

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
MONDAY OCTOBER 7th 2013, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

Meeting began at 7.36 pm.

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

Clerk: M Royle.

Mrs Fargher welcomed a member of the public to the meeting

13.120. Apologies: all Members present.

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

13.122. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 5TH of September 2013. These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed Mr Quayle. Seconded Mrs Perks. Resolved.

13.123. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 5th of September 2013. These were dealt with at 13.124 below.

13.124. Matters for Discussion.

a. **Feedback on Civic Service 2013.** Mrs Fargher thanked Members for attending the service. She thanked the children of the school and the local musicians who had performed excellently at the service. Mr Moughtin congratulated Mrs Fargher for organising such a successful service. Mrs Fargher read a letter from Nigel Cretney thanking all those from the community who had contributed to the service at Dhoon. He advised that the collection monies would assist in offsetting the cost of the new organ and would be used to assist the running of the Dhoon Mums and Tots group. Mrs Fargher drew the attention of Members to the Dhoon Harvest Supper the following Sunday.

b. Update on refuse tipping arrangements across the three Garff Authorities.

The new arrangement for apportioning refuse tipping costs across Garff was discussed. Mr Moughtin proposed that the new arrangement should be adopted. This was seconded by Mr Cowley and Resolved.

There followed discussion regarding recycling. Mrs Fargher referred to the letter distributed by Port St Mary Commissioners to their residents encouraging recycling with a view to reduce tipping weights and hence charges. It was agreed that consideration should be given to the issue of a similar letter to all Garff residents

Action: *The clerk was instructed to contact Laxey and Lonan Commissioners to discuss the distribution of such a letter' and to report back to the November meeting.*

c. Feedback on meeting with Mr Robertshaw to discuss amalgamation of public housing across Garff.

Mr Quayle, Mrs Perks, Mrs Fargher and the clerk had attended. Members who had attended felt that the meeting had made clear that Mr Robertshaw intended that public housing in Garff be administered as part of one of the four proposed Housing Authorities, north east west and southern. Mr Quayle advised that it was intended that representation on these authorities would be based on the constituent areas rather than amount of housing. This would mean that Garff would have the same number of members on the housing authority as Onchan and Braddan. Mr Cowley suggested that there were other options, stating that the Commissioners needed to form a view as to whether Maughold's public housing should be administered by the East (along with Laxey and Lonan) or by a northern housing authority probably based from Ramsey.

Mrs Fargher stated that, as part of any changes, there should be reworking of allocation system to allow freer movement of public housing tenants across the Island; it was her view that the current allocation system restricted and limited movement of tenants and that the opportunity should be taken for the current arrangements to be reformed.

Mr Quayle said that several ratepayers had asked whether there would be any public meetings to discuss the housing review. Mrs Fargher said that there was little information in the public arena as yet. It was generally agreed that the use of such meetings would be limited in these circumstances.

There followed discussion of the Housing review process and the fact that the final recommendations would be released just 7 days prior to their submission to Tynwald. Mr Moughtin stated that this was insufficient time for local authorities to provide effective comment on the proposals.

Mrs Fargher stated that those who lived in public housing should be consulted on the changes. Mr Cowley agreed, but also stated that the views of the whole community should also be considered. Mr Moughtin agreed stating that all taxpayers had an interest in ensuring the new process was run efficiently and effectively. Members noted the invitation for them to attend the presentation of the recommendations of the Housing Review at Keyll Daree, on Thursday 7th November 2013, and agreed to monitor the situation as details of the new proposals were announced.

d. Request from Maughold Social Club for financial contribution towards **Bonfire Event**.

Mrs Fargher and Mrs Perks declared as interest in this matter as they are involved with the Club's Committee. Mr Moughtin proposed that an amount of £300.00 would be contributed from the rate income to fund this event. It was noted that all residents were able to attend and the event benefitted the whole community. Mr Moughtin's proposal was seconded by Mr Quayle. The sum of £300.00 was approved.

e. Renewal of Individual Member's Mandate details at Brittanica BS.

The clerk reported that all Members would need to provide details to enable access to the reserve account. Clerk to advise Members on this matter at the November meeting.

f. Proposal from Laxey to postpone this year's Garff Commissioners Carol Service.

Members noted this proposal and agreed to await confirmation.

g. 2014 Daffodil Competition at Dhoon School.

The clerk was instructed to liaise with the school and make arrangements.

13.125. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

List of current government consultations circulated & attached for information. **These were noted.**

13.126. **Correspondence**

a. **IOM Municipal Association** – Advising on forthcoming training forums, 18.30 at the Strathallan Suite (23.10.13, 'Risks for the modern Commissioner; 20.11.13, 'Understanding Financial Information').

This matter was noted.

b. **CSO** – regarding WW1 Commemorations 2014-2018.

Mr Cowley advised that the Chief Secretary's Office were acting as a centrepiece for co-ordination of the commemorations. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Allinson to obtain a date for renovation works on the war memorial at Kirk Maughold to be re-pointed.

c. **DoI** – Regarding linking details of youth events in the Parish to the Government website.

