

**Minutes of the MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS  
TO BE HELD On MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm** Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

**Present:** Mr M Cowley (Chairman), Mrs G. Stephens, Mrs M. Fargher, Mrs H. Lace CP, Mr R. Moughtin.  
Clerk: M Royle.

Mrs Lace was welcomed to the meeting with the presentation of a bouquet of flowers by her colleagues; Mrs Lace had been unable to attend the August and September meetings.

10.108. **Apologies:** All Present.

10.109. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** Members reported that they had received a copy of the meeting in good time.

10.110. **Declarations of Interest in the Business of the Agenda.** MF and HL signalled membership of the Committee of the Maughold Social Club. Both Members indicated their intention to withdraw from discussion of item 10.114.c below regarding this year's Bonfire Event.

10.111. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 6<sup>th</sup> 2010.** RM proposed that these were a correct record of the meeting of 06.09.10. Seconded **GS. Resolved.**

10.112. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of September 6th 2010:**

**IRIS proposals** - A meeting with Mr Winstanley, Director of Drainage, taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 was noted. GS, MF, HL & RM to attend. Other members of the Water and Sewerage Authority will also be in attendance, including the Chairman Hon Tim Crookall, MHK and engineers from the consultants.

The Commissioners resolved to request that an urgent Public Meeting be arranged to discuss the proposals.

**Civic Service** – All agreed that the service had gone extremely well. Reverend Faulds was thanked for organising and presenting an excellent, thought provoking, service. The music provided by children from Dhoon School was also praised. Mrs Barnes and Mrs Sayer were thanked for providing an excellent range of refreshments. The budget for catering at the Service had been cut by the Commissioners due to the financial pressures transferred from government over the year. It was agreed that this aspect should be reassessed prior to next year's service. Members thanked Mr Cowley for his work on arranging the service and reception.

**Meeting with Mr Cregeen MHK, Ramsey Town Hall 20.09.10 (to discuss local government issues).**

MF reported that Mr Cregeen had been keen to discuss a range of matters. She had raised a question about the manner in which land was being appropriated for the new IRIS facilities; which was a concern for local authorities. Concerns with the level of service provided by the government contractor engaged to service the Bring Banks were also raised. Mr Cregeen suggested that changes to the external audit system could be implemented after the current arrangement ends in two years. Other issues discussed were recycling, funding and organisation of the new Civic Amenity Site, Mrs Sutherland advised that local authorities should ensure that their systems relating to Declarations of Members' Interests should be rigorous and effective.

There followed discussion of these matters. RM proposed that a meeting be arranged between the Garff authorities and Mr Cregeen. This matter to be raised at the November meeting of the GJIC.

**Visit of the DoI Minister to the Maughold Uplands - MF** reported on the visit of the DoI Minister to view the damage to the U92 path which had taken place in late September. **MC** had also attended along with Mr Gawne, the DoI's Chief Executive, Mr Thompson, and Mr Corlett, a Senior Officer with the Department. The erosion was examined and acknowledged by the visitors. The budget for green lane maintenance had been discussed, but the current level of funding (£40,000 per annum) could not cover the necessary maintenance of upland paths across the whole Island. The officials from DoI had signalled on their visit that improved signage and clear physical demarcation of the path would help the situation. It was felt that if the path over the uplands was more adequately marked it would assist in keeping riders off open moorland. Enforcement issues had also been discussed with the DoI representatives; as had possible changes to the licensing of off-road riders. **MC** told the Commissioners that the meeting had made clear that any implementation of maintenance strategies or licensing policies would require further funding; and the Minister had agreed to consider these matters further. **MF** advised that the damage was so bad in places that there were safety issues for other users of this upland path. **RM** told members that discussion of similar problems across the Island was being undertaken by other local authorities via the Municipal Association. **MF** thanked the Minister and Senior Officials from the DoI for visiting to view the problem first hand. The Commissioners Resolved to continue monitoring the situation.

