

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OF SEPTEMBER 2011, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

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

Meeting began at 7.30 pm.

11.101. **Apologies:** The clerk reported apologies had been received from Mr Moughtin.

11.102. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** Members reported that they had received the agenda in good time.

11.103. **Declarations of Interest in the Business of the Agenda.**

Members reported that they had no conflicts of interest in the business of the agenda.

11.104. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 8th of August & the planning meeting of 6th of September 2011.**

These were agreed to be an accurate record of the two meetings.

11.105. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 8th of August & the planning meeting of 6th of September 2011.**

a. **To discuss response received from candidates for the Tynwald election taking place September 29th 2011.**

Responses from Mr Dobson and Mr Rodan were read and noted.

b. **Progress report on communications on hedgecutting operations with DoI.**

The clerk reported that a meeting between Highways and the Commissioners was due to take place in the autumn. Prior to this the clerk was to meet with Mr Corlett to discuss arrangements for the meeting.

HL advised that the current regime of not cutting roadside hedgerows not as good for wildflowers and wildlife as presented. **MC** referred to the amount of Cushag that was now being allowed to grow wild along the roadside between Glen Mona and Bulgham. The Department had said it would cut hedges for road safety reasons at junctions to maintain sight lines, etc, but Members felt that this was not being carried out. It appeared that there was no maintenance schedule for junctions such as Hibernia or to maintain access along pavements such as between the Dhoon Church and School. These were matters of concern which would be raised at the meeting with Highways.

11.106. **Matters for Discussion**

a. Civic Service preparations (*This year's CS: 3.00, pm 25th September*).

Commissioners are to be in attendance at the church by 2.30 pm. It was agreed that proceeds from the collection at the service should be donated to Rebecca House. **GS** advised that Mrs Barnes was organising refreshments for the reception event following the service.

b. **MSC Bonfire Event.**

MF advised that a gate was to be erected and kept locked to ensure that no party could access the field and tip inappropriate or unsuitable materials onto the bonfire area. It was resolved that £300 should be contributed to the cost of holding the event. Approved. Proposed GS, Seconded MC.

c. **Big Tidy Up Campaign.**

Members noted that the Commissioners undertook litterpicking and beach cleaning in the Parish as necessary. It was not felt necessary to participate in this particular event this year.

11.107. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

Summary Sheet attached. **HL** drew the attention of Members to the Consultation on developing the current Agricultural Strategy for the Island. There followed brief discussion of the recently implemented 'countryside care scheme' as well as the efficiency and operation of the government run meat plant. Action: It was agreed that the clerk should circulate details of the proposals. Any responses to be submitted to the clerk by the 28th of September.

11.108. **Correspondence**

- a. **Resident** – further correspondence with the DoI Minister regarding a section of pothole/road damage near Ballaskeig. **Noted.**
- b. **Resident** – Correspondence raising concerns with road safety issues around Dhoon School. This matter was noted. It was also noted that the Commissioners had approached the Department in previous years requesting that the situation for pedestrians was improved along this section. It was agreed that a letter of support for the views of the resident should be sent to the Director of Highways. It was felt that a co-ordinated approach should be adopted which involved the Department, Highways, the Police, the school and residents. The matter is also to be raised at the next NTMLG meeting.
- c. **DoI** – Issue of revised Local Authority Handbook – **This matter was noted.**
- d. **Hyder Consulting** – Proposals for cliff stabilisation at Ballure. **Noted.**
- e. **Inspector Power** – Advising of new Commander (Inspector Juan Kinley) for NNPT. **Noted.**
- f. **IOM Water and Sewerage Authority** – Update on IRIS Scheme. It was noted that the Maughold schemes at Glen Mona and Corranry would begin in early 2012, and that works at Booilushag, Maughold Village and Port Lewaigue would take place towards the end of 2012.

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

Arboretum – whole area to be cut back prior to the onset of winter.

Maughold Toilets maintenance works completed. **Noted.**

Corony Ditch cleared. **Noted.**

11.110. **PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DLGE:** The following matters were noted -

11/00896/B Ballagilley, Hibernia, extension to dwelling Approved 25.08.11.

11/00910/B Holly Trees, Glen Mona Loop Road, Erection of a replacement garage – Approved 25.08.11.

11/01037/C Rhennie Farm, Dhoon, Additional use of annex for residential and tourist accommodation – Approved 05.09.11.

11/00865/B Ballagorry Beg, conversion of barn and link atrium to dwelling – Approved 30.08.11.

11/00821/B Sloe Cottage, Ballasloe, Extension of dwelling & extension to cartilage – approved 06.09.11.

b. **Decisions to be made:**

11/01202/B **Mill Croft, Church Road, PeV**, Alterations and extensions to dwelling:

Some Members expressed concern that the proposals would have a great visual impact on this coastal location. The various protections of Environmental Policies and Housing Policies in the Strategic Plan were noted. These concerns to be raised with the Planning Committee.

11/01228/B **Croit-ny-Meagh, Cornaa**, Extension & decking to side elevation.

The Commission had no concerns with these proposals.

c. Appeal Matters & Matters to Note

11/00364/B **Riverside Cottage, Port Cornaa Road**, erection of conservatory. Refusal decision confirmed. **Noted.**

10/01695/C **Dreemskerry Quarry**, Change of Use to storage and maintenance facility – Hearing 09.30 18.10.11. **Noted.**

To consider:

Hedge removal at Booilushag: several residents of the area had reported this matter to the Planning Enforcement Officer and the Commissioners. The Planning Enforcement Officer advises that he is to visit the site and issue a report. **Noted.**

d. Building Control Certificates: None this month.

11.111. **Finance Consideration of August 2011 Finances.**

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
	25-Aug-11	Manx Telecom	55.94	9.32	DD
56	06-Sep-11	(toilet Maint)	1,350.00		2734
57		Island Contractors	464.00		2735
58		MEA	25.07	0.61	2736
59	14-Sep-11	Vannin Officepoint	62.97	10.50	2737
60		Kirk Maughold PCC	355.00		2738
61		Spotless Cleaners	200.00		2739
62		IOM Gov Tipping Aug	1,461.50	243.58	2740
63		NLASPB	1,500.00		2741
64		MEA publ. lighting	122.75		2742
65		Manx Electricity	190.61		2743

August Income

MEA Dhoon Wayleave £230.41
Searches (2) £120.00

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

11.112. **Any other Business**

MC raised concerns with those properties on which rates were outstanding. The clerk reported that there appeared to be anomalies between the list of properties that were in arrears and the figure entered against arrears on the rates statement from Treasury. It was agreed that the clerk should arrange a meeting with a Senior Officer from the Rates Section of Treasury to discuss these matters. **MC** and the clerk to attend.

MF raised the issue of cutting the Parish Field in Maughold Village. It was agreed that the current arrangements were adequate. The Commissioners thanked Mr Stephen Quayle of Ballelling Farm for cutting the field prior to the Car Boot Sale held by Maughold Social Club.

11.113. **General Correspondence/Information File** – the following matters were noted:

DoI – Tipping Figures August 11 – Total 39.20 tonnes (5 collections).

Dong Energy – Information on Wind Farm Consultation event (15.09.11)

Ramsey Commissioners – Invite to Civic Service 16.10.11 10.30 am, Trinity United Reformed Church.

Laxey Commissioners – Invite to Civic Service 18.09.11, 11.15, Christ Church.

Jurby Commissioners – Invite to Civic Service 25.09.11, 11.00 am, Jurby Parish Church.

RTLC – Circulars 346-349.

The Commission went into Private Session

Meeting closed: 9.29.

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Date of Next Meeting Monday October 3rd 2011