

**MINUTES of the MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON Monday 5th of December 2011, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mr Robert Moughtin (Chair), Mr Mark Cowley, Mrs Hazel Lace CP.

11.149. **Apologies:** Mrs Stephens (Arrived at Following attendance at Housing Meeting), Mrs Fargher.

11.150. **Notice of Summons Agenda.** Members reported that this had been received in good time.

11.151. **Declarations of Interest in the Business of the Agenda.** None declared.

11.152. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 7th of November 2011.**

These were agreed to be an accurate record. Proposed Mr Cowley, Seconded Mr Moughtin. **Resolved.**

11.153. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 7th of November 2011.**

a. **Information from LGU on the withdrawal of services to properties which are in rate arrears.**

Members discussed information from the LGU on the withdrawal of services such as refuse collection from those properties in rate arrears. It was noted that the shortfall caused by non-payment had to be made up by the rest of the ratepayers. Mr Cowley advised that rate accounts were public documents and suggested that those in arrears should be listed publically. Members present were generally supportive of this approach and discussed aspects such as including a list alongside or within the minutes on the noticeboards. Mr Moughtin suggested that only those in serious arrears for 2/3 years be included. Mr Cowley proposed that the matter be included on the next agenda for further discussion. This was agreed by Mr Moughtin and Mrs Lace.

b. **Audited Accounts 2011.**

The Clerk updated Members on the progress of the YE 2011 accounts. The Financial Statements had been submitted in October and all information requested had been forwarded to the auditors.

11.154. **Matters for Discussion**

a. **Meeting with Mr Nigel Cretney in January regarding the Dhoon Church.**

A request for a meeting from Mr Cretney, the Bishop's Missioner, who has been assigned to look after the Dhoon Church was considered. It was agreed that Mr Cretney should be invited to the next meeting on the 2nd January 7.00 – 7.30.

b. Garff **Commissioners' Carol Service, 14th December 2011.**

Noted. Readings had been distributed to Mr Moughtin, Mrs Lace and Mrs Fargher.

c. **Preparation of Financial Estimates and setting of rate YE 2013.**

Members noted the draft estimate that had been circulated with the Agenda papers. This indicated proposed levels of expenditure and projected income. It was noted that central government would be increasing the charges for tipping at the EfW by 14% from £30.74 to £35.00 per tonne. Members considered the documents and agreed that the rate for YE 13 should remain at 108p in the £, whilst the separate waste disposal charge on each property should rise by 14% from 29.15 to 33.23. Proposed Mark Cowley. Seconded Mrs Lace. **Resolved.**

d. **To discuss response to fly tipping behind Cronk Cardle.**

The clerk briefed members on the tipping in the ditch running at the top of the bank behind Cronk Cardle. Around 10 bags of cement, 12 large paint tins, 50 plastic pots and a quantity of pipes and plumbing fittings had been found when the ditch had been cleared. The tipping was along a stretch of the ditch approximately behind no's 10,11,12 & 13 Cronk Cardle. The police had been informed and would be

making enquiries in due course. Members expressed much concern at this anti-social behaviour. The Clerk was asked to write to all residents of Cronk Cardle seeking information. It was also noted that one of the houses on Cronk Cardle had been flooded twice in recent years due to the ditch being blocked. Such tipping would put properties further along Cronk Cardle in jeopardy.

e. **Garff Sheading Website.** This new web facility was **noted**.

f. **Increase in Tipping charges at the EfW Plant for YE 2013** (from £30.74 to £35.00: 14% increase.)
Noted.

g. **Playground Inspection at the Corony conducted by Douglas Corporation.**

The clerk had been advised that the inspection had taken place and a report would be submitted to the Commissioners in due course.

h. **Report on Street Cleaning and Environmental Quality on the Isle of Man (Via Municipal Association).** **Noted** & in **CF**.

11.155. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

DEFA – Consultation on Amendments to the Countryside Care Scheme (By 6th of January 2012 in **CF**).
This document was placed into the **CF** for further discussion at the January Meeting.

11.156. **Correspondence**

a. **Resident** – Correspondence with DoI re. hedge cutting behind Cronk Cardle. This correspondence was **noted**.

b. **Braddan Commissioners** – Re forthcoming seminar on contingency planning. It was **noted** that the Commissioners have Contingency plans in place and an arrangement to share clerks with Laxey and Lonan.

c. **Braddan Commissioners** – Provision of rate collection services. **Noted.** Mr Cowley referred to the recent meeting he had attended on this subject with Treasury. He advised the Commissioners of the process for collecting rate arrears. No further actions requested.

d. **Treasury** – Response to claims made in correspondence from Braddan Commissioners re. rate collection (item 11.156.c). **Noted.** No further actions requested.

e. **MNH & NNPT** – Correspondence re. damage to fence and surface at Maughold Brooghs. The police had been notified of this damage and would be increasing night time patrols of the area.

f. **DoI** – Request to identify a lead Member for planning with a view to arranging future meetings. Mr Cowley was nominated to fulfil this role.

