

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

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mr M Cowley (Chairman), Mrs Fargher, Mr Moughtin, Mrs Stephens. Clerk.
Meeting opened at 7.33 pm.

10.35. **Apologies.** Received from **HL**. Vice-Chairman, Mr. Cowley chaired the meeting.

10.36. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** Members all stated that they had received the summons agenda in good time.

10.37. **Declarations of Interest.** **MC** requested that Members indicate if they had any interests to declare in any business of the agenda. **None declared.**

10.38. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st of February 2010:**

MF proposed that these were an accurate representation of the business conducted and decisions made at the meeting. Seconded **GS**. Resolved. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

10.39. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st of February 2010:**

a. To discuss implications of the proposals to restructure central government. The documents issued on the day of the February meeting had been viewed. It was agreed that further comment should be reserved until further details of the restructuring had been released.

MF also drew Members attention to the Consultation on the proposed bus timetables which had been noted at the February meeting. In particular she sought clarification of which timetable would run on Bank Holidays under the proposals.

Resolved: *clerk to clarify the situation with the DTL.*

10.40. **Matters for Discussion**

a. To discuss the proposals for **the New Northern Civic Amenity Site & Northern IRIS treatment works** at Balladoole. **RM** reported that the proposals for the CA Site had been well received. Reuse and Recycling facilities would be important in the operation of the site. The facility would be unobtrusive, and, being a mile or so north of Ramsey, was located more conveniently for Maughold residents. **RM** reported that there were no plans for composting facilities at the site; the preferred option being transfer of green materials to a commercial composting firm. **MF** raised the question of who will operate the site and how the operational costs will be borne amongst the northern authorities.

Resolved: *clerk to seek clarification from the DLGE on the plans for the operation, and apportionment of the operational costs, of the proposed site.*

There followed discussion of **the next stage of the IRIS Project**. The facility at Balladoole will also host the proposed Ramsey Sewage Treatment Works which will be important for the Maughold as the current outfall at the Mooragh periodically blights the coastline. This matter was noted. **MF** advised that the proposals for sewage treatment facilities at Port Lewaigue, Maughold Village and Coron, as well as pumping facilities at Port Mooar and Glen Mona had been briefly mentioned and would be subject of a public display in Maughold, probably in May. The issue of the use of around a third of the Dhoon Hall Field for the construction of a pumping facility, access road and parking had been discussed at the meeting. This had implications for the Maughold community as this field has been used for a wide range of events for many years, including the MSC Youth Club, Bonfire Event, etc. It was noted that the Commissioners had met with the Drainage Division in November 2009 and had written to Mr Winstanley at the Drainage Division in December 2009 outlining their concerns, particularly with the amount of land being taken up by the access road and parking proposals.

Resolved: *It was agreed that the clerk should reiterate these concerns with the Drainage Division.*

b. To discuss the motion from Mrs Fargher that 'further clarification is sought on the future use of the Dhoon Field as envisaged by the Church Authorities and/or DOT Drainage Division, and that any information gathered be shared as soon as possible with the local community' (*received at the Commissioners' Office in writing 25.02.10*). The matter of the future use of the Dhoon Hall Field was discussed in more detail. The consensus being that as much of the field should be retained as possible. It is hoped that the church authorities will continue to permit the use of the remainder of the field as it has become a valuable focal point of community activity, as outlined at item 10.40.a. **Resolved:** *The clerk was instructed to write to the Archdeacon of the Diocese of Sodor and Mann seeking an urgent meeting to discuss how they envisage the remaining portion of the field will be used in the future.*

c. **Dhoon School Daffodil Competition 2010:** Tuesday March 16th 2010.

The clerk advised that the judging would take place between 12.15 and 1.30 pm on Tuesday 16th March at the school. All pupils had been notified and asked to bring their daffodils in decorated pots on that morning. Judges from the community were identified.

Resolved: *clerk to contact judges, and make arrangements for the prizes, certificates, etc.*

10.41. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

a. To consider **Draft Consultation on Children's Bill**. The clerk's report was considered. There followed discussion of the Bill including the proposal to establish a central database including details of all children on the Island. It was agreed that the complexity of the Bill necessitated its further perusal. It was **resolved** to reserve further discussion until the April meeting.

b. To consider Consultation on the **Extension to the IOM of the UK's signature to the Convention on Biological Diversity**. Relevant documents had been circulated to Members. The matter was discussed, the consensus being that the extension of the convention to the IOM should be supported.

