

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY May 13th 2013, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

Present: Mr R Moughtin, Mrs M Fargher, Mr M Cowley, Mrs C Perks, Mr J Quayle.

Clerk: M Royle.

The outgoing chairman, Mr Moughtin, opened the meeting by thanking all Members for their help, support and assistance in the last twelve months. He referred to the changes to local and national government structure that were being discussed by Tynwald which he suggested would need careful monitoring and attention in the coming year.

13.62a. Election of Officers for Year 2013/2014.

1362.b. Office of Chairman. The clerk took the chair temporarily in order that an election to this office could be made. **Mr Moughtin** referred to the practise of appointing the chairman on a rotational basis. Accordingly **Mr Moughtin** proposed current Vice Chairman **Mrs Fargher** as the Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by **Mr Quayle** and agreed unanimously.

Mrs Fargher thanked **Mr Moughtin** for his hard work in the previous twelve months adding that he had represented the Commissioners very well at local level in the parish and on the Garff Joint Committee, as well as at government level with his work representing the Municipal Association on the Whitley Council. **Mrs Fargher** said that she looked forward to working effectively with Members during her term of office.

13.62.c. Office of Vice-Chairman. **Mrs Fargher** Proposed **Mr Cowley**. Seconded **Mrs Perks**. Agreed unanimously.

13.63.a. Election of Representatives on Boards/Committees Year 2013/2014.

13.63.b. Municipal Association. It was agreed that **Mr Cowley** should continue as representative. Proposed **Mrs Fargher**. Seconded **Mr Moughtin**.

13.63.c. Northern Housing Board. It was agreed that **Mrs Fargher** should continue as representative. Proposed **Mr Quayle**. Seconded **Mr Cowley**.

13.63.d. NLA Swimming Pool Board. It was agreed that **Mrs Perks** should continue as representative. Proposed **Mrs Fargher**. Seconded **Mr Quayle**.

13.63.e. Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group. **Mr Cowley** to be the principal representative if there are issues to raise.

13.63.f. Garff Joint Initiative Committee. **Mr Cowley** jointly nominated **Mr Moughtin** and **Mr Quayle**. This was seconded by **Mrs Perks** and agreed.

13.63.g. Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team. Any available Member to attend if there are issues to raise.

13.64. Apologies: None. All Members present.

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

13.66. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 8th of April 2013. **Mrs Fargher** Proposed that those circulated be adopted as a correct record of the meeting. Seconded by **Mr Cowley**. Agreed.

13.67. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 8th of April 2013. No further matters raised other than those at 13.68 below.

13.68. Matters for Discussion.

a. To discuss response of the planning authority to **caravan** parked in a field in the Parish.

The length of time that this situation was taking to resolve by the planning authority was noted. Disappointment was also expressed that the Planning Enforcement Officer had not responded to the Commissioners' written request regarding the possible need for an application for change of use for the field. The clerk reported that a telephone message had also been left with the Department requesting a response. **Mr Quayle** stated that an inept response to this situation could set a precedent that would cause difficulties elsewhere in the future.

Action: *Mr Cowley proposed making an official complaint demanding a resolution to the situation and the inadequate responses to the Commissioners' queries. This was agreed. Correspondence to be sent to the Chief Executive of the Department of Infrastructure.*

b. Response from **Askbuck** regarding further recycling facilities.

The clerk read a response from the company which indicated it would be willing to attend the July meeting. It was agreed that correspondence should be sent confirming the meeting at the Dhoon Hall, 7.00 pm on the 1st of July. **Mr Quayle** referred to the possibility of collections of plastic from farms being undertaken. **Mr Cowley** stated that this could be considered for farms in Maughold if an operator like Askbuck were able to provide the service. He added that this matter could be discussed at the July meeting.

c. **Manx Telecom** – Response regarding contract and operation of new mast at Bulgham
This response was noted. The clerk was instructed to obtain and circulate a copy of the lease for Members to inspect.

13.69. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

List of current government consultations attached for information. Noted. The clerk was instructed to forward comment on the consultation on a 'Public Services Commission' as at 13.70.b below.

13.70. **Correspondence**

a. **Resident** – further correspondence in regard to use of Douglas Library. The comments were noted. Mrs Fargher stated that a decision made in good faith by Members and the clerk was instructed in response. Further correspondence was also noted in respect of where the residents bin was placed by the refuse contractor once emptied: the bin had been blowing down the steep road when conditions were windy. The clerk was instructed to consult the refuse contractor and advise Members if further incidents arose.

b. **Civil Service Commission** – Consultation on creating a 'Public Services Commission' to 'modernise' government's employment structures – by 31st May.

Action: *The clerk was instructed to forward a response indicating that there should be representation of local authorities on any new Commission.*

c. **Tynwald Enhancements Co-ordinator** – Request for information regarding events in the parish during Manx National Week. No information to forward. It was noted that Parish day is in the weeks following, and that any events planned would clash with events in the same week in Ramsey.

d. **Moore Stephens** – Offering services for preparing Financial Statements. This document was noted.

e. **Office of the Clerk of Tynwald** – Survey on Pre School Education Investigation by the Social Affairs Policy Review Committee. This document was noted. This document was placed into the C/F.

f. **Britannia International** – Regarding possible closure of reserve account facility.

Action: *clerk to organise changeover of type of account and ensure mandate is up to date.*

g. **DCCL** – Regarding Island of Culture preparations. This document was noted.

