

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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, Mrs M Fargher, Mr R Moughtin, Mrs G Stephens

10.35. Mrs Lace spoke of the success of the business conducted by the Commissioners during her year as Chairman. She thanked fellow Commissioners for pulling together particularly when faced with rising costs transferred from government. The Commission had stood up for what was right and engaged robustly with government in many areas such as planning and in response to the audit fee rise. The Commissioners had taken a clear stance on the importance of protecting the environment through new recycling and other initiatives. Mrs Lace thanked the clerk for his work during the year. She also particularly thanked all the volunteers who contributed to the various projects undertaken in the Parish, at the Arboretum, at the tram halts and particularly through the 'Dhoon in Bloom' group.

The clerk presided for the election of Chairman for the coming year.

**1a. Election of Officers for Year 2009/2010.**

**Office of Chairman.** *Following due process Mr Cowley was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Proposed RM, seconded, MF. Resolved.*

Mr Cowley took up the Office of Chairman and presided over the following business.

**Office of Vice-Chairman.** *Following due process Mrs Stephens was elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. Proposed MF. Seconded HL. Resolved.*

**1b. Election of Representatives on Boards/Committees Year 2009/2010**

**Municipal Association:** *Mr Moughtin was elected as representative on this association. Proposed HL. Seconded GS. Resolved.*

**Northern Housing Board:** *Mrs Stephens was elected as representative on this Board. Proposed HL. Seconded MF. Resolved.*

**NLA Swimming Pool Board:** *Mrs Lace was elected as representative on this Board. Proposed MF. Seconded RM. Resolved.*

**Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group:** *It was resolved that Mrs Fargher should represent the Commissioners on this group. Proposed MC. Seconded GS.*

**Garff Joint Initiative Committee:** *It was resolved that Mr Cowley and Mr Moughtin should represent the Commissioners on the GJIC. Proposed MF. Seconded HL.*

10.36. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** All members reported that they had received the Summons Agenda at least three clear days prior to the meeting.

10.37. **Declarations of Interest in the business of the Agenda.** None declared.

10.38. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2010.** These were approved as a correct record by the Board. Proposed RM. Seconded MF. They were duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

**10.39. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2010:**

**MF** asked if any indication had been received in regard to the final plans for the proposed IRIS facilities in Maughold. The clerk reported that an e-mail asking if the plans had been completed had been sent to Mr Winstanley at the Drainage Division on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. No reply had been received by the time of the meeting.

**Action:** *Clerk to contact the Drainage Division again to seek the required information.*

**10.41. Current Consultations for consideration:**

a. **Tynwald Hill** – *Draft Bill Consultation. (seeking to give special recognition and protection to Tynwald Hill).* The need to ensure that the Tynwald Hill Site was protected against criminal damage was agreed. The intention to have the site scheduled as an ancient monument and the hill itself as a protected building was noted. However, **MC** stated that the area should already be covered by existing criminal damage legislation.

**Action:** *the clerk was instructed to reply to the consultation.*

b. Consultation on recommended amendments to Election Rules. These matters were noted. No actions were proposed.

c. **Clerk's Summary of current consultations.**

The clerk drew the attention of Members to the range of newly announced government consultations (See document attached) The clerk was instructed in regard to the following consultations:

**Scallop and Queen Scallop Fisheries in the Isle of Man** – The clerk was instructed to respond indicating support for the intention to improve the management and conservation of stocks.

**Manx Marine Nature Reserve Project** – The clerk was instructed to indicate support for the aims and intentions of this project.

10.42. **Correspondence**

a. **Age Concern** – Information on 'CHAT' bus facility. HL advised that she had attended the launch of this new community facility. She said that the facilities on the bus looked excellent and included a 'café' area where refreshments would be served and an IT suite where computers could be used and the internet accessed. **MF** and the clerk had met with Mr West, from Age Concern to discuss possible locations and the frequency of visits to Maughold. It was anticipated that the bus would be in Maughold on a bi-weekly basis with the Glen Mona Car Park and the Corony Estate being alternate locations. The organisers encouraged use of the CHAT bus by all members of the community, regardless of age. Members were advised that the Commissioners would assist with publicity for the facility once arrangements were finalised. This to include a feature on the website, posters on the notice boards and leaflet drops where appropriate.

b. **Office of the Clerk of Tynwald** – Regarding forthcoming Tynwald Garden Party; Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The request for the Commissioners to nominate a resident of the Parish to attend this function was noted and discussed.

**Action:** *The clerk was asked to make appropriate arrangements for the invitation of a resident.*

c. **Port St Mary Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 3.00 pm, PSM Methodist Church. Noted. Resolved: **RM** to attend.

10.43. **Electronic correspondence**

a. **Zero Waste Mann** – Regarding 'Choose to Refuse' shopping bags campaign. This matter was noted.

b. **Golden Jubilee Trust** – Regarding cancellation of Spring Challenge. It was noted that a young person from Maughold had agreed to represent the Parish at this event as part of the Northern Team. The clerk reported that disappointingly some other authorities in the north had not forwarded a participant resulting in the event's cancellation.

c. **DOI** – A18 Mountain Road Closure, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of May 09.15 – 16.00 (affects Maughold from the Hairpin to Guthries). This matter noted. Clerk reported that details were on the Commissioners' website.

d. **Lezayre Parish Commissioners** – Regarding damage by vehicles to the Island's uplands. An initiative to co-ordinate a response from the Island's authorities to the damage being done to the uplands by motorised vehicles was noted. **RM** advised that at a recent Municipal Association meeting several other authorities had expressed great concern at the scale of the problem in their areas. There followed a discussion of the condition of the U92 Maughold Mountain Road which problem the Commissioners had frequently raised with government in recent years.

