

**MINUTES of the MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2012, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm** Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

**Present:** Mrs G. Stephens (Chairman), Mr Moughtin, Mrs Fargher, Mrs Lace CP.  
Clerk: M. Royle.

12.19. **Apologies:** Mr Cowley.

Due to a throat infection, Mrs Stephens asked if Mr Moughtin could chair the meeting. This was agreed. Mr Moughtin took the Chair.

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

12.21. **Declarations of Interest in the Business of the Agenda:** The Chairman put this question to Members. No interests in the business of the agenda declared.

12.22. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2012.**

Mrs Fargher proposed that the circulated minutes were a correct record. Seconded Mr Moughtin. **Resolved.**

12.23. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2012.**

a. To discuss **publication of list of properties with long term rate arrears.** Further information on use of small claims court.

A draft Publishing Procedure for properties owing rates had been circulated and was discussed. Members were broadly in favour of accepting the document. It was agreed to have the document approved as policy with a full Board present at the March Meeting.

There followed discussion of the use by the Commissioners of the small claims court to recover monies. It was noted that the Attorney General normally took action against those in arrears. However it was felt that in circumstances where amounts outstanding were lower than an action through the small claims court could be an appropriate action for the Commissioners to undertake. Further information to be obtained.

**Action:** Clerk *to obtain an up to date list of properties in arrears from Treasury for the March meeting. These matters to be placed on that month's agenda for further discussion and action.*

b. To discuss the meeting with Mr Nigel Cretney regarding the **future of the Dhoon Church** prior to the January meeting.

Members agreed that the meeting with Mr Cretney had been a very positive experience. It was noted that Mr Cretney was bringing forward a whole range of proposals designed to invigorate and broaden the appeal of the Church. The Commissioners had been asked to forward several questions with a view to them being incorporated into a questionnaire being circulated to residents in the catchment of the Church; from the Dhoon in the south, through Glen Mona, to the summit of Slieau Lewaigue. These questions were discussed and it was agreed that broadly they would ask what type of community facilities local people would like. There followed discussion of the possibilities for the future. It was noted that the Commissioners were not permitted to spend rate monies on improving facilities owned by other organisations. The Commissioners reiterated their enthusiasm for investigating the possibilities of obtaining the field on behalf the community. Mr Moughtin stated that he envisaged a situation where the community owned the field and new facilities such as a modern, adequately sized hall, and outdoor recreation equipment were provided.

Mrs Fargher and Mrs Stephens referred to the documents regarding the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge which provided resources to improve community facilities and encourage retention and improvement of green spaces within communities. It was agreed that the challenge was a great opportunity.

**Action:** *the clerk was instructed to forward the Queen's Challenge documents to Mr Cretney.*

c. **Parking issues** on the A2 south of the B19 junction. New amended plans were noted and discussed at item 12.28.b below.

d. **Meeting with Mr Pearson, Director of Highways**, It was noted that this would take place at the Dhoon Hall on 5.00 pm, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012. All Members to attend.

**Action:** *clerk to notify Mr Cowley.*

#### 12.24. **Matters for Discussion**

The forthcoming **local government election** (April 26<sup>th</sup>) was discussed. Members hoped that a good range of candidates would come forward to take the Parish through what may be a very challenging term.

a. Servicing of **Crossags Camp Site** with Refuse Vehicle.

**Action:** *The clerk was instructed to obtain quotations from the refuse contractors, Rammsey Commissioners and the Northern Refuse Board for servicing this area of Maughold.*

b. **William Kennish 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary** commemoration (organised by Mr Robert Stimpson), 19.03.12, Coronary Bridge. This event was welcomed and is keenly anticipated.

**Action:** *The clerk was instructed to provide any support for the event requested by Mr Stimpson. This to include liaison with the police for traffic management as the commemoration takes place, and tidying of the plaque. Mrs Wooley at IOM Newspapers has already been notified.*

c. **Northern Civic Amenity Site** Contribution YE 2013.

