

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON Monday 2nd of January 2011, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.00 pm Meeting with Mr Nigel Cretney, Bishop's Minister Dhoon Church.

Present: Mr Robert Moughtin (Chair in Mrs Stephens Absence), Mr Mark Cowley, Mrs Marinda Faragher, Mrs Hazel Lace CP.

Mr Nigel Cretney Bishop's Minister Dhoon Church), M.Royle (Clerk).

12.01. Apologies: Apologies from Mrs Stephens.

Mr Moughtin welcomed Mr Cretney to the meeting and invited him to address the Commissioners. Mr Cretney clarified the situation at the Dhoon Church referring to the Dhoon Church Council's decision to vote to close the church made last year. He advised that the Bishop had charged him to assess the situation and report on what could be done to keep the church open. Mr Cretney said that the Bishop was keen to find out what the community wanted from the church, although it would be the church's decision at the end of the day.

There followed a discussion of the various areas of Maughold and it was noted that Glen Mona was the largest conurbation in the parish. Mr Cretney advised that in his view there was potential for growth of the church. Contact had been made with the Dhoon school and it was the intention to cement this relationship in the future.

Mr Cretney suggested that the future of the church could lie in establishing an ecumenical approach which encompassed a variety of denominations.

There followed discussion of the church field which has been used by the community for many years. Mr Cowley asked if a decision was made to sell the field would the church put the needs of the community above financial advantage. Mr Cretney advised that the church had no plans to sell the field. There followed discussion of various options including Community, Commissioners and Church working together in partnership. Mr Cretney proposed several options for developing the facilities on the field, such as social housing, car parking facilities or an all weather pitch.

Mr Moughtin stated that local people didn't want to lose the use of the field as a recreational facility and said that no one had contacted the Commissioners requesting social housing in this location.

Mrs Faragher said that it was not fair that those who went to church should have to support community facilities. Mr Cretney stated that the future use of the facilities should be a partnership in which all stakeholders take part. Mr Moughtin added that the Commissioners would like input to any changes or decisions made.

Mr Cretney said he would come back to the Commissioners when more was known and had been decided. Mr Cowley stated that the Commissioners were there for the community and were very keen to sit round the table.

Mr Moughtin thanked Mr Cretney for meeting with the Commissioners and closed his comments by requesting that the church take the views of the full community and Commissioners into consideration.

Mr Cretney left the meeting at 7.44 pm.

12.02. Notice of Summons Agenda.

Members reported that the Agenda had been received in good time.

12.03. Declarations of Interest in the Business of the Agenda.

None reported by Members.

12.04. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 5th of December 2011.

Mr Cowley proposed that the circulated draft minutes were an accurate record of the meeting.

Seconded by **Mrs Lace**. Resolved.

12.05. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 5th of December 2011.

a. **To discuss publication of list of properties with long term rate arrears.**

Members discussed the proposal to publish the names of those in long term rate arrears. The procedure for collecting rates was discussed. Treasury acted as the Commissioners' collection agents and worked with the Attorney General's Chambers to recover monies from those in long term arrears via prosecution. It was noted that there were only a small number of long term debtors in Maughold. **Mr Cowley** advised that during the meeting he had had with Treasury in November publication of names of those in long term arrears had been discussed as a possible option. **Mrs Fargher** stated that it was useful to discuss this matter as it was unfair on the vast majority of ratepayers who paid their rates. She proposed that as a separate action the Commissioners take defaulters to the small claims court. **Mr Cowley** stated that it would be worth exploring this option. This was agreed. It was also agreed that a procedure for publication of a list of the names of those in arrears should be investigated. **Mr Moughtin** suggested that any property which was more than two years in arrears should be listed. Members agreed that mitigating circumstances would also have to be taken into account. It was also agreed that a letter to the defaulter indicating that publication was imminent should be considered in the investigation.

