

MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON Monday 2nd July 2012, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present. Mr R. Moughtin (Chairman), Mrs M. Fargher, Mrs C. Perks, Mr J. Quayle.

Clerk: M.Royle.

12.100. Apologies: The clerk reported that apologies had been forwarded by Mr Cowley.

12.101. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda. None declared.

12.102. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2nd of May 2012.

Mrs Fargher proposed that the draft minutes were an accurate record. Seconded, **Mrs Perks**.
Resolved.

12.103. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2nd of May 2012.

a. Preparations for **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**. **Mr Moughtin** reported that the children of Dhoon School had assisted in the creation of a pebble compass at the viewing point at the Arboretum. Each pupil had placed a pebble into the cement. **Mrs Stephens** of the Dhoon in Bloom Group was thanked for planning and organising the activity along with **Mr Moughtin**. Some minor pointing works will be required.

b. **Status of Dhoon Church Field**. The clerk laid papers before the Board which indicated how the trustees of the Dhoon Field had been legally defined since 1856. Members particularly discussed the role of the Captain of the Parish as a trustee on the original deeds. The clerk was asked to pass the papers to **Mr Cowley** for further investigation. Mrs Fargher proposed that Mr Cretney be invited to a future meeting to continue the dialogue between the Commissioners and the Church on the use of the field.

12.104. **Matters for Discussion**

- **To discuss further opportunities for public access to Year End 11 Audited Accounts.**

Mr Quayle stated that it would benefit the public if the Audited Financial Statements were made available on the website. This was agreed by Members. There followed a discussion of the sensitivity of information that might compromise contractual matters. The clerk was asked to omit information that referred to tendered contracts.

- **Preparations for Civic Sunday 2012.** **Mr Moughtin** advised that he had spoken to Reverend Faulds and a date would be fixed in due course.

- **Dog Fouling Nuisance at Port Lewaigue.** The issue of dog fouling at Gob ny Rona/Port Lewaigue was discussed following contact from the contractor for MNH. It was agreed that this matter was a health and safety hazard for those who use the area for leisure as well as the contractors. The clerk is to liaise with the contractors and write to MNH requesting action to reduce dog fouling in this public area.

- To discuss **payment of Attendance Allowances to Members** as per directions in the Local Government Act. The clerk advised that Attendance Allowance would be paid to all Members who did not forward an indication in writing that they did not wish to receive the allowance. Members to advise the clerk in due course.

12.105. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

a. **DoI – Proposed draft Building (Fees Regulations 2012)** – Summary circulated.

These documents were discussed. The clerk was asked to forward comment indicating that the Commission was broadly supportive of the proposals.

b. **DoI - Consultation on Bus Speed Limits.**

These proposals were discussed in detail. Members were not convinced by the argument presented in this document, the general consensus being that there was no need to increase the limit. **Mrs Fargher** referred to the number of overhanging branches that the buses clipped and stated that this issue would need to be addressed if the limit were increased. **Mr Moughtin** also referred to the number of farm/field entrances along the A2. It was felt that increased speed could lead to more frequent accidents. The clerk was instructed to reply by the specified date.

List of new consultations in C/F. These were noted.

12.106. **Correspondence**

DoI – Declaration of Member’s Interests.

The clerk indicated the full requirements of the legislation, and advised on the guidance in the ‘Corporate Governance’ document. The clerk was asked to update the format of the Register of Members’ Interests for consideration at the August meeting.

DoI – Regarding Local Authority Legislation. The clerk was instructed to reply.

DoI – Re. Presentation by IESE on Partnerships in the Public Sector.

Mr Moughtin reported on the meeting he had attended with the clerk on partnerships and sharing services. Members referred to the range of services already shared with Laxey and Lonan as well as to the services bought in from Douglas and Ramsey. Mrs Fargher also spoke of the partnerships with other community organisations such as Maughold Social Club and Dhoon in Bloom which acted to reduce the entertainments and maintenance budgets. Mr Moughtin stated that the current structure of local authorities was a system in which a lot of people gave a little. This would be lost with a system organised on the lines of four plus one. It was noted that small authorities often operated services with more cost effectiveness than their larger neighbours, and, because of the use of contractors, operated on a model that required less staff to be directly employed.

DoI – Regarding the possibility of a seminar on local authorities and the planning system.

The clerk was instructed to advise that the Commissioners would be willing to attend.

