

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON Monday 29th June 2009, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mrs H Lace CP, Mrs M Fargher, Mr R Moughtin, Mrs G Stephens.
Clerk.

HL opened the meeting at 7.31 pm.

09/16. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from **MC**.

09/17. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st of June 2009.

MF drew Members attention to the reference in the Agenda to the Minutes of the April Meeting. This should have read Minutes of the meeting of the 1st of June. The clerk was asked to amend this error. **MF** proposed that the amended minutes be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting. Seconded **GS. Agreed.** The minutes were duly signed and dated by **HL**.

09/18. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st of June 2009.

a. **To discuss the forthcoming seminar on Planning Matters hosted by the Isle of Man Municipal Association.**

RM advised that the incoming Chair of the Planning Committee, Hon Juan Watterson MHK, would be invited to the seminar. **RM** stated that the Seminar was open to all Members to attend. It was agreed that the Commissioners will raise concerns about planning enforcement inconsistencies, the selection of applications dealt with remotely under delegated powers, and the need for the transfer of greater responsibility to local authorities for planning decisions in their area.

Action: *RM to circulate details of the location and date of the Seminar when available.*

b. **Office Facility Progress Report**

The clerk reported that a letterbox had been purchased and a location for fixing agreed with the church warden. A quantity of shelving had been purchased and installed. It was anticipated that a phone line would be installed by the time of the next meeting. The clerk reported that he would be setting the office during the next weeks, and that office opening times would be announced once the phone line was operating.

c. **MER** – Response from MER/RMS Locotec regarding trackside untidiness & Dhoon Sidings.

Head of Railways, Mr Kennaugh, had visited Maughold in June following expressions of concern from the Commissioners about the amount of trackside debris left by the rail contractors. The clerk pointed out areas of particular concern at Belle Vue, Lewaigue, Ballajora and Dhoon Sidings. Mr Kennaugh assured the Commissioners that he would ask the contractors to begin clearing these areas. In particular he stated that he would instruct the contractor that the Dhoon Sidings should be cleared and tidied as a matter of priority.

It was noted that in the days following the visit the shelter at Belle Vue was refurbished, and debris was removed from Belle Vue, Lewaigue and other locations. Mr Kennaugh was thanked for his intervention in these matters.

However, it was noted that at the meeting trackside debris remained at Ballajora and Ballaskeig. It was also reported that the Dhoon Sidings remained in a poor condition with a variety of debris piled untidily. This debris remained unfenced and accessible to the public.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to write to the head of Railways to thank him for the clear up works that had been undertaken following his visit, and to ask that further clearances take place at other locations. The clerk was also asked to request that the Dhoon Sidings were cleared up as soon as possible.*

d. Request from MSC for use of Parish Field for a car boot sale.

This matter was discussed at the last meeting. The Treasurer had advised **MF** that MSC were covered by their insurance for such events. It was anticipated that the event would go ahead on the 16th of August.

09/19. Matters for Discussion

a. To discuss the efficacy of the Planning System on the Isle of Man.
(originated by **MC** in writing to the clerk 22nd June 2009)

A written proposal from **MC** was read at the meeting. This requested that the Commissioners consider issuing an official complaint against the Department of Local Government and the Environment for its mismanagement of the planning system. Various examples of perceived deficiencies and inconsistencies in the planning process were discussed. It was agreed that a complaint should be made to government forthwith citing some of these examples to illustrate these shortcomings. The clerk was asked to meet with **MC** to draft out a document setting out the Commissioners dissatisfaction with the planning process.

Action: Clerk to meet with **MC** and draft a document as outlined above. Document to be submitted to government following approval by **HL**.

09/20. Consultation Matters

a. **Port Erin 'Cable Reef' Trials Proposal.** Comments to be submitted by 17th July 2009.
(Summary document previously circulated).

It was noted that such schemes operated elsewhere with a high degree of success. Members agreed that the proposal for a trial should be supported.

Action: Clerk to submit a response indicating the support of the Commissioners for the trial.

b. **Litter Control Notices (Amendment) Regulations consultation.** Comments to be submitted by 31st July 2009. (Summary attached to this document) These matters were noted by Members.

Action: It was agreed that the clerk should submit a response indicating support for the proposals.

09/21. Correspondence

a. **MNH** – Agreement to make a financial contribution to the emptying of litter/dog bins on their land at Maughold Brooghs car park and Port Lewaigue car park.

An offer by MNH to contribute financially towards the weekly servicing of litter bins on their properties in Maughold was noted by Members.

Action: Clerk to issue an invoice to MNH for provision of the service.

b. **Borough of Douglas** – Invitation to Civic Sunday Service, 10.30 am, 28th June 2009, St George's Church. Procession from 10.00 am starts at John Street.