Mr Cowley proposed that a press release be issued stating that the Commissioners were investigating a range of options to retrieve unpaid rates from defaulters, and that the process is ongoing.

Action: *Clerk instructed to research use of small claims court, draft an approach to publication of names/properties of defaulters, and issue a press release as briefed.*

b. **To discuss parking issues on the A2 south of the B19 junction.**

The clerk advised that the police had been contacted following the December Meeting. Sergeant Kneen of the Northern Policing Team advised that the owner of the vehicles had been approached and the situation was being monitored.

12.06. **Matters for Discussion**

12.07. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

DEFA – Consultation on Amendments to the Countryside Care Scheme (By 6th of January 2012 in CF).

This document was noted.

DoI – Consultation on proposed Health and Safety Consultative Committee (Documents attached. Comments by 20.01.12).

This document was noted. **Mr Cowley** stated that he had no objections to the Committee being formed as long as no additional costs were incurred, as indicated in the document. **Mr Moughtin** stated that any policy implemented in future should be appropriate for the Isle of Man rather than being copied from UK H&S Policy.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to submit comment reflecting the above.*

DEFA – Weeds Act Consultation (copy in CF. By 27.01.12).

This document was noted.

Note: List of further current consultations attached for information (29.12.11).

This list was noted. No further action.

12.08. Correspondence

- a. **Hospice IOM** – Acknowledgement of donation of Civic Service proceeds towards bariatric bed purchase. **Noted.**
- b. **DoI** – Invitation to opening of new Civic Amenity Site at Balladoole, 10.00 am Friday 20.01.12.
Action: *The clerk was asked to reserve four places.*
- c. **DoI** – Introductory Letter to Local Authorities from Mr Ronan MHK. **Noted.**
- d. **DoI** – Acknowledgement of request for a meeting with Mr Pearson, Director of Highways in regard to hedge cutting operations in the parish. **Noted.**
- e. **DoI** – Further road closure orders during January for additional Highway Maintenance on Glen Mona Loop Road and C27 Port Cornaa Road. **Noted.**
- f. **Deputy Clerk of Tynwald** – Invitation for submissions to to the Joint Committee examining the Electoral Reform Bill 2011 (Proposes 8 constituencies each returning 3 MHKs and 1 MLC.
The potential consequences of this Bill were discussed in detail. **Mrs Fargher** stated that the reorganisations proposed in the Bill would be a huge break in tradition. It was generally agreed that the ancient Sheading system should not be altered without the most careful thought and widest consultation beyond Tynwald and the Committee it had formed in 2011. **Mrs Fargher** added that the proposals gave too much emphasis to the towns, and would presume against rural communities. **Mr Cowley** asked if a reduction to the number of MHK's and MLC's had been considered in any of the various committees that had been set up over the years. The feeling amongst the Commissioners was that the proposals had been designed to suit the self-interest of Tynwald Members.
Action: *The clerk was instructed to submit comment reflecting these views, including particular comment that input and consultation should come from much wider sources than currently intended.*
- g. **Resident** – Correspondence dated 06.12.11. re. Ballafayle Cairn. This matter was noted. MNH had been contacted and had visited the site.
- h. **Dr Emma Rowan IOM Marine Spatial Planning Project Officer** - Information on Outer Solway Feasibility Study (document attached). **Noted.**
- i. **Dong Energy** – Additional information on the Outer Solway Feasibility Study (document attached). **Noted.**
- j. **FieldsinTrust.org** – Information on Queen Elizabeth II Field's Challenge (document attached). **Noted.**
Action: *The clerk was instructed to register interest in the scheme.*
- k. **CSO** – Information on preparations for Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations. **Noted.** No further action.
- l. **CSO** - Invitation to commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day on Sunday 29 January 2012. Trinity Methodist Church, Rosemount, Bucks Road, Douglas at 3.00 pm. **Noted.** **Mrs Fargher** to attend.
- m. **IOM Municipal Association** – Forwarded transcript of Chief Minister's comments in Tynwald regarding his desire to see Local Government Reform through within the course of the current parliament (document attached). This was noted with interest. The statement to be raised at the GJIC and Municipal Association.
- i. **LGU** – Notification of rise in interest rates regarding local authority lending arrangements. **Noted.**
- j. **Resident** – Request for clarification to DoI regarding the use of Dreemskerry Quarry. **Noted.**

