

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm** Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mrs Hazel Lace CP, Mrs Marinda Fargher, Mr Robert Moughtin, Mrs Stephens (8.20 pm).

09/61. **Apologies:** HL reported apologies from Mr Cowley, and notified Members that GS was at the meeting of the housing committee and hoped to attend later.

09/62. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** Members indicated that they had received their Summons Agenda at least three clear days before the meeting.

09/63. **Declarations of Interest.** HL requested that any declarations of interest relevant to the agenda be made. None were indicated by Members.

09/64. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009.** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2009 were a correct record of that meeting. They were duly signed and dated by HL.

09/65. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2009.**

a. **Civic Service 20.09.09.**

HL reported that there had been very good feedback following this year's Civic Service. The Service itself had been very enjoyable with the selection of traditional hymns being widely enjoyed. The quality of refreshments was excellent once again; thanks were expressed to Mrs Sayer, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Achison in this regard. Mr Stephens was also thanked for setting up the presentation of photographs of the parish which had stimulated much discussion.

b. **Island in Bloom feedback.**

HL and GS had attended the Island in Bloom Presentation in September at which Maughold received the Gold Award in the Large Village Section. Members thanked all those who had allowed their garden or business to be entered this year. Mr and Mrs Kneale of Ballanelson Nurseries in Jurby were also thanked for the generous assistance provided to the 'Dhoon in Bloom' Group.

**Resolved:** *The Clerk was instructed to write to all entrants to thank them for their contribution to the achievement of the Gold Award. The Clerk was also instructed to write to thank Mr & Mrs Kneale at Ballanelson for their assistance.*

c. **Response from Public Rights of Way Officer regarding the Glen Mona to Lhaggan Ford pathway.**

The clerk read a reply from the DOT's Public Rights of Way Officer in which it was stated that in her opinion there was "enough width on the top section of footpath to prevent it from being a hazard". MF restated her concerns about the sheer drop into the glen, particularly when the path was slippery, and suggested gravel might be put down to improve the path. The clerk advised that the Officer had been asked to take another look, but as yet no reply had been received.

**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to reiterate the request for another visit to the site. The clerk was also instructed to put a message on the website asking that people take care when walking pathways in the Parish.*

d. **To discuss Corporate Governance 'Code of Conduct Document for Local Authority Members' as circulated following the August meeting.**

**Resolved:** *It was agreed that this document should be received and accepted as the code with which Members and Officers should comply. It is anticipated that formal acceptance of compliance with the code will be given as part of the process indicated at item 09/65.g below. Clerk to report back at November meeting on these matters.*

e. **Outcomes from Master Composting Course in Laxey 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

Mr Cowley's attendance at the meeting was noted. Mr Cowley was now available to provide advise on composting to residents. This was advertised on the website and the clerk advised that he would liaise with Mr Cowley before placing further information on the website and the notice boards. It was noted that residents can request advice by contacting the Commissioners.

f. **to discuss document from the DAFF on proposals for the upkeep of greenway roads; particularly to discuss the condition of the U92 Maughold Mountain Road.**

**MF** advised the meeting that she had recently walked the U92 and found it still to be in a very poor condition. She reported that it was getting steadily worse due to the volume of motor bikes that had used it over the summer. Some sections were difficult to walk and the moorland had been stripped back to bare rock in many places. The copy of the action plan which had been updated by DAFF/DOT in July was noted. The intention to undertake works on the path were noted, but it was also noted that no indication has been provided of when this work will take place. It was clear to Members that action must be taken by DOT before the the trackway is damaged beyond repair.

**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to write to the DOT Minister to ask when the repairs will take place and to express the Commissioners concern that the track is continuing to deteriorate.*

g, **Guidelines on Members Interests**

The clerk reported that these matters were being researched. It was agreed that the guidelines should be established in conjunction with the Corporate Governance principles recently published by the DLGE and discussed at item 09/65.d above. These could then be formally accepted by Members, and incorporated in to the process of 'swearing in' following elections to the Board.

**Resolved:** *Clerk to bring forward a draft process for discussion at the November meeting.*

h. **Copy correspondence from MNH to resident regarding condition of Ballafayle Cairn.**

This correspondence was noted by Members.

09/66. **Matters for Discussion**

a. Proposal from **HL** dated 21.09.09 to discuss the reintroduction of the Parish Garden Competition.

**HL** described to new Members how the competition had been organised in previous years. Prizes had been awarded in both large and small garden sections. The winners had received prizes and been entered into the following year's Island in Bloom competition.

