

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD ON Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
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, Mr. Cowley, Mrs C. Perks, Mr J. Quayle.

12.147. Apologies: All present.

12.148. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda: None declared.

12.149. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd of September 2012. **Mr Quayle** proposed that these be accepted as a correct record. **Mrs Fargher** seconded. **Resolved.**

12.150. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 3rd of September 2012. None raised.

12.151. **Matters for Discussion.**

- Preparations for Garff Commissioners' Carol Service 2012. (Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> confirmed by Ian Thompson. There followed a discussion of the role and purpose of this service, the general consensus being that Members were not convinced that the event was fulfilling the purpose for which it was originally intended. It was noted that attendance amongst members of the public was low and that there were many similar services at Christmas time. **Mrs Fargher** proposed that the matter be discussed at the next Garff meeting. This was seconded by **Mr Cowley** and agreed.

**Action:** *clerk to include as an agenda item for the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

12.152. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

a. Consultation on the Scope of Government Report.

Members discussed this matter in detail, as well as the recent meetings held in the Parish to inform the public about the consultation. These meetings had indicated strong opposition amongst the public for any large scale amalgamation, particularly with any larger authorities. The manner in which the questions were structured was discussed. **Mr Moughtin** said that in his view they were clearly loaded to lead to a particular answer and outcome. This was agreed. Referring to the document as a whole, **Mr Cowley** stated that the underlying intention was to decrease government expenditure by passing more services and their charges onto the rates. It was agreed that in this circumstance it was unlikely that income tax would be reduced commensurately. **Mr Quayle** drew Members attention to the Scope Report which indicated that this was perhaps government's intention; particularly he referred to comments in the report which compared level of rates paid in the UK suggesting that it would be feasible and justifiable to pass services and hence charges onto local taxation. It was noted that the Commissioners currently delivered a range of services efficiently and cost-effectively through the use of contractors. At the public meetings the general public who were present had indicated their satisfaction with the quality of services provided and opposition to amalgamation with authorities who currently delivered services with far higher administration costs. Those attending the meetings indicated that if change was necessary that they would prefer closer ties with Laxey and Lonan who already operated their services in a similar way to Maughold. Attendance at the meetings was considered and was estimated to constitute around 10% of the Parish electorate. This was agreed to be a good turn-out considering the low media profile of the consultation; the vast majority of members of the public had indicated no knowledge of the document and its content prior to the meetings. **Mrs Fargher** commented that the changes to local authority structure suggested in the document were a potential threat to the identity of the Parish and the whole Island. **Mrs Perks** pointed out that this would also have potential consequences for the quality of community life. This was agreed.

**Mr Cowley** stated that government should be made to prove any cost savings that reorganisation of local government would bring before any changes were made. He also brought up the subject of the 'Transitional Agency' which the consultation proposed. It was agreed that this was unnecessary and would just provide another new Department with associated costs and bureaucracy. The general consensus was that government should not be adding to its administration in these difficult times, and, indeed, should be getting

its own house in order before attempting to re-structure local authorities. **Mr Moughtin** referred Members to the documents responding to the consultation circulated by other authorities. Copies of these were distributed to Members.

The clerk was fully instructed in the content of a response to the consultation.

Full list of all current consultations on gov.im. This was **noted** by Members.

#### 12.153. **Correspondence**

- a. DoI – Local Authority General Election Review. Noted.
- b. DoI – Regarding NEETS. Noted.
- c. DoI – Reminded of legislation regarding Members Interests. Noted.
- d. DoI – Notice of Consultation on introduction of Fees for Planning Appeals.  
This was briefly discussed. To be placed on the agenda of the November meeting (response by 19<sup>th</sup> November)
- e. DoI – Notification of cessation of Induction Training for Commissioners.  
The clerk was instructed to write to the Department stating the Commissioners disappointment in this decision and requesting that the training be re-instated.
- f. Ramsey Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 am procession from Town Hall to Trinity United Reform Church. Noted.
- g. Lonan Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, All Saints at 11.00 am. Noted.
- h. Chief Minister – Invitation to National Service of Remembrance, St Johns, Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am. Noted.
- i. DoI – Isle of Man Marine Plan: statement of Public Participation. C/F.