The clerk was asked to forward these details to MSC.

d. **Boundary Review Commission** – Regarding naming of the proposed new Tynwald constituencies.

This matter was noted.

e. **Ramsey Commissioners** – Copy of reply to Lezayre Commissioners regarding administration of DSC Housing in the North. **This correspondence was placed into the C/F.**

f. **Onchan Commissioners** – Copy of open letter to Chris Robertshaw re. Housing Review.

This correspondence was placed into the C/F.

g. **DSC** – Invitation to presentation of the recommendations of the Housing Review, Keyll Daree, Nobles; 7-9 pm,

Thursday 7th November 2013. This correspondence was noted. The clerk was instructed to forward details of number of Members attending.

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

- a. Play Area Inspection by Douglas Corporation 02.10.13. Noted.
Car Park. The clerk was asked to provide quotations for refurbishment of the car park surface by the November meeting.

13.128. **PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DLGE:**

12/01633/A **Grounds of Folieu**, AiP for erection of a detached dwelling; Seymar Developments Ltd – Refused 30.08.13. **Noted.**

b. **Planning to Consider:**

13/91019/B **Sycamore Cottage**, Jacks Lane, Erection of conservatory to side elevation; Dr A.K. Dashfield.
No objection.

13/91106/B **Ballagilly Farm**, Re-location of vehicular access into site, erection of new stable block and horse riding manege; Mr A.B. Byers. Leave to planners.

Some concern was expressed with the capacity of the Rhowin Road if the operation of the facility resulted in increased traffic. This is an access road for emergency vehicles during TT & MGP periods. The clerk was asked to refer the planning committee to policies in the Strategic Plan which concern equestrian facilities on agricultural land.

13/91136/B **Ballakilley Farm**, Erection of a replacement Barn; Mr Robert Quayle. **No objection.**

b.i. **Appeal Matters:**

12/01633/A **Grounds of Folieu**, AiP for erection of a detached dwelling; Seymar Developments Ltd. Statement by 11th of October 2013. Hearing Wednesday 23rd October, 9.30 am.
The clerk was instructed to submit comment.

b.iii. **Enforcement Matters:** Members fed back on the recent meeting with the Planning Officer at Ballaglass. Mrs Fargher advised that a series of retrospective applications at a property in the Ballasloe area had been discussed. Mr Cowley stated at the meeting that the effectiveness of the planning system depended on how such matters were policed and dealt with. The situation would be monitored. Mrs Fargher advised that the planning officer had provided further information on hedgerow management. The planning officer had also made Members aware of the difficulties being encountered when agricultural land was sold by agents as 'lifestyle' land. The planning officer confirmed that the only activity allowed on land zoned for agriculture was grazing. Mr Quayle stated that this was an issue that would become more pressing as more agricultural land was put up for sale. Mr Moughtin said that in these circumstances the rules need to be clear cut.

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13.129. **Finance**

The following matters were noted:

FINANCES SEPT 13

INV.	DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD	25.08.13	Manx Telecom			DD
50.a	07.10.13	IOM Gov Tipping Aug	2,052.22	342.04	3042
51		Vannin Office Point	65.79	10.97	3043
52		MSC Parish Day	753.06		3044
53		Island Contractors	250.00		3045

54	IOM Gov NI & ITIP			3046
54.a	MEA	335.88	39.10	3047
55	Kinrade Bros AV Aug	192.00	32.00	3048
56	Feltons Aug	12.61	2.10	3049
57	Kirk Maugh. Church	355.00		3050
58	NLASPB	1,500.00		3051

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

- DoI** - Tipping figures Aug 13. 2.982 tonnes (4 cycles). Equates to average of 0.85 tonne per bin per year.
Sept 13. 36.98 tonnes (5 cycles). Equates to average of 0.86 tonne per bin per year.
- Lonan Commissioners** – Invitation to their Civic Service. All Saints, Sunday 20.10.13. RM to go.
MF apologies.
MF asked for volunteers to Laxey CS this weekend.
- DoI** – Re: Consultation on Lower Douglas Masterplan.
- Jurby Commissioners** – Invitation to their Civic Service. 11.00 am, Sunday 20.10.13. Jurby Church

13.131. **Searches:** Thie Shielin, School House Road; Geay Varrey, Ballure Road; Thie Varrey, The Colony. Noted.

13.132. Committees, etc.

1. Municipal Association –

Agenda October Meeting, Minutes September Meeting, etc. C/F. MC sent apologies - ntr.

2. Housing – ntr.

3. Swimming Pool – ntr.

4. Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group – ntr

5. Garff Joint Initiative - see 13:124:b above.

6. Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team. Next Meeting Tuesday 8th of October 2013, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. Noted.

Mr Cowley advised Members on progress with the investigation into the growing of cannabis at a location in the Parish. A suspect had been apprehended, but had only been cautioned. The Attorney General's Office had told Mr Cowley that they were to revisit the policy on the use of cautions in scircumstances. .

13.133. Any Other Business

Mr Quayle suggested that a further location in Maughold be nominated as location to included in the 'Dark Skies Project. The clerk was instructed to seek the permission of the landowner prior to nominating the location.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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Next Meeting Monday 4th November 2013