**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to place information on the website, notice boards and in the press informing of the Commissioners intention to hold a competition in 2010 and requesting comments/expressions of interest in taking part.*

b. **Consultation on Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2009.**

The clerk's report was read and noted by Members. The consensus at the meeting being that the proposals were necessary. The clerk reported that Mr Cowley had indicated he would forward comments to the clerk prior to the deadline for submissions.

**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed tin response and asked to liaise with Mr Cowley prior to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009.*

c. **Proposal from DOT regarding grass cutting at the Corony.**

The clerk reported that a quote had been received from a contractor for cutting the grass in public areas at the Corony which was discussed in detail.

**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to contact the Department to propose that the Commissioners arrange for the cutting and forward an invoice to the DOT for payment.*

d. **Pandemic Flu Update & Discussion**

The Commissioners contingency plan was discussed. It was agreed that the plans for maintenance of the refuse service were robust and adequate. However, the office training had not been undertaken.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the clerk would liaise with **MF** and **MC** with a view to undertaking training in critical office tasks should the clerk fall ill. This to take place during November Clerk to submit Contingency Report prior to November meeting.

e. **To consider the document "Corporate Governance Principles and Code of Practice for Local Authority Elected Members and Employees – Employees Code".**

This document was placed in to the October Circulation File.

f. **Arrangements for Dhoon School Daffodil Competition 2010.**

It was agreed that **HL, MF, GS** and the clerk would attend on 07.10.09 at 9.00 am. Meet in the school hall. The clerk reported that all materials had been obtained. It is anticipated that the competition will be judged in March 2010.

09/67. **Correspondence**

a. **Braddan parish Commissioners** –invitation to Civic Service, 3.00 pm, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Kirk Braddan Church.

**Resolved:** Clerk to advise Braddan that **RM** is to attend.

b. **Kinrade Bros. Haulage**

An outline of a contingency plan in event of Flu pandemic was read and noted. The clerk advised that this accords with practise outlined in the Commissioners contingency plan.

c. **Ramsey town Commissioners** – Invitation to Municipal Sunday, 10.30 am, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Trinity United Reformed Church.

**Resolved:** Clerk to advise Ramsey that **HL** and **MF** are to attend.

d. **Royal British Legion** - Advance Notification of 2010 Poppy Appeal, November 2010. Permission requested for street collections, etc.

**Resolved:** Clerk instructed to forward letter advising that the collections can take place.

e. **MNH** – Copy letter to resident re. Ballafayle Cairn. This matter was dealt with above at 09/65.h.

f. **MEA** – Estimate for Streetlight Repair. The clerk reported that the work had been authorised and would be carried out by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

g. **Resident** – Reporting Fly Tipping at Amenity Vehicle Lay By on the Dreemskerry Road. This matter was noted. The clerk reported that the tipping had been removed.

**Resolved:** Clerk to draft a design for a sign at the Jack's Lane lay-by advising that burnable material can only be deposited when the Amenity Vehicle in attendance.

h. **Marine Conservation Society** – Regarding providing assistance for Voluntary Beach Cleaning. This matter was noted. It was stated that the Commissioners had previously provided gloves and bags when the Maughold Social Club had undertaken beach cleaning. It was anticipated that this support would continue in the future.

i. **Lezayre Parish Commissioners** – Invitation to civic service, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Kirk Christ Lezayre, 3.00 pm. **HL & MF** to attend. Clerk to notify.

**Resolved:** Clerk to advise Lezayre that **HL, MF and RM** are to attend.

*GS joined the meeting at 8.20 pm.*

j. **R&N Districts Housing Committee** – Invitation to opening of new wing at Kerroo Glass; 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 2.00 pm.

**Resolved:** Clerk to advise the R&NHDC that **HL, MF, & GS** are to attend.

k. Further items of correspondence in C/F (see Appendix 1).

These matters were noted by Members.

l. **Nigel Malpass** – Regarding the Jubilee Trust YCF Spring Challenge.

**Resolved:** The clerk was instructed to contact Mr Malpass and advise that the Commissioners would attend the next meeting.

- m. **DOT** – Re. Closure of A18 Mountain Road between Gooseneck and the Bungalow, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 1.00 4.00 pm. This matter was noted by Members
- n. **Resident** – Regarding vehicles on the Glen Mona Hotel Car Park.  
Correspondence from a resident of Glen Mona was read and noted. The matter would be monitored by the Commissioners. The clerk was instructed in the content of a reply to the resident.
- o. **DLGE** – Re forthcoming DHA Table Top Exercise, 27.11.09.  
**Resolved:** *GS to attend. Clerk to notify the Department of Home Affairs.*
- p. **Manx Photography** – Re supply of Christmas Cards.  
**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to make enquiries with local suppliers with a view of obtaining Christmas cards that are specific to Maughold.*

09/68. **Searches:** Deepdene, Port Lewaigue.  
This matter was noted.