**'Big Tidy up Weekend' 09.10.10.** The clerk advised that a litter pick & beach clean had been planned for the weekend. Mr Macken from **Douglas Corporation** had offered support in terms of hi-vis jackets and assistance with disposal of materials collected. Mr Macken was thanked for his assistance in these matters. The meeting was told that steel/aluminium cans and plastic bottles would be recycled and that the refuse contractor had agreed to collect any items that could not be recycled. Target areas for the volunteers were the A2, the A15, Port Cornaa, Port Lewaigue, Port e Vullen and Port Moorar. A request for volunteers had been posted on the website.

#### 10.112.a **Matters for Discussion**

**To discuss Post Office Facilities in Glen Mona** (*raised by MF in writing submitted to the clerk 26.09.10*)

The effect of the closure of the Post Office on residents was discussed. Members noted that this would largely depend on the re-opening of the Glen Mona Stores. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

#### 10.113. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

**DoI** - Consultation on Proposed Changes to HGV Regulations (Clerk's Summary attached). C/F (Response by 01.11.10). The clerk's summary was noted. **RM** to scrutinise and report back to clerk if response considered necessary.

**COMIN** – Consultation on the EU (Amendment) Bill (Clerk's Summary attached). Response by 29.10.10. This matter was noted by Members. The documents were made available to Members through the Circulation File. No further instruction was given to the clerk in these matters.

A copy of other **recent Government Consultations** had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted at this point. No further instruction was given to the clerk.

#### 10.114. **Correspondence**

a. **Lezayre Parish Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service, 07.11.10, 3.00 pm. This matter was noted. **RM** & **MF** to attend.

b. **Resident** – Regarding refusal to accept household waste at Ballacallow Civic Amenity Site. The clerk reported that he had contacted WOMU and they had confirmed that domestic waste that was suitable for the wheelie Bin could not be accepted at the CA sites. T

c. **Maughold Social Club** – Regarding funding of Bonfire Night Event 2010. **MF** and **HL** withdrew from discussion of these matters as indicated at item 10.110 above.

Members discussed the monies allocated to assist in supporting this event in this year's budget. It was agreed that the figure of £300 as allocated should be maintained. Proposed **RM**, Seconded **GS**. Resolved.

It was also resolved that discussion regarding a mechanism for assistance with funding the event in the future be entered into with the Maughold Social Club Committee.

10.115. **Searches:** Holly Trees, Glen Mona Loop Road;

10.116. **Parish Maintenance:** Clerk & **GS** to report.

**HL** advised that there was further scope for new planting at the Arboretum. **MC** requested that liaison take place with **GS** on these matters. **MC** advised that **GS** had been given responsibility for overseeing the planting, maintenance and development of the various public sites in the Parish. Wildflower plugs were being obtained for the arboretum. **MC** instructed that a letter from a member of the public requesting permission to plant a memorial tree at the Arboretum be passed to **GS**.

**Action:** *The clerk was asked to contact the Plant Supplier re. the wildflower plugs.*

#### 10.117. **PLANNING.**

##### 10.117.a **Decisions from DLGE:**

10 01169/B Ballellin Farm, Alterations and erection of a porch and installation of replacement windows – Approved 23.09.10.

This matter was noted by Members.

##### 10.117.b **Additional Planning Matters:**

10/01077/B **Margher e Kew, Hibernia**, Conversion of existing outbuilding into dwelling.

10/01129/B **Margher e Kew, Hibernia**, Alterations to existing field access.

Diagram of proposed parking area forwarded by Planning Officer.

These matters were noted by Members.

##### 10.117.c **Decisions to be made:**

10/01287/B **Field adjacent to Ballafayle Cairn**, Access, use of field for recreational purposes, seating area, etc.

*Members had previously recommended support for the proposals in this application.*

10/01386/B **Ballajora Chapel House, Ballafayle**, Erection of extension to side elevation.

Members reserved comment on this application. No comment to be indicated.

10/00913/B **Field 624412, Ballajora Hill**, Resubmitted Plans for field entrance.

Members considered the various planning policies and guidelines. It was resolved that the Commission would continue to object to this proposal to remove around 18-20 m of established hedgerow.