Gruseleck – Thanks to Commissioners & Community for hospitality over TT at their Dhoon campsite. Noted.

MSC – Regarding ‘Jubilee Day in the Glen’. Noted.

Dhooon School – Communication relating concerns about burning/smoke nuisance from adjacent farm. The clerk reported that the school had contacted the Commissioners who had referred them to the Environmental Protection Unit.

Peel Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service, 15.0.12, Peel Methodist Church, 11.00 am. Noted.

Onchan Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service 29.07.12, St Peter’s Church, 3.00 pm. Noted.

Onchan Commissioners – regarding forming of partnerships.

Dreemskerry Quarry Action Group – Regarding use of quarry as a storage facility without planning permission. This was noted. The clerk reported that he had advised the Ratings Officer that machinery was still being stored at the site. The situation would be monitored.

12.107. Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters:

a. Tipping of building/waste materials beside Ballaglass Glen.

A large amount of tipping was taking place beside Ballaglass Glen. This had initially been reported by several members of the public. The clerk was instructed to contact the Environmental Protection Unit and the Public Rights of Way Officer.

b. Corony Play Area. The clerk reported that a series of minor repairs were underway.

c. Compass at Arboretum. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr Moughtin proposed that the rest of the viewing area be finished off, perhaps with turf or gravel, etc. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Faragher and report back to the August meeting with costings. It was also agreed that signs indicating the way to the viewing area should be purchased and installed (approximate cost £40.00).

d. Requests to Highways re. Gully/vegetation at Port Lewaigue & poor visibility emerging from Glen Mona Loop Road caused by vegetation.

12.108. PLANNING.

a. Decisions from DLGE: None

b. Planning to Consider:

12/00783/B **Ballaconn, Cornaa**, Alterations and extensions to dwelling and alterations to extension gates.

The clerk was instructed to comment that the Planning Committee should follow recommendations regarding the increase in floor area. Concern was also expressed that the alterations at the entrance would act to further urbanise the road corridor in this rural area.

12/00832/B **Cronk ny Killey, Jallow**, Alterations and extensions to dwelling.

The clerk was instructed to ask for conditions that no further applications sought to increase the height or size of the dwelling.

b.i. Appeal Matters:

12/00366/B **Land at Ballagorry**, Appeal against erection of 4 dwellings.

Statements of Case by 4th of July. Hearing 9th of August. The clerk was instructed to re-iterate the previous comments of the Commissioners.

c. Building Control Certificates, etc – none.

12.109. **Finance** The following matters were noted.

FINANCES JUNE 12

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD		Manx Telecom	49.84	8.31	DD
22	02-Jul-12	Sadler Ag Supplies	91.20	15.20	2859
23		IOM Gov Tipping May	1265.88	210.98	2860
24		Kinrade AV May	241.20	40.20	2861
25		Feltons	33.57	5.39	2862
26		IOM Water Auth	19.60		2863
27		ODPS	50.00		2864
28		MEA Corony Ent	13.64	0.63	2865
29		Island Contractors	280.00		2866
30		MUN Assoc Subs	275.00		2867
31		Spotless June	200.00		2868
32		Manx Elec. Pub.Light. Contract.	194.40	32.40	2869

June Financial Overview. A spreadsheet indicating the current financial position of the Commissioners was circulated and noted.

12.110. Any other Business

Mrs Perks raised concerns with the hedge between Dhoon Church and the School which was affecting pedestrians. The clerk was instructed to contact Highways requesting that the hedge be cut back as soon as possible.

There followed discussion of hedges along the A2 in Glen Mona. It was noted that these were the responsibility of the landowners. The clerk was instructed to write to all properties with hedges alongside the A2 in Glen Mona advising of their responsibility to maintain the hedge.

Mr Moughtin referred to the work of the War Memorial Committee which the Commissioners had been keen to support. The clerk was instructed to write to the Committee seeking information on progress with arrangements for preserving the war memorials.

12.111. General Correspondence/Information File The following matters were noted.

DoI – Tipping Figures May 12, 30.14 tonnes (4 cycles) Equates to 16 kg per bin, which indicates annual average bin weight of 832 kg.

Ballure Cliff Stabilisation Contract Information

RTLC – AD&N no 370.

Chief Minister – May e-newsletter available at <http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/cso/webjuneenews2012.pdf>

The meeting went into **Private Session** at 10.10 pm.

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Next Meeting TBC (early August)