

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
MONDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 2013, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm** Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

Present: Mrs Fargher, Mr Cowley, Mr Moughtin, Mrs Perks, Mr Quayle.  
Clerk.

13.78. Apologies: all members present.

13.79. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda: no declarations made.

13.80. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2013. These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed **Mr Quayle**, seconded **Mrs Perks**.

13.81. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2013. None raised in addition to those at item 13.82 below.

**13.82. Matters for Discussion.**

a. To consider the response from the Department of Infrastructure to the Commissioners' complaint regarding the handling of the situation with the caravan parked in a field by the Rhowin Road.

**Mr Cowley** referred to the indication in the response that in their opinion matters had been handled appropriately and the situation would be resolved in due course. He said that the length of time the Department were taking to bring the situation to a close was very disappointing. Mr Cowley also stated that the Department should sort out the situation quickly and efficiently, but there was no indication in the correspondence of when they expected to bring closure to the matter. The consensus was that the situation should have been sorted out much quicker.

**Mrs Fargher** noted that the Department had advised in the letter that they were unable to reveal the content of some contact with the caravan owner. Members agreed that it was odd that any information should be withheld in regard to this case.

It was agreed that copies of the response and accompanying documentation should be forwarded to Mr Rodan. The clerk was also instructed to write to reply to the Department indicating the Commissioners frustration with the length of time being taken, and asking for the reasons why some information was being withheld.

b. To consider the draft contract as amended by the Commissioners' advocate in relation to the Manx Telecom mast at Bulgham.

This document was considered. **Mr Cowley** had raised concerns with the original drafting and noted that these concerns had largely been addressed by the Commissioners' advocate in the redrafted document. The only matter to correct was a deletion in section 3.6 which referred to use of the antenna and equipment by other operators. Mr Cowley felt that the deletion was unnecessary. This was agreed by Members.

**Action:** *clerk to instruct the advocate as above prior to the revised document being sent back to Manx Telecom.*

c. Island of Culture – to discuss events in Maughold during 2014

**Mrs Fargher** proposed that information be placed on the notice boards and website in order to ascertain the level of interest in contributing events to the initiative. This was agreed. Events already planned for next year can be included. **Mr Quayle** suggested forwarding details to the school, Maughold Social Club and Glen Mona Social Club.

d. To discuss status of refuse collection invoice for Crossags from Ramsey Town Commissioners – feedback from **Mr Cowley**.

Members referred to the letter from the Chief Technical Officer of Ramsey Commissioners received in February 2013 that had indicated that the Board of Ramsey Commissioners would be contacting the Commissioners in regard to the invoice that they had submitted for refuse collection at the Crossags. The clerk confirmed that to date no correspondence had been received from the Ramsey Board in relation to the matter. Maughold Commissioners had questioned the scale of the charges imposed by Ramsey. **Mr Cowley** advised members that

he had contacted Ramsey Commissioners in order to speak to the town clerk, Mr Whiteway. Subsequently he had been contacted by the Chief Technical Officer but the matter had not been resolved. Mrs Fargher proposed waiting for further contact from the Board of Ramsey Commissioners as had been indicated in the letter from the Chief Technical Officer. This was agreed.

e. To discuss arrangements for Civic Service 2013.

**Mrs Fargher** asked if the Commissioners wished to host a Civic Service in 2013. There followed a discussion of the necessity and purpose of the service. **Mr Moughtin** suggested that this was a matter for the chairman to decide each year. Mrs Fargher proposed that a Civic Service should be held and that it should take place at the Dhoon Church in late September. This was agreed.

**Action:** *Mrs Fargher to contact Mr Cretney and report back to the July meeting.*

f. Litter at the Gooseneck during TT inc. correspondence from Mr Thompson.

A large build up of litter at the Gooseneck had been reported to the DoI during TT. The Department is responsible for emptying the bins in this location. It appeared that the placing of the bins made them difficult to empty at busy times. Correspondence from the Department's Chief Executive, Mr Thompson, was noted, and his intervention was welcomed.

**Action:** *the clerk was asked to write to the Department asking that more effective arrangements are made for subsequent TTs.*

g. Attendance of Mr Nigel Cretney, minister of Dhoon Church, at a forthcoming meeting.

It was agreed that Mr Cretney should be invited to the August meeting.

**Action:** *clerk to forward correspondence.*

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

List of current government consultations attached for information.