Action: *Clerk to notify Mr Quayle MHK.*

g. **Mr Pearson, Director of Highways, DoI** – Response regarding hedge cutting in Maughold.

This correspondence had been circulated and was read at the meeting. It outlined a monitoring strategy for roads and junctions and reiterated the offer that the Commissioners take on responsibility for hedge cutting. Members discussed the previous assertion of Highways that they would only cut for reasons of road safety. The general consensus was that there was still little clarity in the approach of Highways to hedge cutting. The approach appeared to veer from no cutting at all to cutting all hedges.

Action: *Mr Cowley proposed that the response from the Commissioners should indicate that the Board remained perplexed at the approach of Highways to hedge cutting and should also invite Mr Pearson to attend a meeting with the Commissioners in the new year. This was agreed.*

h. Request for Information for the Select Committee on Local Authorities: Members' Interests (petition for Redress of Grievance).

This correspondence was noted. Members referred to the item at the beginning of the each agenda which directed them to declare any interest in the Business of the meeting.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to respond in due course.*

i. Chris Littler Web Design –

The clerk outlined the proposals from Mr Littler to improve the Commissioners' web site. These were noted.

Action: *the clerk was instructed to ask Mr Littler to update the Finance page.*

11.157. **Parish Maintenance:** Nothing to report.

11.158. PLANNING.

For Information: Feedback from Planning Enforcement Officer on Hedge works at Booilushag.

Members were advised by the clerk that proceedings were in hand to enforce reinstatement of the hedge.

a. **Decisions from DLGE:** the following matters were noted. No further actions.

11/01207/B **Field 624472, Glen Shone**, Erection of Stables, Mr & Mrs Gerrard.

11/01248/B **Cliff stabilisation works, Ballure**, DEFA.

b. **Decisions to be made:**

11/01557/B **Sarah's Cottage, Ballasloe**, Retention of existing central roof light to rear elevation;. Members noted that this was a further retrospective application. The clerk was instructed to assert the Commissioners' concern with the frequency of retrospective applications at the property.

11/01007/B **Ballig Farm**, Erection of a replacement dwelling (Amended Plans);. Members raised no objections to these proposals.

11/01488/D **Primrose Lodge**, Erection of advertising signage (Amended Plans);. Members raised no objections to these proposals.

The following applications were noted. No further instructions.

11/01529/LAW **Glen House, Dhoon Loop Road**, Application for a certificate of Lawful Development for replacement of windows doors and windows (including amended plans).

11/01533/LAW **Glen House, Dhoon Loop Road**, Application for a certificate of Lawful Use for conversion of outbuilding into living accommodation (including amended plans).

Appeal Matters:

11/01207 **Glen Shone**, Appeal against approval for erection of stables, Field 624472 (by 13th December). Noted.

11.159. **Finance Consideration of November 2011 Finances.**

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD	25-Nov-11	Manx Telecom	47.83	7.97	DD
91	07-Nov-11	Royal British Legion	150.00		2771
92	05-Dec-11	Maughold Soc.Club (Bonf.Event)	300.00		2772
93		Spotless Nov	200.00		2773
94		Island Contractors	485.26		2774

95	MEA	31.52	1.47	2775
96	Accountant	200.00		2776
99	IOM Gov Tipping Nov	1,063.85	177.31	2779

11.160. **Any other Business**

- **Action:** *Mrs Stephens asked if the clerk could request grit dispensers from Highways.*
- Mrs Stephens asked if the proceeds from the Civic Service Collection could be forwarded to Hospice indicating that the monies be contributed towards a bariatric bed.
- Mr Moughtin asked if information on Winter preparations could be uploaded to the website.

11.161. **General Correspondence/Information File** The following correspondence was noted.

DoI – Tipping Figures November 2011. 28,840 Kg. Average annual bin projection 0.815 tonnes.

RTL – Circulars 352 – 354.

IOM Water & Sewerage Authority – Annual Report and Accounts YE 2011.

Public Session closed at 9.40

Private Session

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Date of Next Meeting Monday January 2nd 2012
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