

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD ON MONDAY March 11TH
2013, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners – Public Session

Present: Mr R.Moughtin (Chair), Mrs M. Fargher, Mr M. Cowley, Mrs C. Perks, Mr J. Quayle.
Clerk: M. Royle.

13.32. Apologies: All present.

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

13.34. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 4th of February 2013. **Mr Cowley** proposed that these were a correct record. Seconded **Mrs Perks. Resolved.**

13.35. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 4th of February 2013. The following matters were discussed.

13.36. Matters for Discussion.

- a. Information for consideration in regard to the offer for Maughold residents to join Douglas Library. Concerns had been raised in previous years with the knock on effect on both Ramsey Library and the mobile library of taking up this offer. The clerk read information from both Douglas and Ramsey Libraries on current usage by Maughold residents. It was noted that the issue had been raised in the minutes over the last few months and had been aired in the press. This had resulted in just one resident contacting the Commissioners in support of taking up the offer from Douglas. A temporary trial of the use of Douglas offer for twelve months was suggested but the proposal was not successful. It was resolved that the offer from Douglas should be declined.
- b. Response from Ramsey Commissioners (22.02.13) regarding costs of emptying Crossags bins. Correspondence from the Chief Technical Officer at Ramsey Commissioners was read indicating the nature of the costs incurred for the period that they had emptied the bins at the Crossags. These were noted. The letter advised that the matter would be discussed by the Board of Ramsey Commissioners at the next opportunity. Members agreed to await a response from the Ramsey Board.

13.37. Current Consultations for consideration:

DSC - public consultation on the Landlord and Tenant (Private Housing) Bill 2013 (previously circulated). This consultation was briefly discussed. No submission was agreed from the Board. It was noted that Members could submit individual comments separately if they wished.

DSC - Re: Housing (Standards) Regulations 2013; Housing (Registration) Regulations 2013 and Housing (Definition of House or Flat in Multiple Occupation) Order 2013 (previously circulated). This consultation was noted.

DSC - consultation on the Adult Services – Fair Access and Charging Consultation (previously circulated). This consultation was noted.

List of further current consultations had been circulated for information. Noted.

9.15

13.38. Correspondence

a. **MNH** – e-mail correspondence acknowledging report of damage to paths on Gob-ny-Rona. It was noted that sections of the path had been closed off following submission of the Commissioners report. **Mr Quayle** advised that a large pot hole needed attention on the approach road to Port Lewaigue Car Park. Clerk to report to DoI.

b. **MNH** – e-mail correspondence advising of temporary closure of Maughold Brooghs Car Park to allow surface to recover and regenerate. This matter was noted.

c. **Planning Enforcement Officer** – e-mail correspondence regarding a caravan in field in Parish. It was noted that this situation had not been resolved. Mr Cowley stated that Planning Enforcement must get on with implementing action in accordance with planning legislation. The clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Enforcement Officer requesting that the situation was resolved expeditiously.

d. **Ramsey Town Commissioners** – e-mail correspondence indicating usage of the library by Maughold residents. Noted.

e. **Zero waste Mann** – Invitation to a seminar on becoming a 'Green Island', Thursday March 14th, 7.00 pm Keyll Darree. Noted.

f. Information on recycling from **Askbuck** on private recycling services. Mrs Fargher stated that it would be good to have a recycling bin in the Parish for plastics. Mrs Perks referred to the rising costs of waste disposal and felt now was the time to push recycling. Mr Moughtin proposed inviting representatives from Askbuck to discuss the installation of additional recycling facilities. The information from Askbuck was placed into the Circulation file for discussion at the April meeting.

g. **IOM Water & Sewerage Authority** – e-mail regarding Port Moor works and meeting with resident. Noted.

h. **DoI – Re Levels of Attendance allowance etc.**

Members noted the proposals in this document to change the level of payments made to Members for attending meetings. It was noted that attendance allowance was paid from the rate income. One option offered was to raise the allowance to that for members attending Tynwald committees. This would entail a rise from £30 TO £87. **Mrs Perks** stated that a rise of this order was unacceptable in these difficult financial times; particularly when services were being cut across government. **Mr Quayle** proposed that the payments to Tywald Committees be reduced to the amount currently paid to local authority Members. This suggestion was welcomed by Members. **Mrs Fargher** supported these comments citing the cuts being made in other areas such as respite care. **Mr Cowley** commented that Commissioners were not money driven and put themselves forward for the benefit of the community. The consensus was generally against a large rise, although other options including no change at all and an inflationary rise were also proposed in the document. Members agreed to consider these options at the April meeting; these being, no rise at all, and an inflationary rise, at the April meeting. The document was placed into the Circulation File.

