

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON Monday 1st February 2010, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Meeting opened 7.35pm

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

10.17. **Apologies.** All Members present.

10.18. **Notice of Summons Agenda** – All Members reported that they had received their agenda at least 3 days prior to the date of the meeting.

10.19. **Declarations of Interest** – Members consulted by the Chairman. No interests declared.

10.20. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 4th of January 2010: RM** proposed that these were an accurate record of decisions made at the meeting. Seconded **HL**. Resolved.

10.21. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 4th of January 2010:

a. **U92 Maughold Mountain Road** – A response from Mr Anderson dated the 7th of January was discussed. It was noted that Mr Anderson had committed to responding further following a visit to walk the track with officers from DOT and DAFF. It was also noted that the series of correspondence between Mr Anderson, Mr Henderson and the Commissioners had been reported in detail in the national press. It was resolved that the Commissioners would reserve further discussion until Mr Anderson had reported back following his visit in the next weeks. Reports of motorbikes accessing the Coron Valley without the permission of the landowner were discussed. Further reports of motorbikes accessing the U92 on the moors above Glen Mona, which is currently closed to vehicles, were also recorded. The Clerk advised that the DAFF warden was taking close interest in events at the Coron and had been patrolling with greater frequency. Commissioners to monitor these situations.

Resolved: Clerk to contact the DAFF warden and report that the road closure was being ignored by some off road riders.

b. **Finances for YE 2011** – The clerk confirmed that the Treasury and the DLGE had been notified that the Commissioner's rate would remain at 108p in the £, whilst the DLGE imposed Tipping Charge would effect a Refuse charge of £27.50 per property for the year. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to every household in the Parish advising of these matters and detailing the various government imposed rises as well as the areas within the Commissioners control where savings were being made.

c. Further Information on the **10:10 Campaign** – The clerk presented research from the FoE IOM website which identified areas in which individuals and businesses could commit to reducing their CO² emissions. These were noted. All Members advised that they supported this initiative. The Commissioners encourage all residents to support the 10:10 campaign: details can be found by on the Friends of the Earth Isle of Man website. The clerk was instructed to place a link to this site on the Commissioners web site.

d. Installation of **mini-recycling-centre** at the Coron – The clerk reported that officers from the DLGE were visiting the Coron to discuss installation requirements. Concerns with the frequency with which the receptacles would be emptied were discussed. It was agreed that such matters would be monitored following installation as part of the trial process. The importance of recycling glass, steel & aluminium cans, as well as paper in a climate where tipping charges were being exponentially increased was emphasised. In the coming months the Commissioners will be urging all residents to ensure that none of these recyclables are disposed of in the refuse.

10.22. **Misc. Matters for Discussion** – None

10.23. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

a. **DoE** - Consultation on **pre school provision** (*Clerk's Summary attached*) Response by 11th February 2010.

The various options to widen the availability of pre-school provision in nursery environments were discussed. It was agreed that the clerk should submit a response favouring either Option 1 or 2; it being considered that these options offered the fairest outcome. **Resolved:** *the clerk was instructed to respond by the due date.*

b. Consultation on **Modernising Communications Regulation** – *Response by 11th February 2010.*

This matter had been discussed at the January meeting and had been reserved for further consideration. The consultation document recommended an approach that provided limits on competition to Manx Telecom, on the premise that it would allow stable conditions in which long term communications infrastructure investment could be made. The general consensus amongst Members was that although this option favoured MT it was not in the best interests of the Manx consumer. It was noted that consumers on the Island were already paying significantly higher premiums for services such as Broadband and land based telecommunications. **MC** referred to the benefits that the introduction of competition had brought in the mobile telecommunications market; where prices had dropped dramatically and levels of service had similarly increased. It was agreed that opening other areas to competition would provide a much better outcome for Manx residents. Development of the use of the fibre optic cable link to the UK system was also discussed. It was felt that government had failed to utilise the opportunities it provided. **Resolved:** *the clerk was instructed to respond by the due date.*

c. **Financial Provisions Bill 2010**, *response by 15th February 2010.*

This consultation had been circulated and was discussed in detail. The phrasing of clause 4 was discussed in detail. This clause proposes that Treasury has 'power to do anything' it considers in the interest of the economic, environmental or social well being of the Island. The scope and intention of this power was questioned. It was noted that Clause 2 defined Government Authority as meaning a Department, a Statutory Board or a person holding an office under an Act of Tynwald. The clerk was asked to seek clarification of the proposed legislation to determine whether it could be interpreted in a way that the powers could be directed at local authorities. The general consensus was that the phrasing of Clause 4 was alarming and could set a precedent for the draughting of any future legislation by government. **Resolved:** *the clerk was instructed to respond seeking clarification of the scope of the Clause 4, and the powers it suggested.*

10.24. Correspondence

- a. **DTL** – Regarding continuation of financial assistance scheme from the Department which funds planting schemes undertaken by residents at the MER halts. Members welcomed the news that this very successful scheme will be extended into 2010. The tram halts throughout Maughold had been presented to an extremely high standard in 2009.
- b. **Hon RW Henderson MHK** – Copy of letter sent to Mr Anderson regarding Upkeep of the U92 Maughold Mountain Road which questioned the current approach to management of the upland trackways. Noted.
- c. **Malew Parish Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday 7th March, 3.00pm, The Abbey Church, Ballasalla. Resolved: **RM** to attend. Clerk to notify.
- d. **DAFF** - Response to comments regarding the Fisheries Bill.
This correspondence was placed in to the C/F.
- e. **DoE** – Information regarding Careers 2010, Thursday 25th March 2010, Villa Marina, 9.00am – 7.00pm.
This was noted.