12.09. **Parish Maintenance:** Clerk & GS to report – **ntr.**

12.10. PLANNING.

- a. **Decisions from DLGE:** the following decisions were noted. No further actions requested.
11/01488/D **Primrose Lodge**, Erection of advertising signage (Amended Plans) – Approved 25.11.12.
11/01497/B **2 Ballagorry Heights**, Door and window alterations to rear elevation and creation of door to side Elevation – Approved 07.12.11.
11/01557/B **Sarah's Cottage**, Ballasloe, Retention of existing central rooflight to rear elevation – Approved 22.12.11.
11/01007/B **Ballig Farm**, erection of a replacement dwelling – Approved 20.12.11.

b. Decisions to be made:

11/01614/B **Land Opp. Hillcrest, Corony Hill**, Erection of a detached garage and shed.

No objection.

11/ 01657/B **The Anchorage, PeV**, Extension to and conversion of existing detached garage into tourist accommodation (amendments to 09/01099/B)

No objection.

11/01724/B **Dawn**, Slieau Lewaigue, Erection of a 2 storey extension to dwelling.

There were **no objections** to the proposals to extend the dwelling. Concern was raised with parking on the A2 beside the property as indicated at item 12.05.b above. It was felt that the possibility of providing off-road parking or access from the B19 could be given consideration. Highways to be requested to advise on this possibility.

Additional information on the following was noted:

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: The following matters were noted.

10/01695/C **Dreemskerry Quarry**, Appeal against refusal for additional use of quarry floor for storage and maintenance of construction plant and cabins (retrospective); Auldyn Holdings Ltd – Appeal dismissed 23.11.11.

11/00623/B **Glen Shone Field 624472**, Appeal against approval for underground heating pipes in field (retrospective) – appeal dismissed 19.12.11.

11/00539/B **Sarah's Cottage, Ballasloe**, Appeal against refusal of amendments to 04/01353/B re. erection of a detached garage – Appeal upheld.

c. Building Control Certificates, etc. The following matters were noted.

08/07223/DEX **Folieu**, Demolition of part existing building. Rebuild larger with extension, some alterations in existing section. 08.12.11.

11/00210/B **Cedar Bank**, Ballajora Hill, Confirmation that stone work on north-east & south-east elevations complies with condition 4 of the approval.

12.11. **Finance Consideration of December 2011 Finances.** The following payments were approved.

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD		Manx Telecom	44.45	7.41	DD
101	09-Dec-11	Hospice IOM	141.43		2781
102	02-Jan-12	Kinrade AV Nov	174.00	29.00	2782
103		IOM Water & Sew. Auth.	81.65		2783
104		Spotless Dec	200.00		2784
105		Dhoon Church PCC	120.00		2785
106		MEA (corony Ent.)	10.70	0.49	2786
107		Feltons	4.99	0.83	2787
108		KMPCC (Office rent to 15.03.12)	355.00		2788

December Income: £7,000 rates. 4,136.332 VAT reimbursement. Noted.

December Financial Overview. Spreadsheet circulated and noted at the meeting.

12.13. **Any other Business** - none raised.

12.14. **General Correspondence/Information File –**

RTL – Circular 356

CSO – Chief Ministers e-briefing (available on-line <http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/cso/web2011decemberenews.pdf>

Refer to clerk for further access details. Copy in CF).

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Public session closed at 9.50 pm.

Private Session

Meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Date of Next Meeting Monday February 6th 2012