

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON Wednesday 7th April 2010, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mrs H. Lace CP, Mr M. Cowley, Mr R. Moughtin, Mrs G. Stephens.
Meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

10.35. **Apologies.** HL reported that Mrs Fargher had forwarded apologies.

10.36. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** All Members reported that they had received the Summons Agenda at least three full days prior to the Meeting.

10.37. **Declarations of Interest** – No interests in the business of the agenda were reported by Members.

10.38. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st of March 2010:** RM proposed that these were an accurate record of the business conducted and decisions made. Seconded **GS. Resolved.**

10.39. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st of March 2010** – no matters raised.

10.40. Matters for Discussion

a. **Corony mini-recycling-centre** – the clerk reported that the centre was being well used. **MF** and the clerk had called on all householders in the vicinity and the site was widely welcomed by residents. No issues or complaints had been raised to date. The facility was being emptied regularly. Monitoring to continue.

b. to discuss proposal from **RM** to '**Allocate Member's Responsibilities**' (*received in writing by the clerk 15.03.10*). This matter was discussed. It was generally agreed that where Member's had knowledge in particular area or issue that they should take the lead in the matter and provide advice to the rest of the Board. It was noted that this process occurred 'naturally' at present, but Members agreed to consider whether these arrangements could be adopted on a more formalised basis.

10.41. Current Consultations for consideration:

a. To consider Draft Consultation on Children's Bill. **GS** provided an overview of the Bill and identified concerns, particularly regarding the administrative burden that the proposed large database and other proposed policies would place on resources. The clerk's report was also considered, particularly the comments of the Data Protection Supervisor on the complications of producing and maintaining such a large database with no extra resources. Reported problems with the similar system running in England since 2004 were noted, as was the rejection of this type of a system by all other jurisdictions within the British Isles, and the potential incoming English government; who had promised to scrap the database of all children. It was also noted that one of the recommendations of the Climbié case was that "*The answer lies in doing relatively straightforward things well*".

The role of the proposed Children's Commissioner was discussed. It was noted that the Commissioner could provide a useful role by 'enforcing' the correct application of policies by staff on the ground - this was one significant weakness identified in the Commission of Inquiry in 2006.

GS advised that it seemed sensible to request that the current system is consolidated, rather than creating a new large database which could be a further drain on the resources of social services and other bodies. It was felt that this would assist in ensuring that both human and financial resources are directed at vulnerable children. This proposal was agreed to be the preferred view of the Board.

Resolved: Clerk briefed to submit response by April 30th 2010.

b. Clerk's Summary of current consultations.

For information the clerk referred to current consultations launched in March. None were selected for discussion by members at the meeting. These consultations are listed below:

- New Immigration and British Nationality fees public consultation
- New Anti Money Laundering Code
- Council of Ministers Consultation on its recommendations on the Chief Minister's Young Persons Working Group Report
- Consultation on revised draft policy on Employee Attendance at Work
- Review of Authorised Collective Investment Schemes Regulations

10.42. Correspondence

a. **DLGE** – Response regarding complaint initially made to Planning Department in July 2009. A response from DLGE to a complaint in regard to loopholes in the planning system lodged in July 2009 was read and noted. The letter advised that a planning seminar would be arranged as other authorities had lodged complaints that were similar in nature.

Resolved: Clerk to reply as instructed to the Planning Directorate, and to contact all authorities via e-mail to advise that a planning seminar was being arranged.

b. **MEA** – Maintenance Contract for Year 2010/2011 to consider.

It was noted that the charges for maintenance had been frozen for the coming year. It was also noted that negotiations were ongoing to arrange the contract jointly with Laxey and Lonan through the GJIC in future years. This document was duly signed by the Chair, Vice-Chair and clerk.

Action: Clerk to forward signed document to the organisation.

c. **Archdeacon of the Isle of Man** – Response to Commissioners' query regarding future use of the field beside The Dhoon Hall. This response was noted. The Archdeacon advised that negotiations between the Church Authorities and the Drainage Division were not complete. In these circumstances no further comment was provided. The meeting was advised that the Dhoon PCC would be advised of developments in due course (item referenced to response from the Drainage Division at item 10:43.i. below).

d. **DTL** – Re 2010 Tourism Awards. These matters were noted. No further action was requested.

e. **DOT** – Response following request for update on Situation with U92. A response from Mr Anderson, whose responsibilities for highways has now transferred to Mr Gawne at the new Department of Infrastructure was noted. Mr Anderson advised that he had recently walked the track, noted the scale of damage, but felt that the route was passable for walkers. He was not minded to take any further action than the recent installation of some signage on the route. It was noted that he made no reference to the widening of the track into the sensitive moorland by the motorcycles. In places the width of the track has extended to 30 feet, well beyond the original path. The Commissioners will monitor the situation.

