government Laboratory – Bathing Water Quality Readings at Port Lewaigue for 12th to 20th May.

DLGE – Tipping Figures at EfW Apr 09. 31.46 tonnes. Equates to average of 15.66 kg per bin.

Ramsey & Northern District Housing Committee – Copy of letter dated 06.05.09 regarding Warden Cover at Cooil ny Marrey

DTL - Acknowledgement of Island in Bloom Entry.

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