- 09/69. **Parish Maintenance:**
- refurbishment of Coronry noticeboard  
**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to carry out any necessary repairs.*
  - replacement flags. Clerk to liaise with **HL** in this matter.

#### 09/70 **PLANNING.**

##### 70.1 **COMPLETION CERTIFICATES –**

**06/07250/DOM The Anchorage, Port e Vullen,** Conversion of owners accommodation into 2 self contained flats (flat no 5) – Dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009.  
This matter was noted by Members.

##### 70.2 **Decisions from DLGE:**

The Following decisions were noted by Members:

- 09/00885/B **Croit Rance, Ballafayle,** Alterations and extensions to 2 dwellings (comprising an amendment to 07/02073/B) – Approved 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 09/01284/B **4 Booilushag Estate,** Ballajora, Erection of an extension and widening vehicular access – Approved 29.09.09
- 09/01124/B **Shearwater,** Port Lewaigue Close, Rendering works – Approved 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 09/01178/B **Ballellin Farm,** Extension to existing barn – Approved 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 09/01223/B **Lieh Acyr,** Port e Vullen, Alterations and erection of an extension to dwelling housey – Approved 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 09/01327/B **Rhianfa, Ballafayle,** Erection of an extension to dwelling house – Approved 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

70.3 **Decisions to be made:** None

##### 70.4 **Appeal Matters**

09/00550/B **Willow Cottage, Coronry,** Appeal against refusal to convert garage to provide living accommodation – Hearing to be held at 11.00 am on 22.10.09.

**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to forward communication to the CSO referring the Inspector to the Commissioners written comments, and advising that they would not be in attendance.*

09/01067/A **Fields 624255 & 624256 Glen Mona Loop Road,** Appeal against refusal for AiP to erect a detached dwelling – Hearing to be held 11.00 am 21.10.09.

**Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to forward communication to the CSO referring the Inspector to the Commissioners written comments, and advising that they would not be in attendance.*

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## 09/71. Finance

The following cheques were approved by Members:

### a. Approval of September cheques:

68	05-Oct-09 Webdesign	60.00		2416
69	Civ.Serv Refreshments	600.00		2417
70	IOM Newspapers	282.57	36.87	2418
71	IOM Gov Tipping Aug	1,004.50	602.70	2419
72	Kirk Maugh PCC	325.00		2420
73	Dhoon PCC	130.00		2421
74	Vannin Officepoint	53.07	6.92	2422
75	Arboretum Cutting	90.00		2423
77	Play Insp. Company	143.75	18.75	2425
78	Spotless Cleaners	200.00		2426
79	Eden Park Garden Centre	25.30	3.30	2427
81	Wolseley UK	45.26		2430
82	Moore Stephens Acc & Audit Charges 09	1,151.15	150.15	2431
83	IOM Gov CA Site 3rd Qtr	2,585.40	337.23	2432
84	Att All (Jul, Aug, Sep)	90.00		2433
85	Att All (Aug)	30.00		2434
86	Att All (Jul, Aug, Sep)	90.00		2435
87	Att All (Jul)	30.00		2436

### b. Consideration of September Finances.

The clerk circulated a spreadsheet indicating financial transactions carried out in September and indicating the current status of the Commissioners accounts. These were noted by Members.

## 09/72. Any Other Business

- Streetlight at Glen Mona Bus Stop. This matter was dealt with at item 09/67.f above.
- The clerk read a letter from a visitor to the Island who registered dismay at the amount of dog fouling in the towns and glens. This had been circulated to all authorities by the DLGE. There followed a discussion of the Commissioners approach to the dog fouling problem which is currently based on targeting areas afflicted with the problem. Campaigns had been undertaken at Ballagorry and the Corony in the last twelve months. These had brought successful resolutions to the problems. The amount of fouling on the Raad ny Foillan footpath at Gob ny Rona was discussed.

**Resolved:** The clerk was instructed to initiate a poster/leaflet campaign in this area during November.

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

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## **Appendix 1.**

### **Items of Correspondence in the September 2009 Circulation File.**

**RTLC** – Circulars 281,282.

**Government Laboratory** – Bathing Water Quality Readings at Port Lewaigue up to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

**DLGE** – Tipping at EfW August 2009, 40,180 tonnes (5 collections & AV). Approx 16kg per household per week.  
Tipping at EfW Sep 2009, 32,300 tonnes (4 Collections & AV). Approx 16kg per household per week.

**DOT** – Transport Quarterly Sept 09.

**DOT** – Highways Monthly Sept 2009, Issue 38.

**GJIC** – Diary of events dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

**DOT** – Minutes of NTMLG 14.07.09.

**Quantum Solutions** – Information on rate collection software.