10.43. Electronic correspondence

a. **Roger Tomlinson** – Re. Manx Radio Interviews with Commissioners, and Carbon reduction documents. Comments on the Commissioners attitude to carbon reduction and recycling issues were noted. Members thanked Mr Tomlinson for his helpful remarks and for forwarding further information on approaches to carbon reduction. These were noted and will be used to inform the operations of the Commissioners.

b. **Kestrel Insurance**- Confirming minimum of 'Like for Like' Cover in new policy. This document was noted. It was also noted that the change to an Isle of Man Insurance company had provided a saving of around 25% on the policy.

c. **Resident** – Regarding Licensing of motorbikes. These matters were noted by Members.

- d. **IOM Transport** – Reply on Bus Review Query. These matters were noted by members. It appears that there are no plans to further reduce the Bank Holiday service from the current level of operations.
- e. **Ian Faulds** – Confirmation of date for Civic Service 2010. Sunday 26th September at 3.00 pm. This date was noted by Members; Lieutenant Governor Invited, arrangements to be made in due course.
- f. **Government House** – A reply regarding an invitation to the Governor to Civic Service 2010 was noted.
- g. **Crosby Trade & Supplies** – regarding supply of dog waste bags. This matter was noted. A proposal to make such bags available in popular dog walking areas had been rejected at a previous meeting.
Resolved: *No further action.*
- h. **GJIC** – Regarding forthcoming AGM (provisional Date 30.06.10. Hon. Steve Rodan SHK invited). These matters were noted. Proposals for a venue and other arrangements were agreed.
Action: *clerk to communicate with Laxey & Lonan in regard to these matters.*
- i. **DHA** – Document responding to Consultation on the Criminal Justice Bill and setting out amendments to the Bill was noted and discussed.
Resolved: *No further action.*
- j. **DHA** – Draft document on Race relations Code of Practice. The clerk read the explanatory introduction to this Code. Implications for the Commissioners operations, including responsibilities of contractors were noted.
Action: *Code of Practice to be kept on file for future reference.*
- k. **Resident** – regarding future use and status of the Dhoon Field. A proposal to investigate community purchase of the Dhoon Hall Field in order to assure its future use for the community and public events.
- l. **DOT Drainage** – Response to Commissioners; further queries re. Dhoon Field.
The Commissioners had written to Mr Winstanley, Director of the Drainage Division in December and March requesting more detailed information on the proposal to establish access, and a parking area, to the sewage pump facility on the Dhoon Hall Field. The necessity to use a section of the field to provide parking places had been previously questioned by the Commissioners as had the scale of the access road. No further information was provided by Mr Winstanley at this stage. He advised that the Division would advise the Commissioners of the scale of the proposals once the design had been finalised (item referenced to response from the Archdeacon of the Diocese of Sodor & Mann at item 10:42.c. above).
- m. **DOT** – Notification that speed restriction at Dhoon/Bulgham to remain in force until 1st of May whilst resurfacing works continue. This matter was noted.
- n. **DOT** – Copy correspondence between Public Rights of Way Officer and resident regarding safety on pathway down to Glen Mona Tram Halt (PROW 102) This matter was noted. The Commissioners resolved to view the work done on the track once it is completed.
- o. **DOT** – Highways Monthly – March Issue. This matter was noted.
- p. **DLGE** – Tipping Figures February. 27.52 tonnes. The clerk reported that these figures were in line with average figures. Noted by members.
- q. **DLGE** – Further information on re-structuring of government. Information on the destination of the various sections of the DLGE was noted and placed in to the circulation File.
- r. **DLGE** – For information: Planning Committee Agenda for 19th March 2010. The clerk directed Members to matters on the agenda concerning Maughold. These matters were noted.

s. **Captain Malpass** – Information on Golden Jubilee Trust Spring Youth Challenge. The clerk reported that he was in communication with Captain Malpass and further information on the Parish's involvement in the Challenge would be released in due course.

t. **Northern Policing Forum** – Meeting dates for 2010. These were noted by Members.

u. **DLGE** – Planning Committee Agenda 8th April 2010. No matters relating to Maughold were recorded.

10.44. **Searches:** Strawberry Cottage (formerly The Fording), Glen Shone. Noted by Members.