10.25. Electronic correspondence

- a. **KIMO** International Marine Litter Project Update. Noted. The clerk advised that he had returned a questionnaire on the condition of the beaches in the Parish.
- b. **DLGE** – Tipping Figures Dec 2009 – Av 7.265 tonnes per week. This was noted.
- c. **Resident** – Request for thanks to be passed on to DOT regarding pathway resurfacing in Glen Mona, & thanking DOT workers involved with gritting roads, etc. This correspondence was noted.
- d. **DLGE** regarding cut in tipping subsidy transferring approximately £8k onto Maughold domestic rates. This consequences of this increase on the rate were discussed above at item 10.21.b.
- e. **DLGE** – Response to request for attention to problems at the Bring Banks in the parish. Members discussed a series of problems that had occurred at the bring banks in recent weeks. The clerk advised MF had cleared up the area around the Glen Mona site and that he had cleared up several times at the site in Maughold Village. It was noted that the DLGE had been contacted and it was hoped that there would be an immediate improvement to the situation. The Commissioners will monitor the situation.

f. **DLGE** – Notice of changes to rate regarding local authority lending Scheme. This matter was noted.

g. **Event Advisory Group** – H&S Training Seminar on organising an event, 22.02.10 at 6.30 pm, St Ninians HS. This event was noted.

h. **DLGE** – Notification of £1.3k rise in Civic Amenity Site charges. The consequence of this increase on the rates was discussed at item 10.21.b above.

i. **Ian Faulds** – Information on Church events including 'A year in the Life of Maughold Project'.

Resolved: *The clerk was instructed to contact Reverend Faulds to discuss ways in which the Commissioners might assist with this project.*

j. **Resident** – Correspondence and responses regarding concerns with the Chris Kelly Memorial Rally 13th February. A variety of correspondence from the residents along with copies received from the rally organisers and DOT were discussed. It was noted that the Commissioners monitored the running of all motorsports events that run in the Parish and had in recent years written strongly worded letters to the various organisers of rallies, particularly in regard to the driving practise undertaken during 'reconnaissance' periods. The Commissioners agreed to monitor the situation. They encourage members of the public to report any incidents to the rally organisers and the other relevant authorities. The situation with the operation of rallies will continue to be monitored.

k. **Resident** – regarding damage to waste bin at Glen Mona Bus Stop. The Commissioners thanked the resident who had recently repaired this litter bin which had been the subject of petty vandalism during the course of the evening of Friday 15th of January 2010. The Commissioners will monitor the situation.

l. **DOT** – Response to request for consideration of traffic calming measures for Glen Mona. The response regarding extension of the 30 mph speed limit to the south of Glen Mona was noted, and felt to be disappointing.

Resolved: *MC to raise the matter at the next meeting of the NTMLG in April.*

m. **Inspector Flint** – Community Update. Inspector Flint notified that he had been seconded to headquarters to undertake a different role. Sergeant Mark Newey would head the Northern Policing Team in his absence.

n. **Mr Hamer** – Correspondence regarding the circumstances of the ending of the Reciprocal Health Agreement was noted.

o. **DOT** – Highways Monthly, January 2010. This was noted.

p. **DLGE** – Invitation to presentation re. the new Northern CA Site & IRIS Northern Regional Treatment Works; Ramsey Town Hall, Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 7.00 pm.

Resolved: *3 members to attend*

q. **Kate Beecroft of Lib.Vannin** – Petition form supporting Mr Karran's Private Member's Bill regarding a system for funding individuals healthcare if required in the UK. This correspondence was noted.

r. **Northern Policing Team** – invitation to public Meeting of the Police Consultative Forum; Sulby Village Hall, 7.30 pm, Tuesday 2nd February 2010. It was noted that no Members were available to attend. Clerk to forward apologies.

DLGE – Notification of changes to the Structure of Government. This correspondence was placed in to the C/F.

10.26. **Searches:** None.

10.27. **Parish Maintenance:** Clerk to report.

10.28. **PLANNING.**

10.29.a **Decisions from DLGE** - The following matters were noted:

09/01935/B **Cronk Ny Killey, Jallow**, Erection of a replacement dwelling – Refused 25.01.10.

09/01868/B **Cardle Chapel**, Installation of replacement windows – Refused 25.01.10

10.29.b **Decisions to be made:**

09/02103 **Field No. 620540, Ballacreggan**, Proposed new vehicular access onto highway.

The clerk was instructed to forward an objection to this proposal.

10/00034 **GlenCairn, Port Lewaigue**, Alterations and erection of extensions to dwelling house.

No objections were raised in regard to these proposals. Clerk instructed in reply.

10.29.c **Appeal Matters** – None to consider

10.30. **Finance**

a. **Approval of January Cheques**

Members noted the cheques prepared for the meeting. These were approved and duly signed.

b. **Consideration of January Finances.**

Members noted a statement of the position of the Commissioners finances as at 31.01.10.

10.31 **Any other Business** – collapse on Dreemskerry Road.

- landslide Port e Vullen

These matters were noted by Members. **MF** requested that a recent landslip near the arches at Ballure be reported to DOT.

RM: A proposal issued by the Deputy Clerk of Tynwald to the Municipal Association regarding the possibility of the creation of bye laws to provide local authorities with further powers to remove advertising posters, notices, etc was noted. There followed discussion of the matter. **RM** to feedback to the Municipal Association.

9.55 pm. There followed a Session conducted in private.

10.32. **Committees, etc.**

Meeting closed 10.25 pm.

Circulation File

RTLC – Circulars, 291-298.

Bus Vannin – Bus Network Review

Community Partnership Minutes 12.01.10

GJIC Minutes 13.01.10

Next Meeting Monday March 1st 2010, 7.30 pm at Dhoon Church Hall
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