The clerk had circulated details of this event previously. Unfortunately no member had been available to attend.

c. **DLGE** – Regarding forthcoming Induction Course for Local Authority Members (5th-6th August).

The clerk had circulated details of this course previously. No Members wish to attend.

d. **Peel Town Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Sunday, 10.30 a.m. 12th July 2009. St German's Cathedral. Procession 10.20 a.m. from Town Hall.

Action: **MF** to advise clerk if able to attend.

09/22. Searches: Lowfield, 4 Cooilustey, Port Lewaigue; Sycamore Cottage, Jack's Lane.

These matters were noted by Members.

09/23. Parish Maintenance:

23.a. To discuss Preparations for Island in Bloom.

The clerk advised that the Arboretum was looking very impressive following the months of hard work put in by Mr and Mrs Smith. The second stage of tree replacement would take place in the Autumn. A temporary notice board had been erected and information material had been provided by members of the Dhoon in Bloom Group. All the tram stops had been planted by local volunteers, and the Hotel had been made ready by members of the Dhoon in Bloom group. The judges were due in early July. MF suggested a litter pick be undertaken by the Commissioners along the A2 as soon as possible.

Action: MF, RM, GS and the clerk to liaise. Clerk to ensure necessary hi-vis jackets are available.

23.b. Any other maintenance matters

The clerk advised that the car park in Maughold Village was in need of strimming. This to be done prior to Parish Day.

09.24. PLANNING.

24.1 **COMPLETION CERTIFICATES** – None received since last meeting.

24.2 **OTHER MATTERS** – NONE

24.3 Decisions from DLGE:

09/00576/B Ballaglass Farm	Installation of 5 roof lights on barn	Approved 15 th June 2009
09/00706/B Cedar Bank, Ballajora Hill	Erection of replacement dwelling	Approved 15 th June 2009

24.4 Planning For Decision:

09/00952/B Croit Ny Meagh, Cornaa, Maughold, Extension & decking to side elevation of dwelling;

The Commissioners have no concerns with the proposals in this application.

09/00994/B Cronk Aashin, Cornaa, Maughold Erection of replacement dwelling with integral garage;

The modern design and environmental innovation in this design were noted by Members. Planning Circular 03/91 and the Strategic Plan Policies relative to this application were discussed in detail. Concerns were expressed about the impact of the south western elevation, and the amount of glass facing the structure. It was agreed that this would have a detrimental impact on the landscape, particularly from the direction of Rhenab. The large increase in footprint was also discussed. It was agreed that the design was in conflict with the policies set out in Planning Circular 03/91, and the intended controls of Housing Policy 14 of the Strategic Plan. The clerk was instructed to submit a response detailing these concerns to the Planning Committee.

24.5 Appeals.

Decision From the Minister on:

PA 08/02083/B **Primrose Lodge**, Slieau Lewaigue, Maughold. Alterations and erection of extensions. Appeal rejected. Original approval decision confirmed. This matter was noted by members.

09/25. Finance

a. Approval of June cheques:

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
29		Feltons	12.97	1.69	2371
30		IOM Gov. Tipping at EfW May	759.00	455.40	2372
31		Manx Telecom	52.11	6.80	2373
32		Vannin Officepoint	91.21	11.90	2374
33		Web Design New page & 2 mths Updates	196.00		2375
39		Dhoon Church PCC Hall/Store Hire	238.00		2381
40		Kirk Maughold PCC Office Rental	325.00		2382

b. Approval of June Finances.

A spreadsheet detailing the Commissioners business conducted during June was circulated, and noted by Members.

09.26. Any Other Business

26. a. **Attendance Allowance**– The clerk reported that matters in respect of payment of attendance allowance had been resolved.

26. b. **Future of Bulgham Field** – **MF** raised the matter of the future use of the Commissioners field north of Bulgham at the Dhoon. It was agreed that further discussion should be reserved until the August meeting.

Action: Clerk *to bring a copy of the deeds to the August meeting for further consideration.*

Private Session 9.55 pm

HL closed the meeting at 10.26 pm.

Next Meeting Monday 3rd August 2009, 7.30 pm at Dhoon Church Hall

Appendix 1.

Items of Correspondence in the May 2009 Circulation File.

RTLC – Circulars 267, 268.

Government Laboratory – Bathing Water Quality Readings at Port Lewaigue up to 17th June.

DLGE – Tipping Figures at EfW May 09. 30.36 tonnes. Equates to average of 15.05 kg per bin.

MEA – Re. litter bins on lighting poles.

DASH – Information on the drug advice and helpline for display.

NNPT – Community Partnership Minutes 5th May 2009.

GJIC – Updated calendar of events.

Municipal Association – Minutes of meeting of 30th April 2009.

DOT – Highways Monthly – June 2009 Issue 35.