**Action:** The clerk was instructed to write to Minister Gawne at the DoI requesting that he undertake a site visit to the U92 along with representatives of the Commissioners. This would allow him to be appraised of the latest situation and the scale of the increasing damage to the track and wider moorland. The clerk was also asked to forward up to date photographs in support of this request.

e. **DoI** – Tipping figures March 36.82 Tonnes (Average 15.34 kg per household collection undertaken. **MC** referred to residents who left additional black bags beside their wheelie bins on a regular basis. It was generally agreed that such practice was to be discouraged, particularly in light of the tripling of waste charges imposed by government. In the course of this discussion it was also agreed that residents who were tipping easily recycled items such as newspaper, glass and tins into their wheelie bins should be identified, approached and discouraged from such practice, as it had both a negative affect on tipping charges and the environment.

**Action:** It was resolved that the clerk should contact the refuse contractor to discuss the preferred way forward to address these matters. Clerk to report back to the next meeting.

10.44. Searches: None this month.

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

- **Arboretum:** new grass cutting regime begun. The potential problem caused by ferns was discussed and would be monitored.

- **Tram Halts.** The clerk advised that the majority of those tending the halts had been contacted and offered assistance if necessary.

- **Corony verges.** The clerk was asked to contact Highways to clarify whether the proposal for the Commissioners to manage cutting was being progressed.

- **Area around Corony MRC.** The briars would be removed in due course. **GS** advised that a local resident had indicated that they would assist with planting around the site.

**MF** advised that members of the Glen Mona Social Club had been working on the **3 legs of Mann symbol on the upper slopes of Barrule**. Club members were thanked for their efforts to establish this unique feature. The clerk was asked to include details on the web site.

10.46. **PLANNING:**

10.46.a **Decisions from DLGE:**

The following matters were noted by Members. No further actions were requested.

09/00079/R **Fields 622106, etc, Barony Estate**, Alteration & improvement of access track; Barony Estate Ltd.  
(*The various conditions applied were read and noted*) – Approved.

09/02103/B **Fields 620540, Slieau Lewaigue**, creation of vehicular access onto highway - Refused.

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

10/00454/REM **Garden adjacent to Shan Vallah, The Colony**, Reserved matters application for the erection of a dwelling & garage.

Several matters of concern were discussed in regard to this application. These were principally in regard to storm water drainage and raw sewage disposal. The clerk was instructed to respond detailing these matters.

10/00477/B **Field 624412 Booilushag**, creation of access from field into highway. Members noted that this agricultural field already had a gated entrance. The general presumption in the latest planning advice against removal of hedges was noted. The clerk was instructed to respond detailing these matters.

10/00514/B **Ballellin Farm**, erection of porch and conservatory including the installation of replacement windows. Members noted these proposals. No objections were raised. The clerk was instructed to respond.

10/00517/R **Coastways, Ballure**, erection of a detached garage and parking area. The Commissioners were very concerned about this retrospective application. The lack of detail in regard to the new vehicular access on to the A2 was noted. Correspondence from the Planning Enforcement Officer indicating that the raised parking area was

potentially unsafe and that the applicant should not use the area until a structural engineer reported on the safety of the structure was noted. The Commission resolved to object to this application.

10/00540/B **The Hill, Port Lewaigue Close**, Erection of a detached garage. Members noted that a garage facility already existed on the site. The intentions of the applicant for the existing garage were not referred to in the proposals submitted. The clerk was instructed in comment.

10.29. c **Appeal Matters** – None Pending.

d. **Building Control Notification:** Regarding permission to demolish Cronk Ashin, Ballasloe. 10/07181/REG **Strawberry Cottage, Glen Shone**, Installation of 2 wood burning stoves. These matters were noted.

**09.00**

10.30. **Finance**

**Approval of April cheques**

The following cheques were approved and duly signed by Members:

FINANCES APRIL 10					
INV.		EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	Chq
DD	28-Apr-10	IOM Bank Charge	32.31	4.81	DD
DD	29-Apr-10	Manx Telecom	57.6	8.58	DD
1	18-Mar-10	Kestrel Insurance	1,233.72		2497
159	17-Apr-10	IOM Gov (NI adjustment)	17.33		2512
160	05-May-10	NLASPB	394.45		2513
2		Spotless Cleaners (April)	200.00		2514
3		IOM Gov (CA Site 1st Qtr)	3,048.17	453.98	2515
161		IOM Gov (Tipping March)	1,012.55	644.35	2517
5		Cains Gordon Bell	235.00	35.00	2518

b. **Consideration of April Finances.**

A spreadsheet detailing the status of the Commissioners' accounts as at 30.04.10 was noted.

10.31 **Any other Business**

- Date of June Meeting. This was confirmed as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June as indicated at the April meeting.
- **MF** advised Members that an event was planned for the Parish Field in June.

The Public Session of the Meeting Closed at 9.44 pm.

## **9.45 pm: Private Session**

### **Circulation File**

The following Matters were noted.

**RTLC** – Circulars 306,307, 308, 309.

**Community Partnership Minutes** 13.04.10

**Municipal Association** – Minutes 25.03.10.

**Record Play Equipment** – Brochures.

**Lombard Finance** – Advertising finance and leasing options.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10.16.

<b>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010, Dhoon Church Hall 7.30 pm</b>
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