Action: *Members to bring ideas and comments to next meeting.*

h. Ian Faulds – Reverend Faulds was standing down due to the arrival of Reverend Lowdon. The clerk was instructed to send correspondence thanking Rev. Faulds for his work over the last years. Members agreed that he had always organised and presided over excellent services on behalf of the Commissioners and had served the parish well.

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

To discuss maintenance arrangements at Arboretum, Coronary Play Area, Coronary Verges, Maughold Village Car Park, etc. The clerk reported that Island Contractors would be taking over additional responsibility for maintenance of the CPA and Maughold Village Car Park. Hours and costs to be monitored.

Mr Cowley referred to the operation of the Refuse Collection vehicle by Kinrade Bros. He advised that he had observed the vehicle emerging onto Ballaragh Road in Lonan with operators being used as banksmen to ensure it entered that highway safely.

Feedback from clerk on H&S discussions with Mr Kinrade regarding TT refuse collections. The clerk reported that a meeting had taken place. Various measures had been discussed particularly relative to operation on the A2 during busy periods. Mr Kinrade was to assess operations and revise his risk assessments as necessary. A written assessment of risks and measures taken during TT/MGP would also be forwarded to the Commissioners prior to May 22nd 2013.

It was with great regret that the Board were advised of the passing of Mrs Louise Smith who had been instrumental in many projects in the parish, particularly at the Arboretum and school. Members referred to Mrs Smith's immense drive, energy and knowledge. She had also been a leading member of the 'Dhoon in Bloom' group which had motivated many volunteers to participate in cleaning up and maintaining areas of the parish. It was noted that Mrs Smith's funeral would take place at the Dhoon Church at 11.00 am on Thursday 16th May.

13.72. PLANNING.

- a. **Decisions from DLGE:** the following decisions were noted. No further actions requested.
 13/00203/B **Mill Croft**, Port-e-Vullen, Alterations and Extensions – Approved 23.04.13
 13/00223/B **Dhoon Parsonage**, Erection of an extension – Approved 10.04.13.
 13/00282/A **Laurieston House**, Boolilushag, AiP for erection of a dwelling – Approved 15.04.13.

b. Planning to Consider:

13/00476/B **Thie y Chleree** Installation of a replacement flue.
 There were no objections to this application.

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

b.ii. **Building Control Certificates, etc:** None received this month.

13.73. Finance

A spreadsheet indicating the status of the Commissioners accounts at the end of April 2013 was circulated and noted.

FINANCES APRIL 2013					
INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
2	08-Apr-13	IOM Gov CA Site 1st qtr	4,313.26	718.88	2986
3	02-May-13	MA AGM	49.50		2987
4	13-May-13	Kinrade AV Apr	192.00	32.00	2988
5		IOM Gov NI & ITIP			2989
6		Spotless Apr	220.00		2990

13.74. General Correspondence/Information File

a. **DoI** - Tipping figures Apr 13, 34,960 kg (5 cycles) Equates to 15.47 kg per bin (extrapolates to 0.804 tonnes per household per year.

The Garff refuse contract was discussed. It was noted that the rises in tipping charges at the EfW may have an impact on the manner in which the refuse round is structured and how the mechanism for apportioning the collection charges between the three authorities is calculated. These matters to be discussed at the next meeting of the GJIC and monitored by the Commissioners.

- b. **Northern Neighborhood Policing Team** – Minutes April 9th Meeting. Noted.
- c. **LGU** – information on reporting to Tynwald of clerks' salaries. Noted.
- d. **Armed Forces Day Committee** – Invitation to event at Villa Marina on Sunday 30th June, 3.00 pm. Noted.
- e. **Onchan District Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service; Sunday 19.05.13, 3.00 pm St Peter's. Noted.
- f. **Douglas Borough** - Invitation to Civic Service; Sunday 09.06.13, 10.30 am, St Thomas's Church. Noted.
- g. **Peel Town Commissioners** - Invitation to Civic Service; Sunday 26.05.13, 11.00 am, Peel Methodist Chapel. Noted.
- h. **DSS** – Information on MMR for distribution. Noted.
- i. **Dong Energy** – Update/information on Celtic Array Windfarm. Noted.

13.75. **Searches:** Three searches completed during month. Noted.

13.76. **Committees, etc.**

- 1. **Municipal Association** – Minutes of Meeting 28.03.13 and agenda for Meeting 25.04.13 in CF. E-mail regarding proposed meeting to discuss Whitley Council terms.
NOTE: AGM Agenda 24.05.13 in CF with accompanying documents. Three Members booked for attendance.
- 2. **Housing** – ntr.
- 3. **Swimming Pool** – ntr.
- 4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – Minutes 16.04.13 in C/F.
- 5. **Garff Joint Initiative** – Minutes meeting 10.04.13 in C/F. Next meeting Wednesday 10th July to include delegation from Braddan Commissioners regarding social housing. Mr Cowley noted that only Officers were in the delegation and advised that it would be preferable for a policical Member of Braddan Commisisoners to attend. The clerk advised that he had forwarded a request to Peter Hill to see if a Commissioner could be in attendance at the meeting.
- 6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 14th of May 2013, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall –ntr.
- 7. **Northern Local Authorities Meeting** – ntr. No meeting had been held.

13.77. **Any Other Business**

Mrs Fargher asked if Nigel Cretney would be invited to a future meeting to update the Commissioners on the Dhoon Church. The clerk was instructed to invite Mr Cretney to a forthcoming meeting.

Next Meeting Monday 10th June 2013