Resolved: *Clerk to respond as indicated by 31st March 2010.*

c. To consider **Draft Pedal Cycle Regulations** (Explanatory Letter attached; response requested by 6th April).

Resolved: *Members agreed that it was not necessary for the Commission to submit comment on this matter.*

d. To Consider **Consultation on Business Taxation** in the Isle of Man.

Resolved: *Members agreed that it was not necessary for the Commission to submit comment on this matter.*

e. Clerk's Summary of **current consultations**. The following consultations were noted:

- Guidance for **Public Servants** participating in Local or National **Political Activities & Standing for election**.
- public consultation on **how government delivers its public services**.

Members noted these matters.

10.42. **Correspondence**

a. **Resident** – Copy letter regarding road surfaces on the Ballaglass/Cornaa Road and damage to vehicles. This correspondence was noted. **Resolved:** *MC will raise the matter with the department at the NTMLG.*

b. **Resident of Sulby** – Letter to **MF** regarding damage to Uplands. Whilst recognising that other areas of the Island suffer from the passage of vehicular traffic, it was agreed that the Commission should continue to focus on the issue as it affects the U92 in Maughold Parish.

c. **Treasury** – 1st Supplemental List 2010. This document was noted. The clerk drew the Board's attention to the rateable value of the Dreemskerry Quarry which was now reduced to a nominal figure.

10.43. **Electronic correspondence**

a. **DLGE** – January Tipping Figures, 30.98 tonnes, Average 7.745 tonnes. These figures were noted.

b. **DLGE** – Regarding enforcement of legislation in Regard to Unsightly Land And Buildings (Local Government [miscellaneous provisions] Act 1984, Section 14; and Building Control Act 1991, Section 24.

Resolved: *clerk instructed to write indicating support for the strategy on tackling unsightly land and buildings.*

c. **DOT** – Speed Limit Order A2 Dhoon, 30 mph from March 1st to April 1st. This matter was noted by Members.

d. **DLGE** – Planning Committee Agenda 26.02.10. The clerk reported that no matters relating to Maughold were indicated on the Agenda. This was noted by Members.

e. **Municipal Association** – Consideration of variable subscription charging. **RM** reported that the Treasurer had written a report in which the validity of having a sliding scale for charging authorities for membership of the organisation was considered. The conclusion being that this was not an appropriate measure. The preferable option being to offer free subscription for the first 3 months of their membership. The clerk also reported that the MA had forwarded a response from the DLGE minister in which he explained the reasons for the rise in audit fees – in Maughold’s case from £251 to £3,000.

f. **ffinlo Costain; Friends of the Earth** – A press release on Maughold’s engagement with the 10:10 campaign was produced by Mr Costain was closely read. It was **Resolved** that it should be accepted in full. The release made clear the link between taking measures that both reduced emissions and reduced rateborne costs.

10.44. **Searches:** Fairwinds, Booilushag; Willow Cottage, Coronry Bridge; These matters were noted by Members.

10.45. **Parish Maintenance:** Clerk to report. The clerk reported that the base for the mini-recycling-centre had been installed.

10.46. **PLANNING.**

10.46.a **Decisions from DLGE** - The following matters were noted by Members:

09/02023/B **Kinsale, Booilushag**, Alterations, erection of an extension and creation of a first floor to dwelling house – Approved 16.02.10.

09/02056/B **Dreemskerry House, Ballajora Hill**, Alterations and Extensions to dwelling – Approved 19.02.10.

09/01696/B **Dhoon Church Hall**, Erection of a replacement porch, window replacement and repairs and formation of a disabled car park; Vicars and wardens – Approved 23.02.10.

09/01808/B **Land at Tower Farm**, Arqiva Services Ltd, Installation of a 6.5m pole with two antennae – approved 22.02.10.

