

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD On MONDAY 7th February 2011, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mr M Cowley (Chairman), Mrs Fargher, Mrs Lacey CP, Mr Moughtin.
Clerk: M Royle.

11.01. **Apologies.** The clerk reported that apologies had been forwarded by Mrs Stephens. Noted.

11.02. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** All Members reported that they had received their Agenda at least three days prior to the date of the meeting.

11.03. **Declarations of Interest in the Business of the Agenda** - No such indications of interest given.

11.04. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 10th 2011.**
MF Proposed that these were an accurate record. **HL** Seconded. **Resolved.**

11.05. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of January 10th 2011:**

- a. **Provision of salt grit and additional boxes.** The clerk reported that a written request for additional salt grit boxes had been sent to Highways. These were in the following areas Booilushag, Dhoon Loop Road (northern end), Port lewaigue Close. An acknowledgement had been received indicating that the suitability of each location was being investigated.

The clerk drew the attention of Members to **Correspondence from Operations Director at Highways indicating a revised strategy & 'Snow Code' for extreme winter weather.** This outlined a variety of new initiatives for dealing with extreme weather including hand propelled gritting machines that could be made available to local authorities. These matters were noted and the documents placed into the CF.

b. **Breakdown of estimated monthly electricity costs at the office.** A breakdown of the estimated cost of the range of electrical equipment used at the office was discussed by Members. The clerk reported on several energy saving ideas which the MEA had identified. Some of these had already been initiated.

c. **To discuss provision of toilet facilities at Ballaglass Glen.**

This matter was discussed. The general consensus being that such facilities were desirable. As the Glen is under the ownership of DEFA it was agreed that they should be approached in the first instance.

Action: *Clerk to write requesting their views on the need for the provision of toilet facilities. outlining the views of the Commissioners requesting they consider providing toilet facilities (including disabled) at the Glen. Letter to go to Mr Kinrade, the Chief Executive, with a copy to the Minister, Mr Shimmin.*

11.06. **Matters for Discussion**

- a. **Battery Recycling** – option for Glen Mona Car Park. The clerk reported that the Government Recycling Officer had suggested relocating the battery recycling receptacle from the Glen Mona Stores to the Glen Mona or Dhoon Car Park. A small modification would be necessary to allow access by the public.
Action: *clerk to arrange technical modification and publicise through usual media. A trial is to take place at the Corony Recycling Centre.*
- b. Correspondence from Messrs Kinrade indicating **5% rise in Refuse & litter Bin Servicing for YE 2012.** The clerk reported that this was largely as a result of increased diesel fuel charges, which had risen approximately 15% in the last 12 months. The lack of an increase in the charge last year was also noted.

The clerk also reported that the contractor had invested in a **new refuse collection vehicle** that met the latest emission targets. Principal factors in the choice of vehicle had been sourcing an appropriately sized vehicle suitable for the Maughold lanes that had the cleanest emissions. The contractor is to forward full details of the environmental standards that the vehicle meets to the Commissioners for consideration.

11.07. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

- a. Consultation on the **Draft Extradition Bill**; by 25.03.11. Noted. No Comment to be made.
- b.
- c. Consultation on the **Designation of Ramsey Bay as a Marine Nature Reserve**; by 28.02.11.
Action: The clerk was instructed to write indicating general support for the proposal to provide protection for the area of Ramsey Bay highlighted in the documents.
- d. Consultation on **Large Vehicles parked in Residential Areas**; by 18th February 2011.
The various options presented in this document were discussed in detail. The document had been circulated following the January meeting. **HL** suggested that the proposal for good neighbor parking scheme was an option that could be considered.
Action: *It was agreed Members should forward any further comments to clerk by Monday 14th of February. Clerk to respond to government after this date.*
- e. **Draft Extradition Bill** – Additional clarification in CF. Noted.

11.08. **Correspondence**

- a. **Chief Secretary's Office** – Re. Boundary Review Committee 2011.
The clerk read this document which advised that the Boundary Review Committee would be considering options for changes to constituency boundaries. The current perception being that the level of representation varies between areas. MC proposed that the number of MHK's in each constituency should be considered, and it might be more appropriate to change this aspect rather than the boundaries themselves. It was agreed that the opinions of Mr Rodan should be sought in regard to this matter.
Action: *Clerk to contact Mr Rodan regarding the Boundary Review and circulate his response to Members.*

Mr P Winstanley, Water & Sewerage Authority – Letter advising that the alternative proposal to treat sewage at the current Glen Mona site is to be progressed. Noted. Members welcomed this move and thanks were expressed to the landowner who had suggested this option to the Authority.
- b. **Hon S.C. Rodan SHK** – Copy letters to Mr Winstanley and Mr Whipp regarding IRIS Glen Mona Sewage Treatment. Noted.
- c.
- d. **Resident** - Request for Place Signage in Coronry Bridge Area. Noted. The Commissioners agreed that no further action should be taken in regard to this matter. The clerk was instructed to reply.
- e. **Hon SC Rodan SHK** – Request for information on the status of the Coronry Mines Road. The clerk advised that he had advised Mr Rodan that as far as the Commissioners were aware the road was not a right of way. The clerk was instructed to advise Mr Rodan of details of the landowner.
- f. **MGP** – regarding additional race & consequent effect on road closures. Noted. No further action.
- g.
- h. **MSC** – Reply regarding remnants of bonfire. Noted. The clerk was given no further instruction.

