

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND 2013, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

Meeting with **Nigel Cretney**, Bishop's Missioner, Local Minister, at the Dhoon Church.
Mr Cretney forwarded apologies as he was unable to attend. Members wished him a speedy recovery.

Present: Mrs M Fargher, Mr M Cowley, Mrs C Perks.
Clerk: M Royle.

- 13.106. Apologies – the clerk reported that apologies had been received from **Mr Moughtin** and **Mr Quayle**.
13.107. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda. None declared.
13.108. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 5TH of August 2013. These were proposed as an accurate record by **Mr Cowley**. Seconded **Mrs Perks**. Resolved.
13.109. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 5th of August 2013. **Mrs Fargher** referred members to Section 13.110 below.

13.110. Matters for Discussion.

a. **Update on arrangements for Civic Service 2013** – **Mrs Fargher** advised that **Mr Cretney** was to forward an Order of Service to the clerk; clerk to copy prior to service. Reverend Lowden will preach at the Service. Mrs Fargher to select hymns. Mrs Fargher to select readers and advise the clerk.

b. **To discuss refuse tipping arrangements across the three Garff Authorities.**

The current arrangements for the sharing of tipping costs was discussed. It was noted that this was on the agenda for the GJIC meeting on the 11th of September. It was agreed that the document indicating how the current arrangement impacts on how costs are apportioned between the authorities should be circulated to Laxey and Lonan.

Action: *the clerk was instructed to arrange circulation of the document to all Garff Commissioners across the three authorities authority to make members aware of full picture.*

c. **Speed Limit area and traffic calming in Glen Mona.**

Further correspondence on this matter between Mr Rodan and a resident of Glen Mona was discussed. The Department had indicated that it would investigate the placement of a visibility mirror at the northern junction of the A2 and the Loop Road. **Mrs Perks** initiated discussion on several road safety matters including speeding cars and the overgrown hedge on the pavement to Dhoon School which needed attention to ensure safer passage of the children to school. **Mr Cowley** asked about the speed indicator signs which had not been installed in Glen Mona since Highways had taken over responsibility for their placement.

Action: *The clerk was asked by to re-iterate the request that the 'Smiley Face' signs be installed as frequently as possible around Glen Mona. Mrs Perks asked that the request for the hedge between Dhoon Church and Dhoon School be cut asap be repeated as no action had yet been taken.*

d. **Meeting with Mr Robertshaw to discuss amalgamation of public housing across Garff.**

The attention of Members was drawn to this forthcoming meeting on September the 11th. **Mrs Fargher** referred to the recent Housing Seminar that had taken place at the Mount Murray and at which the government and it's consultants had presented the contents and recommendations of the current Housing Review. She indicated that there had been general disappointment at the meeting because the opportunity for discussion had been kept minimal. It was felt that the representatives of the local authorities had been gathered to listen to government rather than to take part in a dialogue about how public housing would be administered in the future. **Mr Cowley** said that he was frustrated and disappointed with the performance of local authorities on this and a range of issues, stating that government need to be confronted and taken to task much more effectively than was currently happening. He suggested that local authorities needed to work more effectively to present a firm, single voice to government. It was hoped that the forthcoming meeting with Mr Robertshaw would give some opportunity to

discuss the provision of public housing across Garff. Mrs Fargher stated that she felt that, as far as possible, things should be locally controlled. It was noted that all Members could attend the meeting with Mr Robertshaw.

13.111. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

List of current government consultations circulated & attached for information. **Noted.**

13.112. **Correspondence**

- a. **DSC** – regarding Housing Conference 2013. CF. **Noted.**
- b. **DED** – Regarding 'Dark Skies project' and choice of a designated location in Maughold. It was noted that Port Mooar was to be designated as a location as part of this project. **Mrs Fargher** asked for this information to be placed on the website and for DED/MNH to be advised of the proximity of Beach Cottage to the designated site.
- c. **IoM Water and sewerage Authority** – Notification that works scheduled for September in Maughold Village have been postponed until early 2014. **Noted.**
- d. **Resident** – Re public access to beaches at Cornaa.
It was noted that land above the high water mark was privately owned. Members also noted that the landowner allowed public access to many areas above the high water mark, including the main beach at Port Cornaa.

