

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

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

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

Clerk: M Royle.

In the absence of Mr Cowley the meeting was chaired by Mrs Stephens.

GS opened the meeting at 7.28 pm.

11.01. **Apologies:** The clerk reported that Mr Cowley had forwarded apologies.

11.02. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** All Members present 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:** None declared.

11.04. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 7th 2011.**

HL proposed that the minutes were an accurate record of proceedings. Seconded **RM. Resolved.**

11.05. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of February 7th 2011:**

MF asked if a response had been submitted to the Boundary Review Committee. The clerk reported that he had contacted Mr Rodan and had received a statement indicating his views on the matter of constituency boundaries. The clerk advised that following consultation with **MC** he had made a written submission to the Boundary Review Committee which stated the Board's opposition to any changes to current boundaries; particularly that of Garff. The submission had also stated the Commissioners' belief that Garff was underrepresented in Tynwald and should revert to two constituency MHK's as had been the case prior to the last constituency changes.

- **Dog Fouling Gob Ny Rona:** The clerk reported that he would be meeting the Public Rights of Way Officer on the 8th of March to discuss options for dealing with the dog fouling nuisance in this area. Targetted signage, enforcement of bye-laws and the banning of dogs in the area were matters that would be considered in conjunction with the DoI and MNH. Clerk to report back to April meeting.

- Arrangements for judging at Dhoon School for **Daffodil Competition**, 12.30 pm , 11.03.11.
It was noted that **HL & GS** are to Judge this year's competition. Clerk to attend.

- **Health & Safety regarding Contractors** – As part of the Commissioners' annual review of its H&S policy, the clerk advised that he had obtained the latest information from the UK HSE on the appointment and use of contractors. The Commissioners current H&S policy would be assessed against this information, and any changes approved at the April meeting. The clerk had also obtained the latest guidelines on refuse collection operations. This was passed to RM for further consideration.

Action: *It was agreed that H&S would be raised at the next meeting of the GJIC on 09.03.11 and that the H&S Policy would be revised, where necessary, for the April meeting.*

11.06. **Matters for Discussion**

Emergency Matter: Financial constraints placed on the Northern Swimming Pool at Ramsey by Government.

Members expressed much concern at the reduction in funding of the new pool in Ramsey. A 10% cut has been imposed which can only be met by a rise in admission charges or weekend closures. It was noted that at the same time new health and safety requirements were adding a further £12,500 per annum to running costs. Various options were discussed at the meeting which will be raised with the Northern Swimming Pool Board by **HL**, the Commission's representative.

Pre Auditing of Accounts under revised Financial Regulations (see 11.08.c below). New orders regulating the procedure under which the accounts are prepared for audit were discussed. These regulations come into force for YE 12 and limit the role of the auditors in account preparation. The clerk reported that the Commissioners had

already been approached by accountancy firms offering further services for full pre audit which were expected to be in the region of £1,500. However it was noted that the Commissioners' policy was for the clerk to prepare the accounts for audit alongside a professional accountant associated with the auditing firm. This had kept pre-audit costs down to a much reduced level.

Action: *It was agreed that the clerk should continue to prepare the accounts and obtain quotations for the use of an independent professional accountant to assist with the pre-audit.*

11.07. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

DEFA – Proposal to create ASSI at Maughold Head and Broughs (consultation documents to be distributed in Spring). This matter was noted and welcomed by Members.

DoH – Public Health (Amendment) Bill 2011 (responses by 31st May 2011. Summary attached)
It was agreed that the Commissioners would submit no comment on this matter.

11.08. **Correspondence**

a. Resident – Regarding TT road safety concerns at A2/A15 junction (Folieu). These were noted and discussed.

Action: *the clerk was instructed to forward the details of the request to the road safety section of Highways.*

b. DEFA – Copy correspondence regarding dog fouling at Cornaa.

The Commissioners noted this matter and agreed to monitor the situation at Cornaa beach which is largely privately owned.

c. Local Government Unit - Public Auditor Independence Code of Practice document for consideration (copy attached). This matter dealt with at item 11.06 above.

d. Resident – Coronry Bridge Signage. Further correspondence was considered regarding installation of signage to indicate Coronry Bridge. At the February meeting Members had indicated that they could not support installation of placename signs in this area. The clerk was instructed to write to the resident reiterating the grounds for this decision.

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

- the clerk advised that small works to be carried out on PROW 512 (Raad-ny-Follan, Port Mooar headland path)
- Dog fouling Gob ny Rona, Port Lewaigue. Meeting with PROW officer and MNH forthcoming.
- the Commissioners were continuing to fund litter regular collections on the A2. Members agreed that Highways should be contacted with a view to co-ordinating operations.
- Arboretum – GS reported that the latest batch of memorial trees had been planted. The Arboretum was looking in good condition. in, The memorial plaques were being restored and would be re-installed for the spring. GS circulated a report on the Arboretum that indicated the latest developments (copy attached).