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

09/01978/B **Sarah’s Cottage**, Ballasloe, The erection of a replacement dwelling (amendments to 04/01978/B); ***The Commission resolved to make no objection to these proposals.***

10/00069/C **Beach Cottage, Port Mooar**, Change of use from residential to self catering tourist accommodation; ***The Commission resolved to make no objection to these proposals.***

10/00100 **Ballachrink Cottage, Cornaa**, Demolition of flat roofed porch erection of flat roofed replacement; ***The Commission resolved to make no objection to these proposals.***

10/00111/B **Hillcrest, Coronry Hill**, Replacement porch with pitched roof; ***The Commission resolved to make no objection to these proposals.***

10/00212/B **Land between Whiteside and Broogh Lheannee, Ballafayle**, Erection of a detached dwelling and garage.

In the light of the previous approval for the construction of this dwelling, the Commission resolved to make no objection to these proposed amendments.

10.46.c **Appeal Matters**

09/01868/B **Cardle Chapel**, Appeal against refusal for Installation of replacement windows.

Written submissions by 12th March. Hearing date TBA.

The clerk was instructed to submit a reiteration of the views expressed by the Commission at the initial application stage which recommended approval.

09/01052/B **Elgin Stables, Jacks Lane**, Appeal against refusal for alterations and erection of an extension to dwelling house. Hearing, 9.30, 25 March 2010.

The clerk reported that a written submission had already been submitted as instructed at the February meeting.

10.30. **Finance**

a. **Approval of February Cheques** – *the following cheques were approved.*

INV.	Feb-10 EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	Chq
140	Feltons	32.97	4.91	2489
141	IOM Gov Tipping Jan	851.95	542.15	2490
142	Spotless Cleaners	200.00		2491
143	MEA	4.84	0.22	2492
146	Island Contractors	150.00		2495
147	Chris Littler Web Des.	90.00		2496

b. **Consideration of February Finances.** A spreadsheet summarising the financial transactions of the Commission and the status of the bank accounts at the 28th of February 2010 was observed and noted by Members., The projected financial position at YE 31st march 2010 was also indicated to Members.

10.31 **Any other Business** –

- a. **GS** referred to the Arboretum and reported that the trees that had been planted by Mr & Mrs Smith of Ballagorry last year had continued to establish very well. Mr & Mrs Smith had also taken action to revitalise the other established trees and the results were very encouraging with very healthy buds being apparent already this year. The Commissioners unanimously stated their thanks to Mr & Mrs Smith for their central role in refurbishing the Arboretum. Their skill and hard work is much appreciated.
- b. The clerk advised that a commercial fridge had been tipped on Schoolhouse lane above Ballacreggan. It had been removed as soon as reported. The cost of such disposal is in the region of £50 which bears on the rates. The clerk was instructed to notify the police, and place information on the web site and noticeboards requesting that residents pass on information if they witness any suspicious activity in regard to fly tipping, etc.
- c. **HL** had requested that discussion take place on the location and use of grit boxes in the Dhoon area. It was agreed that in general the DOT had made a good job of regularly refilling the boxes in difficult conditions. The clerk reported comments made by several residents. A particular problem had occurred at the bottom of Ballagorry Drive as on several occasions the box was emptied within hours of refilling by those driving by from outside the immediate area. This had caused difficulties at times on this extremely steep section which opens directly onto the busy A2. The exceptional weather circumstances were noted. It was discussed that in such circumstances free grit was available at all the CA sites.
- d. **MF** reported that the bench at the Glen Mona Tram Stop had suffered vandalism. The clerk was instructed to report the damage to the police. It appears that the damage was sustained between the 21st & 28th of February. The Commissioners ask residents to come forward with any information they have in regard to this matter. This will be passed immediately to the Police in Ramsey.

The following correspondence had been included in the C/F by the clerk. These documents were noted.

Circulation File

RTL – Circulars 299, 300, 301

Community Partnership Minutes 02.02.10

DHSS – Information on National No Smoking Day, Wednesday 10th March.

DHSS – Information on Novovirus.

DHSS – Information on health arrangements when travelling in the UK.

Tynwald – Annual Report to 30th September 2009.

Anne Frank Exhibition – Publicity Material.

Garff Diary of Events – Version dated 01.03.10

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.21 pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday April 6th 2010, 7.30 pm at Dhoon Church Hall

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