

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MONDAY 2ND AUGUST 2010, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Meeting commenced 7.34 pm

Present: Mr Cowley (Chairman), Mrs Stephens, Mrs Fargher, Mr Moughtin.

In attendance: M Royle (Clerk).

10.77. **Apologies.** The clerk reported that apologies had been received from Mrs Lace CP.

10.78. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** Members reported that they had received their documents at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

10.79. **Declarations of Interest.** None declared.

10.80. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 6th 2010.** These were **Resolved** to be a correct record. Proposed **MF**, Seconded **GS**.

10.81. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of July 6th 2010:

a. **To discuss the proposal by COMIN to develop planning policies to allow a limited number of houses for 'High Value' people to be built** (*generated in AOB at meeting held on 06.07.10*).

It was noted that the intention of the changes being considered by COMIN was to attract 'high net worth individuals' to the Island in the belief that they would help 'grow' the economy. Members recognised the need to develop the economy, but expressed concern about the effect that the policy could have on the landscape. Information on a proposed 'mansion' type development in a neighbouring parish had been forwarded to the Commissioners; this was circulated and discussed. **MF** expressed concern that much vernacular architecture had already been lost and such type of development was potentially a further threat to the countryside. She suggested that government should undertake a survey of buildings in order to identify what buildings should survive and be retained in the Manx landscape. **GS** questioned the basic fairness of the changes being considered. The general consensus being that it was unfair for rules to be created which favoured individuals on the basis of their wealth. It was noted that Members could not fully respond until further details were released by COMIN. It was agreed, however, that the Board should make its initial concerns clear to government. **MC** proposed that the Commission write to government requesting further information and insisting on full consultation with local authorities and other interested parties. This action was unanimously **Resolved** by the Board.

b. **'Big Tidy Up' Campaign.** The clerk reported that Douglas had been advised that Maughold would participate in the Campaign. Clerk and **GS** to liaise on suitable projects.

c. To discuss preparations for **Civic Service** 26.09.10. MC to liaise with Ian Faulds in regard to organising details of the service. The reduction in this year's Entertainments budget was noted. This would impact on the refreshments provided following the service. Clerk to discuss with the caterer.

A proposal to combine the Civic Services of the 3 Garff authorities was made. This matter to be discussed at the next meeting of the GJIC.

10.82. Current Consultations for consideration:

List attached, including Clerk's Summary of *Freedom of Information Bill*.

These matters were noted. No further action on the current consultations listed was requested.

A response to the Freedom of Information Bill will be discussed at the September meeting.

10.83. Correspondence

a. **DoI** – Notification that the proposed induction courses will not take place. This matter was noted.

b. **MGP** - Requesting feedback on proposal to begin practice session early at 5.00 pm on Saturday 21st August. This matter was noted. No further action requested.

10.84. **Searches:** None this month.

10.85. **Parish Maintenance:** The continuing improvements being made to the amenity of the Arboretum by Mr & Mrs Smith were commented upon. **GS** circulated a document indicating the price of wildflower plugs. It was intended that these be installed in the Arboretum. **GS** to provide an estimate of costs. Further measures to encourage use of the Arboretum were discussed. It was noted that the school had made use of the facility in July. **GS** suggested the placement of laminated information sheets by the notice board at the entrance. The poor condition of the 'Dhoon Glen and Arboretum' Sign was noted. **RM** proposed its removal. Seconded **GS**. Resolved. **RM** advised that the road drains were blocked on the A2 at the Dhoon Glen corner. Clerk to contact Highways.

MF referred to responsibility for maintaining the area around the Douglas bound bus shelter at Glen Mona. It was agreed to write to the church authorities in regard to the ownership and responsibility for maintaining this area.

Annual Playground Inspection – A Quotation from The Play Inspection Company was considered. A rise in travel and accommodation costs was noted, although the burden of these costs were shared with other authorities. The clerk was instructed to make enquiries with Mr Donnelly at Douglas Corporation with a view to buying in such a service on Island, particularly from 2011. The clerk was instructed to engage the PIC to undertake the inspection this year if arrangements could not be made on Island in the next week.

10.86. **PLANNING.**

10.87.a **Decisions from DLGE:**

The following decisions were noted. No further action.

10 00517/R **Coastways, Ballure**, erection of a detached garage and parking area – Approved 13.07.10

10 00477/B Field 624412, **Booilushag**, creation of access – Refused 20.07.10

10.87.b **Additional Planning Matters:** None to report this month.

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

The following applications were considered:

10 00968/B **Field 621246, Balladan**, Creation of agricultural access; Aldergate Ltd. The relevant policies in the Strategic Plan and other documents which presume against removal of established hedgerow/sod bank were noted. It was stated that then hedge and the road were amongst the most ancient in Maughold and any alterations must be the subject of the closest scrutiny. The clerk was given instruction.