13.39. **Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters:**

Feedback from Messrs Kinrade following meeting with clerk on 27.02.13 regarding operational matters and Health and Safety. The clerk reported back on the discussions that had taken place in regard to litter bin servicing and health and safety. The forthcoming meeting on Health and Safety organized for local authorities by DoI was noted. This is taking place on Thursday 4th April, 6.30 pm at Murray House. (Mr Moughtin and clerk to attend).

Mr Moughtin raised issues in regard to chipping wheelie bins so that each property would pay for the exact weight of materials they disposed of. Members discussed various benefits and drawbacks in regard to chipping. The concensus was that this was an option that could be considered in the future.

Mrs Fargher referred to the bench in Maughold Village which was to be replaced. Mr Quayle to forward details of a supplier to the clerk. It is hoped to install the new bench in the spring.

Request from MEA re. cutting vegetation around a lamp post on Ballagorry Heights.

The clerk was instructed to forward indication that responsibility for these verges had never been transferred the Commissioners.

13.40. **PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DLGE:** The following decisions were noted.

12/01538/B **Fish Hatchery**, Installation of replacement bridge – Approved 12.02.13.

12/01483/B **Seawinds, Ballajora Crossing**, Amended plans for alterations, erection of extension, creation of a driveway and extension of residential curtilage - Approved 12.02.13.

12/01702/C **Creg ny Geay** The Colony, Additional use of dwelling as tourist accommodation – Approved 15.02.13.

b. Planning to Consider:

12/01706/B **Land Adj. to Booilushag House**, Erection of a dwelling, BPD Limited. Amended & Additional plans. **These amended plans were noted. The clerk was instructed to respond.**

13/00177/B **The Carrick, Port Lewaigue**, Erection of a replacement greenhouse.

No objection.

13/00203/B **Mill Croft**, Port e Vullen, Alterations and extensions to dwelling and creation of new vehicular access.

No objection.

13/00223/B **Dhoon Parsonage**, Extension to form additional bedroom over existing single storey kitchen. **No objection.**

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

b.ii. **Building Control Certificates, etc:** None.

13.41. **Finance** The following matters were noted:

FINANCES FEBRUARY 2013

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD	25-Feb-13	MT Feb	46.34	7.72	DD
120	11-Mar-13	Spotless	200.00		2970
121		MEA	28.01	1.27	2971

13.42. **Any other Business**

Mrs Fargher referred to the poor condition of the Quaker Road at Ballafayle. The surface was breaking away at the edges and there were potholes, etc. The clerk was instructed to contact DoI and ask for an assessment to be undertaken and necessary repairs carried out.

Mrs Fargher referred to the Ballagorry Drive Signs which are in need of attention. It was noted that DoI usually erected road signage. Clerk to contact Highways.

Mrs Fargher asked when the Daffodils would be judged. The clerk reported that this would take place on Tuesday 19th of March at 12.15 pm at the school. All members could attend. Mr Moughtin had asked Mrs MacOwan from Ballajora Artists to judge on the day.

Mr Cowley asked that the clerk contact Manx Telecom for an update on progress with the installation of the mast at Bulgham. The work had been started prior to Christmas, but it appeared that little progress had been made since January. **Mr Cowley** questioned what progress had been made with drawing up the contract for the mast. The clerk reported that this had not been completed to date. The clerk was instructed to contact Manx Telecom to request an update on progress with the contract.

13.43. **General Correspondence/Information File** The following matters were noted:

- a. **Dong Energy** - Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm Project – Mini Consultation Report – 2nd Round
- b. **DoI** - Tipping figures Feb 13, 26,660 kg (4 cycles) Equates to 14.43 kg per bin or 0.75 tonnes per household per year.
- c. **Nigel Cretney** – Invitation to Ecumenical Welcome Service, Sunday March 17th 2013, 3.00 pm, Dhoon Church.
- d. **Douglas Corporation** – Invitation to Chairman to function in Town Hall, 7.00 pm, Thursday 11th April 2013.
- e. **Malew Parish Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service, 3.00 pm, Sunday 3rd March 2013, Abbey Church.
- e. **DSC** – Request for meeting with the Commissioners to discuss Housing Review (meeting with GJIC 10.04.13).
- f. **DoI** – Consultation on proposed draft Building (Fees) Regulations 2013.
- g. Ramsey Commissioners – Scope of Government Meeting Details and Minutes of first meeting.
- h. **IOM Water and Sewage Authority** – Notification of works at Jack’s Lane (From 4th March for 14 weeks).
- I Various responses from **residents** regarding Boundary review.

Private Session

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

Next Meeting Monday 8th April 2013, 7.30 pm
