

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON Tuesday 6th July 2010, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

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

Meeting opened 7.33 pm

10.62. **Apologies** – All members present.

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

10.64. **Declarations of Interest in the business of the agenda** – The Chairman asked if any Members had any such matters to declare. None declared.

Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd of June 2010.

GS proposed that the minutes were an accurate record. **HL** seconded. **Resolved.**

10.66. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd of June 2010:**

a. **IRIS Sewage Proposals Update from Mr Winstanley, Director of Drainage.** The clerk reported that Mr Winstanley had now indicated that the Department was preparing a presentation that it intended to hold in Maughold during July. Progress on this matter to be monitored.

b. **Tipping of building materials at Ballaglass Glen** – the clerk reported that the Environmental Protection Unit were continuing to investigate the tipping at Ballaglass. A formal request had been made by the EPU to have the materials removed in the presence of an officer from EPU who would analyse material as it was removed with a view to making a positive identification of the perpetrator.

Resolved: *The clerk was asked to keep Members informed of progress.*

c. **Update the condition of the U92 and Maughold Uplands, and response from Hon Phil Gawne MHK, DoI Minister** (see item 10.69.a below).

The response from Mr Gawne was noted and discussed. Mr Gawne advised that he had studied aerial photographs and did not think the damage was excessive. It was noted that this opinion conflicted with that of those locals, including Members of the Commissioners, who had physically visited the track and collected accounts and photographic evidence of the damage. Governments' attitude to management of the U92 track and the adjacent moorland was closely questioned. **RM** reported that Members of the Municipal Association were also concerned about similar damage being done in their areas; they were gathering photographs and information. **MF** raised questions about the designation of the U92 track and how this had been altered, particularly in the last 30 years. It was noted that Mr Gawne had indicated that he could not visit the U92 until after July. It was agreed that the clerk should write requesting that he visit the route at his earliest convenience.

Resolved: *Clerk to write to Mr Gawne inviting a visit; letter to also request details of the changes to the designation of the track made in the last 30 years; and the reasons for these changes. MF to formulate questions for the Minister in advance of his visit. Clerk to re-analyse photographic & other images of the track; copies to be passed to RM for collation by the Municipal Association. The clerk was directed in the contents of a press statement for release to the media.*

d. **Evening timetable of the Number 3 Bus Service.**

GS reported that she had spoken to those residents who had expressed concern with the evening timetable of the Number 3 bus and advised them in further action.

10.67.i.

a. **Parish Day** - Help to support MSC in the organisation of this event was discussed. The clerk reported on these matters as follows:

Mr Kermeen preparing Parish Field & bunting; clerk to organise large sign at Folieu, posters on noticeboards and leaflets for distribution at school.

10.68. Current Consultations for information:

- a. Revising the regulations governing Approved Driving Instructors.
- b. Revising speed limits for small goods vehicles, minibuses and motorhomes, etc.
- c. Countryside Care Scheme.

(Further details on these consultations was attached, and available at www.gov.im).

The above matters were noted by Members. The clerk was given no further instruction.

10.69. Correspondence

a. **Hon P A Gawne MHK** – Response to Commissioners request for the Minister to visit the U92 to view damage. This matter was discussed at 10.66.c above.

b. **Onchan District Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday 18th of July 2010, St Peter’s Church, 3.00 pm (Procession from Onchan Youth & Community Centre, 2.25 pm). This matter was noted by Members. The clerk was given no further instruction.

c. **Peel Town Commissioners** - Invitation to Civic Service. St German’s Cathedral, Sunday, 11th July 12 noon (procession from the Town Hall at 11.45 pm). This matter was noted by Members. The clerk was given no further instruction

d. **Department of Infrastructure** – Regarding Local Authority Induction Course in August/September (dates to be confirmed). Responses by 19th July 2010.