It was noted that the government had imposed a rise of around 15% in the contribution to the operation of this facility. This reflected the 14% rise in tipping charges at the EfW. The lateness of the notification was agreed to be unhelpful. As a consequence of the rise it was agreed that the separate refuse charge needed to be reset. Mrs Lace proposed that the basic rate for YE 13 remain at £108p with a refuse and disposal charge of £36.03 per property. This was seconded by Mrs Stephens and **Resolved**. It was noted that the separate refuse charge was implemented three years ago to absorb the transfer of tipping charges at the EfW from general taxation to the rates. It is widely anticipated that the government would continue transferring this charge in the next few years until tipping charges are wholly borne by the rates; such a situation would result in the government charge on the rates being in excess of £100 per property.

d. **Manx Telecom** – It was noted that improvements were being planned to mobile phone signal quality in the Dhoon/Bulgham area. The clerk had met with Manx Telecom and discussed options including pole masts at Bulgham which would blend with the poles on the MER. Mrs Lace provided information about field ownership in the area and suggested that the summit above Dhoon Quarry be considered as a location. The clerk reported that options were also being considered above Ballaragh in Lonan.

**Action:** *clerk to liaise with MT and forward Mrs Lace's suggestion for the location above Dhoon Quarry.*

e. New **Civic Amenity Site** at Balladoole.

Mr Moughtin, Mrs Lace and Mrs Fargher had attended the opening of the new facility at Balladoole along with the clerk. It was noted that the site was far more convenient for Maughold residents. The new facilities include a re-use centre and plastic recycling receptacles. The new emphasis on recycling and re-use at the site had been noted and was welcomed.

#### 12.25. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

The following consultations were noted and considered Documents placed in C/F No further instructions were given to the clerk.

a. Consultation on the **Road Transport Regulations 2012** (consultation letter circulated; by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012).

b. Consultation on **proposed Statutory Documents** – Highways. (by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012) C/F.

c. Consultation on **Wild Animals Act Schedule** (C/F, by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012).

d. Consultation on **Submarine Cables (fees) regulations 2012**. C/F.

Note: List of further current consultations C/F. **Noted.**

## 12.26. Correspondence

- a. **DEFA** – Tender documents for Ballaglass Cottage. **Noted.**
- b. **Dong Energy** - Interim report on Walney Offshore Wind Farm Extension. **Noted C/F.**
- c. **Zero Waste Mann** - Invitation to 'Recycling at Events' Seminar 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012, Noble's Park Pavillion, 7.00 pm. **Noted.**
- d. **Suguru Matsuda** – Request for memorial bench to Mr and Mrs Cornberg, formerly of Port Lewaigue. Tree/ Bench at Arboretum/ Ian Faulds/Maughold Church.  
Mr Matsuda's letter was read and possible locations at the Arboretum were discussed. The literary success of Mrs Gaskin was referenced. Mrs Fargher suggested liaison with Reverend Faulds.  
**Action:** *clerk instructed to liaise with Mr Matsuda and Ian Faulds.*
- e. **DoI** - Tipping Figures **December 2011.** 26.26 tonnes, 4 cycles. 11.68 kg per bin average equates to 607 kg per property per annum. **Noted.**  
Tipping Figures **January 2012.** 37.32 tonnes, 5 cycles. 16.16 kg per bin average equates to 840 kg per property per annum. **Noted.**
- f. **Malew Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 pm. Malew Parish Church.  
**Action:** *Mr Moughtin and Mrs Stephens to attend. Clerk to notify Malew.*
- g. **IOM Water & Sewerage Authority** – Update on Regional Sewage Strategy.  
Notification that the works at Corony and at Glen Mona (at the current facility on the east side of the MER) were To be initiated in the Spring/Summer of 2012. This matter was discussed. The assistance of Mr Whipp in providing permissions on his land to the Water and Sewerage Authority were noted and welcomed.  
**Action:** *clerk instructed to request written details of the final plans.*
- h. **Centrica Energy** – meeting on the development of offshore wind farms in the Irish Sea. Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Ramsey Town Hall, 2 pm – 8 pm. **Noted.**
- i. **Resident** – Various questions in regard to the boundary of the Glen Mona conurbation; a request for a copy of the Commissioners' comments on the Electoral reform Bill 2011 to the Constitutional Principles Committee; request for further information on the Walney Wind Farm Extension.  
**Action:** *clerk instructed to forward information as requested.*

## 12.27. Parish Maintenance:

**Glen Shone Gulley** – It was noted that the bulk bags had been removed.

**CPA play area dog fouling report** – Clerk instructed to check the site on weekly inspection rota.

## 12.28. PLANNING.

a. **Decisions from DLGE** - the following decisions were noted:

11/01657/B **The Anchorage, Port e Vullen**, Extension to and conversion of existing garage into tourist accommodation - Approved.