### 13.84. **Correspondence**

- a. **Askbuck** – Confirmation that Mr Patrick Lewis will attend the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at 7.00 pm to discuss recycling services offered by the company. **Noted.**
- b. **Municipal Association** – notification of training forum seminar at the Strathallan Suite, Douglas Promenade on Thursday 11 July 2013 at 6.30pm (subject: human resources).  
**Mr Cowley** advised that this seminar was a part of a series intended to replace the induction training which used to be provided by the Local Government Unit. **Noted.**
- c. **Spotless Cleaners** – complaint regarding dog mess bags being placed in toilet bin at Dhoon Halt Toilets. The clerk reported that signage had been installed to deter this behaviour.
- d. **DoI** – Notification that the speed signs are to be returned to allow the Department to centrally control their placement.  
It was noted that for many years the Commissioners had been responsible for erecting the signs. During this time they had assisted in calming traffic on the A2 in Glen Mona.  
**Action:** *Clerk to ask the Department to ensure that the signs continue to be used to calm traffic in Glen Mona. Steve Rodan to be copied into the correspondence.*
- e. **DoI** – notification of extension to Jack's Lane Road Closure Order to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. **Noted.**
- f. **MNH** – Update on path closures on Gob ny Rona headland. **Noted.**
- g. **Mr Robertshaw MHK** – Invitation to Housing Review Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> of June (details circulated).  
**Mrs Fargher** advised that it was very important that Members attended this meeting as changes to the way in which local authority housing is administered and funded were being discussed. **Mr Quayle** stated that changes

were needed to the current arrangements. **Mrs Fargher** closed the discussion by saying that she didn't mind changes if they were beneficial to tenants, ratepayers and taxpayers.

h. **Tynwald** – tickets for Tynwald garden Party, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 2.30 pm. **Noted.**

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

- a. Feedback and updated risk assessments from Mr Kinrade in regard to refuse collection (includes amendment for TT/MGP periods) – copy documents attached. **Noted.**
- b. Clerk feedback following H&S meeting (21.05.13) with Mr Faragher of Island Contractors.  
The clerk reported on discussions with Island Contractors which had taken place prior to TT regarding additional health and safety measures that might be necessary during the period. Mr Faragher had advised that he took some holiday during race week and that any work that was undertaken involved off-road parking. Visitor numbers at the Arboretum remained similar during TT and the current risk assessment was deemed adequate to ensure public safety during the period.
- c. Feedback following meeting with Mr Faragher regarding maintenance at the Arboretum.  
**Action:** *the clerk was asked to clarify which areas of gorse were to be removed with Mr Faragher and obtain a written quotation.*

**13.86. PLANNING.**

**a. Decisions from DLGE:**

13/00476/B **Thie y Chleree** Installation of a replacement flue – Approved 23.05.13. **Noted.**

**b. Planning to Consider:**

13/00057/A AiP to erect dwelling on **land adjacent to Close Foillan**, The Colony, Port Lewaigue - **Noted.**

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

**b.ii. Building Control Certificates, etc:**

Completion Certificate for installation of multi-fuel stove and flue, **Chinook, Ballagorry Drive**. Dated 22.05.13. **Noted.**

**13.87. Finance**

**a. FINANCES MAY 13**

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD	25.05.13	Manx Telecom	46.07	7.68	DD
11	10-Jun-13	Island Contractors	170.00		2998
		Spotless May	220.00		2999
		MEA	26.30	1.26	3000
		Feltons	24.27	4.04	3001
		Chris Littler Webdesign	17.00		3002

Income Rates £16,065.20  
VAT (final YE 13 Payment) £ 3,055.58

b. Update from the clerk on progress with YE 2013 Financial Audit.

The clerk reported that the accounts were with the Commissioners' accountant for checking prior to submission to the auditors.

### 13.88. General Correspondence/Information File.

- a. **DoI** - Tipping figures May 13, 29,800 kg (4 cycles) Equates to 13.49 kg per bin (extrapolates to 0.701 tonnes per household per year. **Noted.**
- b. **Douglas Corporation** – Invitation to Civic Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Procession from Ridgeway Street at 9.50 am. **Noted.**

### 13.89. Searches:

### 13.90. Committees, etc.

- 1. **Municipal Association** – Next Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013.  
Feedback from **Mr Cowley** regarding the 2013 AGM. (Various documents in C/F). **Mr Cowley** reported that the AGM had been a very successful evening. It had included a talk by Bob Carswell on William Kennish, the 19<sup>th</sup> century poet and inventor from Ain Chea at Coronay Bridge.
- 2. **Housing** - ntr
- 3. **Swimming Pool** - ntr
- 4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – ntr
- 5. **Garff Joint Initiative** – Next meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July to include delegation from Braddan Commissioners regarding social housing. Mr Kinrade to attend to discuss refuse collection in the Ballaragh area. **Mr Moughtin** stated that the changes to the charging structure for tipping at the EfW meant that the mechanism for apportioning refuse collection costs in Garff needed to be amended. This process would begin at the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.
- 6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2013, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. **Noted.**

### 13.91. Any Other Business

**None**

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

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**Next Meeting Monday 1<sup>ST</sup> July 2013**