Action: *The clerk was asked to indicate that both RM & GS wish to attend during August.*

e. **Graham Cregeen MHK, Department of Infrastructure. Letter to Chairman**– Feedback requested on structure of meetings with local authorities. (Response had been requested by 27th June 2010) The clerk advised that following consultation with the Chairman a response had been submitted indicating the clerk as the point of contact for arranging meetings, etc. The response had also indicated that the Commissioners would be prepared to meet with Mr Cregeen as either a single Board or as part of a ‘cluster’ with other authorities such as the northern authorities or from the Garff Sheading.

f. **Dreemskerry Quarry Action Group** – Correspondence regarding current use of the quarry site as a store for heavy machinery. The current use of the site was noted. The restoration of the quarry had been discussed at the June meeting at which the clerk was separately instructed. These investigations were ongoing. In terms of the matter of use of the quarry as a store the clerk was instructed to respond to the group indicating that the Commissioners had noted their concerns.

g. **DoI** – Regarding co-ordinating Health and Safety in the Public Sector. Questionnaire to be returned by 13th of August 2010.

RM advised that this document had been carefully drafted to make it relevant to all authorities.

Action: *Clerk to complete and return by the due date.*

h. **Borough of Douglas** – Regarding participation in ‘Big Tidy Up – October 2010’. This initiative was noted.

Action: Clerk to arrange a litterpick/beach clean for the weekend; forward details to the Dhoon in Bloom Group and to MSC.

10.70. **Electronic correspondence**

a. **DoI** – Notification that the latest report on the operation of the EfW can be obtained at <http://www.sita.co.im/about-us>

This matter was noted by Members. The clerk was given no further instruction.

b. **Golden Jubilee Trust** – Notification of Autumn Youth Challenge, Ardwhallian 26.09.10.

Action: *Clerk to arrange an entrant from Maughold Parish.*

c. **Municipal Association** - Summary of RHCC Report in CF. Noted.

d. **Municipal Association** – Notification of ‘Questiontime’ event at CRHS on Green Issues, Monday 12th July, 7.30 pm. Noted.

e. **Municipal Association** – Secretary’s June Report. Includes comment on damage to upland areas and advertising in the countryside. C/F. Noted.

There followed a discussion of content included in the ‘correspondence’ sections of the agenda. **MC** asked why items 10.70.c – e had been included here. It was agreed that such matters could be dealt with more effectively by inclusion in the ‘Circulation File’ list which closed the agenda.

Resolved: *clerk to ensure that such correspondence is included in the Circulation File.*

f. **DoI Environmental Protection Unit** – Information on actions being taken regarding tipping of rubble at Ballaglass Glen.

This matter was dealt with at item 10.66.b. above.

g. **WOMU** – Tipping Figures May 2010. 38.76 tonnes over 5 collections. Average 15.44 kg per household.

The clerk referred Members to the details of tipping figures for June 2010 which had been received on the day of the meeting. These matters were noted.

10.71. **Searches:** None this month.

10.72. **Parish Maintenance:** reports were heard on following matters.

Arboretum – GS informed the meeting of the next stage of the Action Plan for the Arboretum which had been drafted by Mr & Mrs Smith. This included action to improve several dedicated trees which had been discovered in one of the untended areas. The grass cutting regime was also discussed in detail. The following actions were **resolved** on the arboretum:

- Contractor to be instructed to clear circles around the newly found dedicated trees in order that refurbishment could take place by Mr & Mrs Smith.
- It was agreed that it would be more appropriate for a single contractor to maintain all the grassed areas. The clerk was instructed to obtain quotations.

Dog fouling issues at Port Lewaigue – the clerk reported concerns about the level of dog fouling on the walkway that ran from the car park to the tip of Gob ny Rona at Port Lewaigue.

Resolved: *Clerk to produce more effective signage and issue press release.*

Beach Cleaning – The clerk reported that the Commissioners had undertaken beach cleaning during June at Port Lewaigue, Port e Vullen, and Cornaa.

Litter Picks – the clerk reported that litterpicks had been arranged by the Commissioners. These had taken place on the A2 on 2 occasions during June. A litterpick had also been conducted on the A15 south of Maughold Village to Hibernia.

Resolved: *It was agreed that beach cleaning and litter picking activities should continue subject to Resources being available.*

Albert Tower Door – **MF** advised that there was large amounts of Graffiti on the door of the tower.