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

- **tree planting at the Arboretum.** Correspondence regarding applications for Memorial Trees. The clerk advised that GS was attending to these matters. It was anticipated that the new trees would be planted during March, weather permitting.
- Amount of **Litter on the A2.** The clerk reported that litter continued to be a problem. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.
- **Dog fouling Gob ny Rona,** Port Lewaigue. The clerk reported that the amount of dog fouling in this area was a problem. It was agreed that those with direct responsibility for the area should be made aware of the problem.

Action: The clerk was instructed to contact MNH, the landowner, and Highways, who have responsibility for the right of way.

- The clerk reported that repairs to toilet at Maughold Village had taken place. It was also agreed that quotations should be sought from suitably qualified individuals for necessary structural maintenance of the toilet facility.

11.10. PLANNING.

a. **Decisions from DLGE:** The following decisions were noted. No further actions requested.

10/01418/B **Cronk ny Killey**, Ballajora Hill, Erection of a replacement dwelling –

Refused 20.01.11.

10/01781/B **Sycamore Cottage, Jacks Lane**, Conversion of existing outbuilding into additional living accommodation and alterations to existing vehicular access off private lane –

Refused 28.01.11

b. **Decisions to be made:** The following decisions were made:

10/01077/B **Margher e Kew**, Hibernia, Amended plans for conversion of existing outbuilding into a dwelling;
No Objection.

10/01780/B **Sycamore Cottage**, Jacks Lane, Alteration and erection of extensions to dwelling.

Objection. It was agreed that the original and amended proposals compromised the form of this traditional Manx dwelling.

11/00009/B **Kairdee**, Ballasloe, Alterations and extensions to provide additional living accommodation

No Objection.

11/00032/B **Sarah's Cottage**, Ballasloe, Erection of detached replacement dwelling comprising of amendments to 09/01978/B

Objection. Members were concerned that the extension compromised the 'traditional' design of this new dwelling. They noted the size of the original cottage and agreed that the extension would mean that a dwelling was being constructed that would be far more intrusive than the cottage it replaced. Members also noted new details in the plan for the large garage facility and oppose any domestication of this structure. This would entail overintensive use of the site at Sarah's Cottage.

11/00063/B **Hedges**, Port Lewaigue Close, Replace existing roof tiles with slate

No Objection.

11/00091/B **Quiet Hills**, Jacks Lane, Alterations to existing attached garage to create additional living accommodation;

No Objection. The clerk was instructed to record that, as a garage facility was being lost, the Commission would presume against support for any new replacement of this facility on the site.

11/00095/A **Gardens and Grounds Thie Varrey**, Approval in Principle for erection of three dwellings;

Objection: It was noted that the land was not zoned for development and that a range of planning legislation presumed against development in such significant areas.

11/00103/B **Thie Dhryrane**, Extension to side elevation; **No Objection.**

f. Appeal Matters

10/01418/B **Cronk ny Killey**, Ballajora Hill, Erection of a replacement dwelling- Appeal against refusal decision Lodged by applicant. Noted

- g.** To discuss development at Ain Chea, Corony Bridge. It was noted that permission has been granted for extensions and alterations at the site and that the Building Control Officer would be monitoring the development taking place. No further action.

11.12. Finance Consideration of January 2011 Finances. The following transactions were approved:

DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT
25-Jan-11	Manx Telecom	45.18	6.73
27-Jan-11	Chris Littler Web Design Extra Page	105.00	
07-Feb-11	MEA Publ Lighting	132.04	6.14
	Spotless Cleaners Jan	200.00	
	Stationary	7.49	
	Kinrade Litt Bins Dec	160.39	23.89
	Kinrade Litt Bins Jan & Wheelies	313.80	52.30
	MD Devine (Cistern etc)	265.00	
	Isle of Man Government	1,111.86	222.37

January Financial Overview. Spreadsheet to be circulated at the meeting for consideration.

Note: Rates Received 12.01.11 **£12,800.00**

VAT Claim Submitted for Oct-Dec 10 **£3,756.30**

11.13. Any other Business

MF raised the matter of hedgecutting. It was felt that the daffodils would bloom despite the reductions in cutting by Infrastructure. There followed a wider discussion of government's attitude to hedgecutting which suggested they would only cut for reasons of road safety. It was noted that an officer from the Department of Infrastructure had advised that it would be reducing the scope of their cutting even further in 2011. It appeared that the onus was being placed on the landowner. The provisions in the Countryside Care Scheme in regard to maintenance of hedgerows was noted.

11.14. General Correspondence/Information File The chairman drew the attention of Members to the following documents which were to be circulated.

RTL Circulars 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337,

DoH – Leaflets on hand hygiene for distribution (copy in CF)

The Golden Jubilee Trust – Information on Youth Team Challenge 25.09.11.

Malew Parish Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service 3.00 pm 06.03.11, The Abbey Church.

DoI – Tipping figure January 2011; 38.34 tonnes, 5 collections, 15.97 kg per property per week (equates to 0.83 tonnes per household per year).

Private Session

Meeting closed 10.26 pm.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 7th March 2011
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