10.45. **Parish Maintenance:** The clerk advised that a meeting would take place at the Arboretum later in the week in regard to alterations to the grass cutting regime. Noted. **GS** advised that several replacement heathers were needed for under the signs at Glen Mona. It was Resolved that these should be purchased.
No further matters were discussed.

10.46. **PLANNING.**

10.46.a **Decisions from DLGE:**

10/00034/B **Glen Cairn, Port Lewaigue**, Alterations and erection of extensions to dwelling house – Approved 13.03.10

10/00069/C **Beach Cottage, Port Mooar**, Change of use from Private residential to self catering accommodation; Approved 23.03.10.

10/00100/B **Ballachrink Cottage, Ballaglass**, Demolition of flat roof porch & replace with pitch roofed porch; Approved 23.03.10.

10/00111/B **Hillcrest, Corony Hill**, Replace porch with pitched roof porch. Approved 23.03.10.
These matters were noted by Members

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

10/00251/B **Ballakilley Farmhouse**, Re-roofing and re-rendering works to dwelling;
Members had no concerns with these proposals.

10/00295/B **The Pink House, Maughold Village**, Installation of replacement windows;
Members had no concerns with these proposals.

10/00342/B **Thie ny Cronk, Ballajora**, installation of a solar panel;
Members had no concerns with these proposals.

10/00349/B **Plot adjoining Little Croft**, The Colony, Approval in Principle for erection of a dwelling. Concerns regarding drainage were discussed in detail.

Resolved: *clerk to arrange site meeting with the planning officer as soon as possible. Submission to follow.*

10/00373/B **Ballavelt Cottage, Hibernia Rd**, Alterations to dwelling;
Members had no concerns with these proposals.

10.29. c **Appeal Matters**

09/01868/B **Cardle Chapel, Corony**, Appeal against refusal for installation of replacement windows; Mr Ken Kewley – **Appeal withdrawn by applicant.**

This matter was noted by Members.

d. **Building Control Notification:** Regarding permission to demolish Cronk Ashin, Ballasloe.
This matter was noted by Members.

10.30. Finance – Approval of March Cheques

INV.	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	Chq
147	02-Mar-10	Chris littler Web Design	90.00	2496
148	07-Apr-10	Kinrades AV & LB March	289.34	43.14 2498
149		MEA Publ.Lighting	122.84	5.71 2499
150		Kinrades AV & LB Feb	207.39	30.89 2450
151		IOM Gov Tipping Feb	756.80	481.60 2501
152		MEA Maint Contr	179.45	26.73 2502
153		Wolseley UK Ltd	113.88	16.96 2503
154		Spotless Cleaners	200.00	2504
158		Office rental Qtr	325.00	2511
D/D		Manx Telecom (25.03.10)	52.01	7.74 D/D
	Totals	6,759.86	1,114.01	

b. Consideration of March Finances.

A spreadsheet detailing financial transactions undertaken in March was discussed and noted by Members. This included analysis of VAT outstanding at year end, the status of the Commissioners accounts and a forecast for the final YE 2010 Balance.

10.31 Any other Business

Date of May and June Meetings. Resolved: *these meeting would be held on Wednesday 5th May 2010 and Wednesday 2nd June 2010. Both at 7.30 pm.*

Recycling at the proposed Civic Amenity Site. HL raised the issue of recycling facilities at the new CA Site. A resident of the west of the Island had contacted her to advise that recycling had been much reduced since the western CA site was refurbished. The clerk advised that some problems had been identified at the Western Site and these would be addressed in the design of the site north of Ramsey. It was also stated that the Commissioners would have input into the operation of the new site, and would be supportive of maximising all recycling opportunities. Members agreed to closely monitor the situation at the time when the final plans were released.

Disembarkation from the school Bus in Ramsey – **GS** raised concerns with the manner in which the children disembarked from the bus in Ramsey. These were discussed in detail.

Resolved: *The clerk was asked to contact Mr Crowe at the IOM Buses and request that this matter was assessed.*

Private Session – convened at 9.40 pm. Ended 10.32 pm.

Circulation File

The following items were noted.

RTLC – Circulars 312, 303, 304, 305.

Community Partnership Minutes 02.03.10

DHSS – Information on TB

- Public Information Campaign on Mephedrone.

Municipal Association – Minutes 25.02.10.

GJIC – Latest Diary of Events

Date of Next Meeting (AGM) Wednesday 5th May 2010, 7.30 pm at Dhoon Church Hall.