Resolved: Clerk to notify the DoI who manage the Albert Tower Site.

10.73. **PLANNING.**

10.74.a **Decisions from DLGE:**

- 10 00295/B **The Pink House**, Maughold Village, Installation of replacement windows – Approved 09.06.10
10 00514/B **Ballellin Farm**, Glen Mona Loop Road, Erection of porch and conservatory including the installation of replacement windows – Refused 04.06.10
10 00724/B **Croit ny Meagh**, Cornaa, Extension and decking to side elevation of dwelling (comprising amendment to PA 09/00952B) – Approved 1st July 2010.
10 00732/R **Coastways**, Ballure, Erection of a detached shed – Approved 2nd July.

The above decisions were noted. The rationale for the refusal at Ballellin was questioned. The clerk was given no further instruction.

10.74.b **Additional Planning Matters:**

Further information on the following Applications to consider:

10 00540/B - **The Hill**, Port Lewaigue Close, Port Lewaigue – new garage. Further information via e-mail on the need for facility from applicant's architect. *These matters were noted.*

10/00677/B **Field 624472, Glen Shone**, Erection of 6 wind turbines; Mr R Gerrard. EIA assessment from the EPU Officer to consider. *The EPU Officers recommendation was noted and placed in the CF.*

Re: PA 10/00454/B **Plot Adjacent to Shan Vallah**, Erection of dwelling and garage. *Further investigation being undertaken by the Drainage Division was noted.*

10.74.c **Decisions to be made:**

10 00768/B **Ben Veg**, The Colony, alterations and erection of an extension to dwelling house. No concerns (Board consulted 30.06.10, following GJIC AGM).

10 00913/B **Field 624412 Ballajora Hill**, Creation of vehicular access.
Members were concerned with these proposals to remove a substantial section of established hedgerow and replace it with a post and wire fence. The presence of an existing field entrance was noted. There were no indications of any proposed divisions in the field. The removal of established hedgerow/sod bank is contrary to the principles of Planning Policy as outlined in the IOM Strategic Plan & other documents. The clerk was instructed to submit a response indicating the Commission's objections to the proposals.

10.75. **Finance June 2010** – the following cheques were approved:

INV.		EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	Chq
8A	15-Jun-10	Dhoon PCC	10.00		2532
DD	25-Jun-10	Manx Telecom	51.82	7.72	DD
18		Chris Littler Web Design	86.00		2533
19		MEA	4.54	0.22	2534
20		Kirk Maughold PCC (rent)	325.00		2535
21		Kinrade Bros Litt Bins May	254.39	37.89	2536
22		IOM Municipal Assoc	254.72		2538
23		IOM Gov Tipping May	1,320.75	196.71	2539
24		Feltons	22.41	2.77	2540
25		Spotless Cleaners June	200.00		2541
26		MEA (MV car park)	1.85	0.09	2542
28		IOM Gov CA Site 2 nd qtr	3,048.17	453.98	2547
29		MEA	122.84	5.71	2548
30		MEA	186.64	27.80	2549
31		IOM Gov NI & ITIP	324.29		2550

Income June

22-Jun-10	Vat Jan - Mar 10	3,374.05
26-Jun-10	1st Rate inc	10,042.93

b. **Consideration of June Finances.** Due to technical difficulties a spreadsheet could not be displayed at the meeting. This will be produced for consideration at the August meeting.

10.76 **Any other Business**

- **MF** asked if the MER could be asked to place current timetables in the tram halt buildings.
Action: Clerk to contact IOM Transport.
- **MF** is to ask MSC if they wish to place a dedication plate on their bench at the Arboretum.
- **MF** referred to the recent press statement by the Minister for Economic Development in regard to the relaxation of the planning rules for high net worth earners. There was a general level of concern at the consequences on the landscape of such a policy.
Resolved: The matter to be included on the agenda of the August Meeting to enable full discussion by the Board.

Private Session

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Circulation File

RTLC – Circular 311, 312, 313, 314,

Tynwald – Notes on Presentation of Petitions for Redress of Grievance.

DoI – Highways Monthly June 2010. Extract on road works in north in CF.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 2nd August 2010

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