##### 10.117. d **Appeal Matters** – The following matters were noted.

09/02103/B **Field 620540**, Slieau Lewaigue, Creation of vehicular access, Original refusal decision confirmed at appeal 21.09.10.

10/00212/B **Land between Whiteside and Broogh Lheanee**, Erection of a detached dwelling and garage. Original approval decision confirmed at Appeal. 23.09.10.

10/00477/B Field 624412, **Booilushag**, creation of access – Refused 20.07.10. Appeal Hearing 11.00 am 28.10.10. The clerk advised that a written submission had been forwarded to the appointed Inspector.

10/00973/B **Stafflands Cottage, Ballafayle**, Alterations and erection of a front porch to dwelling house; Aldergate Ltd. Approved 20.08.10. Written Submission by 5<sup>th</sup> of October. The clerk advised that a written response from the Commissioners had been forwarded to the appointed inspector.

## 10.118. Finance

b. **Consideration of September 2010 Finances** – The following payments were approved:

DD	25-Sep-10	MANX Telecom	47.33	7.05	DD
58	04-Oct-10	NLASPB	1,500.00		2577
59		IOM Gov Tipping Aug	1,368.45	203.81	2578
60		KMPCC Office qtr	355.00		2579
61		Island Contractors Arbo	110.00		2580
62		Play Insp Co - Annual Main Insp	170.38	25.38	2581
63		Civic Service Refreshments	350.00		2582
64		Spotless Cleaners Sept	200.00		2583
65		MEA Maint Cont. Qtrly	186.64	27.8	2584
67		Feltons	13.48	2.00	2586
68		IOM Gov CA Site 3rd Qtr	3,048.17	453.98	2587
73		Plants Dhoon etc	45.15		2592

The clerk drew the attention of Members to the charge of £10.00 per month levied by the PCC for electricity at the office. Members requested further details of how this charge was being assessed.

Receipts: Searches £120.00. This figure was noted by Members.

A Spreadsheet detailing all financial transactions made in September 2010 was circulated at the meeting for consideration. Members noted the transactions and the current financial position of the Commissioners.

## 10.119. Any other Business

It was agreed that the **Dhoon School Daffodil Competition** should be arranged for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Clerk to organise.

**Pavement on A2 Glen Mona** – MF asked if Highways could be contacted in regard to the condition of the tarmac on the pathway between Dhoon Church and School. Clerk to contact Mr Corkish.

**Bunting** – HL to contact Mr Kermeen to arrange for the bunting to be taken down.

**Leak in toilets at Maughold Village** – Clerk to monitor.

**Lights in Dhoon Toilet.** Clerk to check operation.

**Tipping at Ballaglass Glen** – The clerk was asked to recontact the EPU to determine progress with removing the debris.

## 10.120. General Correspondence/Information File

**The following Matters were noted:**

**Office of Fair Trading** – Regarding 'Anti-competitive Awareness' Presentations.

**Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team –**

Minutes of the Meetings of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 & 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

**Municipal Association Documents** - August agenda & July Minutes. Hansard record of June Tynwald debate on Boundary review.

**RTL** – Circulars 321, 322, 323.

**DoI** – Tipping Figures July 2010. 31.58 tonnes total (4 collection days) Average 15.7 kg per bin per week. (Giving

**Resident** – Copy of letter from resident to Director of Planning regarding use and planning conditions at Beach View Bungalows/Ballacarmel Holiday Cottages, and also regarding use of portacabins at Sea View.

**Resident** – Copy of letter from resident to IOM Newspapers regarding proposed changes to planning for high net worth individuals.

**Hon S.C. Rodan SHK** – Copy of letter to DoSC regarding deterioration of chimney stacks at the Coron.

MEA – Regarding introduction of new Software for monitoring street light maintenance.

Chief Minister's September e-newsletter (available on-line)

**Private Session** - The meeting was closed to the public from 9.50 pm to 10.15 pm

Meeting closed 10.20 pm.

<b>Date of Next Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010</b>
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