12.154. **Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters:** No matters discussed.

#### 12.155. **PLANNING.**

##### a. **Decisions from DLGE:**

- 12/01080/B 13 Cronk Cardle, Alterations and erection of 2 storey extension – Approved 17.09.12  
12/00832/B Cronk ny Killey, Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement – Refused 02.10.12  
12/01195/B Margher e Kew, Erection of porch to converted barn – Approved 04.10.12.  
12/01176/B Port e Vullen House, New windows & alterations to existing windows – Approved 27.09.12

##### b. **Planning to Consider:**

12/01259/B **Ballig Farm**, replacement outbuilding.

Members had no objection to this application. Concern was expressed about the workings of the horse gin within the building. The clerk was instructed to raise this and request that MNH were notified, and all appropriate actions were taken to conserve this feature.

12/01273/B **Thie Lewaigue**, Extension to existing garage.

No objection. It was agreed that a condition indicating that the garage only be used in connection with the main dwelling and limiting the future use of the garage to non-residential should be requested.

12/00571/B **Shan Vallah**, Amended Plans re. extensions

The clerk was instructed to re-iterate the previous comments regarding over-intensive use of the site and the potential for overloading the storm water drainage on the site and in the area.

12/01237/B **Dawn , Slieau Lewaigue**, Alterations and extensions.

No objection. The proposed parking arrangements were analysed with interest in the light of the current difficulties (see AOB below).

12/01225/B **Ballaconn**, Alterations to existing garage.

No objection.

12/01316/B **Sarah's Cottage**, New vehicular access (retrospective).

It was noted that this was not the first retrospective application at the site in recent years. The loss of Manx hedgerow was regrettable. It was noted that Highways would determine the compliance of the visibility splays, etc.

b.i. **Appeal Matters:** None to discuss.

c. **Building Control Certificates, etc** None received.

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12.156. **Finance**

**FINANCES SEPTEMBER 12**

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
47	01-Aug-12	Brew & Corkill	537.84	89.64	2885
63b	03-Sep-12	Signrite iom	30.00	5.00	2908
64	24-Sep-12	NLASPB	1,500.00		2909
65		IOM Gov Tipping Aug	1,323.00	220.50	2910
66		Feltons Aug	30.57	5.09	2911
67		MEA Contract	194.40	32.40	2912
68		MEA Corony	7.68	0.37	2913
69		Kinrade AV July	184.80	30.80	2914
70	07-Oct-12	Island Contractors	160.00		2915
71		Clerk sal Bal	37.04		2916
72		IOM Gov NI & ITIP AUG	430.69		2917
73		Feltons Sept	42.99	7.16	2918
74		IOM Gov Tipping Sept	1,262.52	210.52	2919
75		IOM Gov CA Site 3rd Qtr	3,548.70	596.45	2920
76		KMPCC	25.00		2921
77		MEA PL	128.89	6.14	2922
78		Kinrade AV Sept	184.80		2923

12.157. **Any other Business**

**Mrs Fargher** advised the meeting that a resident had reported the siting of a caravan in a field in the Parish. The clerk was instructed to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer.

**Mrs Fargher** reported that she had witnessed motorbikes accessing the U92 at Glen Mona on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September at around 4.00 pm. The track has been closed to motorised traffic due to water erosion. **Mrs Fargher** reported that the police had been notified and the warden had been summoned, but no bikers had been detained.

**Mr Cowley** drew the attention of Members to the on-going situation with parked vehicles on the A2 at Slieau Lewaigue. It was noted that a large camper van had recently been parked facing the wrong way. The general situation was agreed to be hazardous. **Mr Cowley** pointed out that at night the vehicles were not being parked in accordance with the law. The clerk was instructed to raise these concerns with the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team again.

12.158. **General Correspondence/Information File.** No items circulated.

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12.162. **Any Other Business** none declared.

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

**Next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012**