11/01614/B **Land Opposite Hillcrest, Corony Hill**, Erection of a detached garage & shed – Approved 02.02.12.

b. **Decisions to be made:**

11/01724/B **Dawn Slieau Lewaigue**, Erection of 2 storey extension (amended plans).

**These amendments were noted. The plans for off-road parking were welcomed. Clerk instructed to forward comment indicating the Commissioners view that the proposals will improve road safety on this section of the A2. Commissioners to request a stipulation that cars be parked in order to avoid reversing out onto the A2.**

12/00039/B **The Spinney, Dreemskerry**, Erection of raised decking with staircase and additional steps to rear elevation.

**No objections.**

11/01333/B **Land adj Shan Vallah**, Amended plans.

**No objections.**

**Appeal Matters:**

**11/01207/B Field 624472, Glen Shone**, Appeal against approval for erection of stables. **Noted.**

**c. Building Control Certificates, etc** – The following matters were **Noted:**

- i. 08/07223/DEX **Folieu, Lewaigue**, Demolition of part of building. Rebuild larger with extension.
- ii. **Barony Estate Limited** – Notification of intention to demolish Ballig Farm Building.

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**12.29. Finance Consideration of January 2012 Finances.**

FINANCES JANUARY 2012

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD		Manx Telecom	48.74	8.12	DD
112	06-Feb-12	IOM Gov Tipping Dec	968.68	161.45	2795
113		Sadlers (Trees)	196.80	32.80	2797
114		Kinrade AV Dec	174.00	29.00	2798
115		MEA Maint.	190.61	31.77	2799
116		MEA Publ. Lighting	128.89	6.14	2800
117		Wolseley UK	35.16	5.86	2801
118		Vannin Office point	78.10	13.02	2802
119		Spotless (Jan)	200.00		2803
120		Feltons	87.44	14.57	2804
121		IOM Gov CA Site (4th Qtr)	3,106.98	517.83	2805

**January Income:**

Searches: £180.00  
Build Soc Interest: £110.37  
Rates: £2,000.00

January Financial Overview. Spreadsheet to be circulated at the meeting for consideration. **C/F.**

**12.30. Any other Business**

- Mrs Fargher raised the matter of events for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Mrs Stephens proposed the construction of a compass made from pebbles at the Arboretum viewing point. She suggested that children from the school could assist in producing the compass. Mrs Stephens to co-ordinate and liaise with the school. Mrs Stephens also proposed that the Captain of the Parish, Mrs Lace, plant a commemorative tree at the facility. This was agreed. Mrs Fargher suggested liaising with Maughold Social Club to offer any support for events being planned for the jubilee.

Action: *clerk instructed to contact MSC. Mrs Stephens to liaise with School, Mrs Lace and clerk to co-ordinate pebble compass and tree planting.*

12.31. **General Correspondence/Information File** – The following matters included in the C/F were noted. No further action.

**RTLC** – Circular 358, 359, 360, 361

**CSO** – Chief Ministers e-briefing (available on-line <http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/cso/web2011januarynews.pdf>)

Refer to clerk for further access details).

**Mooragh Promenade Newsletter** – no's 63/64/65.

**Resident** – Regarding condition of trees along the Dreemskerry Road (including copy response from DoI).

**Rosborough Insurance** – Offering insurance services.

**D.L. Gelling** – Advertising hygiene products.

**Communications Commission** – Summary of consultation on radio frequency spectrum changes.

Public Session closed at 09.46 pm.

### **Private Session**

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm

**Date of Next Meeting Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**