Action: *It was agreed that a picnic table should be moved from the entrance up to the Viewing Point. Clerk to investigate costs of a sign for inside the area which indicates the Viewing Point and a sign for the entrance indicating the way to the Arboretum.*

11.10. **PLANNING.**

The following matters were noted. No further instruction given.

a. **Decisions from DLGE:**

11/00009/B **Kairdee**, Ballasloe, Alterations, replacement of garage door with window and erection of extensions and replacement garage to dwelling – Approved 01.03.11

11/00091/B **Quiet Hills**, Jacks Lane, Alterations to existing attached garage to create additional living accommodation; Approved 28.02.11

11/00063/B **Hedges**, Port Lewaigue Close, Replace existing roof tiles with slate – Approved 28.02.11.

10/01670/B **Cardle Chapel**, Installation of replacement windows – Refused 07.02.11.

10/01878/C **Corley Holiday Cottage, Ballagorry Beg**, Additional use for residential and holiday accommodation – Approved 07.02.11

b. Decisions to be made:

Members considered the following applications. Decisions as indicated.

10/01780/B **Sycamore Cottage**, Jacks Lane, Alteration and erection of extensions to dwelling – additional Plans to consider (received 02.03.11)

No Objection.

11/00201/B **Ballagorry Beg**, Glen Mona, Retrospective permission to correct part of PA 03/00238/B and to refurbish existing barn and create link atrium.

No Objection.

11/00210/B **Cedar Bank**, Ballajora Hill, First floor extension to previous approval against 09/00706/B.

No Objection.

a. Appeal Matters & Matters to Note: the following information was considered and noted.

b. 10/01670/B Cardle Chapel, Installation of replacement windows – Refused 07.02.11.

Appeal Lodged by Applicant.

HL stated that as it was intended that the chapel would be used for domestic purposes there was a need for windows that could be opened for ventilation. The clerk was instructed to respond indicating the Commissioners support for these improvements.

c. 11/00095/A Gardens and Grounds Thie Varrey, Approval in Principle for erection of three dwellings; John Drummond. Various correspondence from local residents. Noted.

d. 11/00103/B Thie Dhryane, Extension to side elevation. Correspondence from resident. Noted.

e. 10/01841/B Ballagorry Beg, Glen Mona, Conversion of barn to provide additional living accommodation and construction of link atrium to main dwelling – Application withdrawn 16.02.11. Noted.

11.12. **Finance Consideration of February 2011 Finances.** The following cheques were approved:

FINANCES FEBRUARY 2011

| INV. | DATE | EXPENDITURE | GROSS | VAT | CHQ |
|------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|--------|------|
| DD | 25-Feb-11 | Manx Telecom | 45.73 | 7.62 | DD |
| 122 | 07-Feb-11 | IOM Gov Tipping Jan | 1,334.23 | 222.37 | 2648 |
| 123 | 07-Mar-11 | Spotless | 200.00 | | 2649 |
| 124 | | MEA | 4.93 | 0.23 | 2650 |
| 125a | | IOM Gov NI & ITIP Feb | 276.97 | | 2652 |
| 126 | | IOM Gov Tipping Feb | 989.71 | 164.95 | 2653 |

February Financial Overview. A Spreadsheet indicating the current and projected financial position of the Commissioners accounts was circulated at the meeting for consideration.

11.13. **Any other Business**

- Date for Civic Service 2011. **HL** to speak to Reverend Faulds
- The condition of the Bring Bank Sites was raised as a cause for concern. It was agreed that Members would monitor the condition of the sites during March and resolve further actions at the April meeting.

MF asked if the following problems could be reported to Highways
Port Cornaa and Rhenab Road pot holes.

Bridge at Lhaggan – road surface
Ballagorry Drive broken surface
Gate on U92 down

HL asked if a sunken grid-top on the A2 outside Mount Carmel at Ballure could be reported.

11.14. **General Correspondence/Information File**

The following matters were noted.

Michael Village Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service 10.30 am 20.03.11, Michael Parish Church.

RM to attend

Patrick Parish Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service 10.30 am 17.04.11, Patrick Parish Church.

DoI – Tipping figure February 2011; 28.44 tonnes, 4 collections, 14.81 kg per property per week (equates to 0.77 tonnes per household per year).

Tynwald Advisory Council for Disabilities – Report YE Dec 10

DoH – Strategy for the Future of Health Services in the Isle of Man

Tourism Division – Notification: 'Tourism on Your Doorstep' Exhibition, Villa Marina, 26.03.11 All day.

Highways – e-mail regarding road closures for street parties.

Treasury – Budget Newsletter.

DED – Latest Newsheet Issue 31: available on request from Clerk.

Private Session

Meeting closed at 10.21 pm.

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| Date of Next Meeting Monday 4th April 2011 |
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