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

- a. Play Area Inspection.

The clerk reported that a request to undertake an inspection had been made to Douglas which had been acknowledged. A date had not yet been set.

13.114. **PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DLGE:**

13/00666/B, **2 Cardle Cottages**, widen existing driveway to provide a turning space. Refused 08.08.13. **Noted.**

b. **Planning to Consider:**

13/00890/R **Sarah's Cottage Cornaa**, Creation of new vehicular access and front boundary wall (amendment to PA 12/01316/B retrospective).

Members registered frustration that the reinstatement of the hedge as indicated in the original approval had been superseded by a subsequent 'landscape plan' that the Commissioners had not been party to, and indicated the building of an extensive stone wall. **Mr Cowley** asked that a site meeting be requested with the planning officer to discuss how this situation had developed. Clerk to arrange.

13/90966/B **Elgin, Jack's Lane**, Alterations and erection of extension to dwelling.

Mrs Perks drew the attention of Members to the proximity of the new development to the boundary. Although there were no objections to the proposals it was agreed that this aspect should be referred to in the submission to the planning committee.

13/00913/B **Part of Field 024105**, Rhowin Road, rection of agricultural building, including formation of hardstanding area.

No objections.

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

b.iii. **Enforcement Matters:** none.

13.115. Finance

FINANCES August 13					
INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD	25.08.13	Manx Telecom	46.07	7.68	DD
42	07-Aug-13	Riley's Garden Centre	42.10	7.05	3033
43	02-Sep-13	Iom Gov Tipping July	2,873.93	478.93	3034
44		MD Devine (new toilet MV)	362.25	17.25	3035
45		IOM Gov ITIP and NI			3036
46		Island Contractors	400.00		3037
47		Kinrade AV July	192.00	32.00	3038
48		Spotless Cleaners Aug	220.00		3039
49		MEA MV toilets/carpark	26.04	1.21	3040

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

- a. **Marown Parish Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service 29th September 2013, Marown Parish Church 11.00 am.
- b. **Original Manx Fudge Factory** – Regarding Continental Markets.
- c. **Ramsey Town Commissioners** – Invitation to Civic Service 29th September 2013, Our Lady Star of the Sea And St Maughold's Church, 3.00 pm (procession from the Town Hall at 2.30 pm).
- d. **DoI** – Regarding Petitions Process.
- e. **DoI** - Tipping figures Aug 13. TBA.
- f. **Signed Sealed and Delivered** – Re. Mailshot services, etc.
- g. **DoI** – Notification of temporary closure of Ballure Walk, 16th September to 30th November 2013.

13.117. **Searches:** Maughold Lighthouse; Thie Shielin.

13.118. Committees, etc.

1. **Municipal Association** –

Agenda August Meeting, Minutes July Meeting, etc. C/F.

Mr Cowley advised that the next seminar would be on finance and budgets, date to be advised. He also reported that the recycling seminar had been well received.

Mr Cowley also drew the attention of Members to the forthcoming WW1 centenary celebrations, between 2014 and 2018, which were being coordinated from the Chief Secretary's Office.

2. **Housing** – ntr.

3. **Swimming Pool** - ntr

4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – ntr

5. **Garff Joint Initiative** - Next meeting Wednesday 11th September 2013. Minutes 10.07.13 in C/F.

6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 10th of September 2013, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall.

13.119. Any Other Business

Mr Cowley advised Members that a man had been given a caution following the discovery of a cannabis growing facility in the Parish.

The meeting was closed at 10.35 pm.

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Next Meeting Monday 7th October 2013