10 00973 **Stafflands, Ballafayle**, Alterations and erection of a front porch to dwelling; Aldergate Ltd. Concerns with the form of the 'vertical window' were expressed. The clerk was instructed to reflect these concerns in the submission.

10 00976/A **Plot Adj to Starley Cottage**, Port e Vullen, AiP for erection of a dwelling.

The status of the plot was noted. It falls outside any area of Port Lewaigue zoned for development in the 1982 Plan. However, Members felt that the general suitability of the plot for development was a matter for the Planning Officer to assess.

The issues of drainage in the area are still unresolved and these proposals indicated no mitigation in this respect. The Board resolved to object to the proposals on the grounds of drainage.

10 00995/C **Croit Rance Cottage, Ballafayle**, additional use of cottage as tourist accommodation - No objection.

10.87. d **Appeal Matters**

09 02103/B **Field 620540 North of Primrose Lodge**, Appeal against refusal for creation of vehicular access onto highway. Submitted papers. These papers were noted.

10.88. **Finance**

b. Consideration of July 2010 Finances.

The following cheques were approved.

INV.		EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	Chq
33	08-Jul-10	Data Protection Supervisor	50.00		2552
34	09-Jul-10	H. Kneale (Cutting Arbo)	90.00		2553
35		Island Contractors	140.00		2554
DD	25-Jul-10	Manx Telecom	57.59	8.58	DD
36	02-Aug-10	IOM Gov Tipping June	1,122.43	167.17	2555
37		IOM Water Authority	15.45		2556
38		Lonan PC	33.33		2557
39		Manx Marine	69.00	10.28	2558
40		Kinrade Bros Litter Bins June	160.39		2559
41		(Plants Belle Vue)	41.72		2560
42		Spotless Cleaners July	200.00		2561
45		Kirk Maughold PCC	98.00		2564
46		Feltons	154.20	22.96	2565

Spreadsheets detailing the status of the Commissioners' accounts in June & July were noted.

10.89 Any other Business

Cigarette Litter in the Ballakilly area close to Maughold Village – the clerk reported complaints about the amount of cigarette litter being left on the A15 between the graveyard and the Port Mooar Junction. It appeared that packets were being discarded on the road on a daily basis. It was felt likely to be a single individual as the area was so small and the 'Windsor Blue' cigarette brand the same. The clerk was instructed to take further appropriate action.

Bring Bank Servicing/Use of litter bins – The number of complaints regarding the servicing of the Bring Banks had risen dramatically in the months since the operators had changed. The clerk reported that many locks had been broken on the bins that litter around the bins had become a significant problem and that reports that they were overflowing were being received with regularity. The clerk was instructed to write to the Department outlining the Board's disappointment with the quality of service provided by the contractor. Following a request from a resident, the clerk was instructed to place a wheelie bin for plastic bags and burnable refuse at the Glen Mona car park Bring Bank.

DoI Proposal for a mini-recycling-centre at Port Lewaigue – the clerk was instructed to make enquiries with locals about the possibility of installing a facility in this area.

A18 Mountain Road Closure Notification – It was noted that the Mountain Road would be closed from 9.15 am on Tuesday the 17th of August 2010 for MGP preparation works. It was hoped the road would reopen by 4.30 pm on that day.

Garff Carol Service – This will take place on the 15th of December 2010. Laxey arranging this year. Clerk to advise reverend Faulds.

Highways Monthly – The August issue was placed into the CF.

Web Site – The clerk was asked to investigate the cost of incorporating an on-line survey.

Belle Vue Halt – MF advised that the MER were in the process of installing a water butt at the Halt. This would allow the local volunteers who tended the flower beds to access water more easily. Clerk to forward thanks to Mr Kennaugh at the MER once the Butt had been installed.

Public Session closed at 9.35 pm

There followed the Private Session

General Correspondence/Information File

The following documents were noted and will be circulated.

COMIN – Summary of responses to the Consultation on the draft Tynwald Commissioner for Administration Bill.

COMIN – Summary of responses to the Consultation on the draft Tynwald Auditor General Bill.

GJIC – Minutes AGM 30.06.10.

RTLC – Circular 315 enclosed

Municipal Association – Invitation to Discussion on issue relating to Local Government Board Housing.

IOM Government – Information on Provision of 'Low Cost' Community Halls

IOM Municipal Association – Agenda 29.07.10, Minutes 24.06.10.

NTMLG – Minutes 20.04.10.

SITA – Annual Public Report.

Treasury – Document summarising responses to the consultation on Business Tax on the Isle of Man – available at gov.im on the Income Tax Division page or by contacting the clerk.

DoED – Information on Taste IOM 2010/11.

DoI – Information on notification to all parties following tender process.

The meeting was closed at 10.21 pm.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 6th September 2010

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