

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
MONDAY NOVEMBER 4th 2013, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

Meeting opened 7.32 pm

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

13.134. Apologies: All Members present.

13.135. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda: No Matters declared.

13.136. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 7th of October 2013. These were proposed to be a correct record by Mr Quayle. Seconded, Mr Cowley. Resolved.

13.137. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 7th of October 2013.

13.138. Matters for Discussion.

- **Mrs Fargher** asked if contact had been made with Laxey and Lonan in regard to the issue of a letter to residents on recycling. The clerk reported that Laxey had indicated it would discuss the matter at their next meeting which was taking place later in the week. The Lonan clerk was away and a reply had not been received.
 - **Mrs Fargher** reminded members that mandate details needed to be updated at the Britannia Building Society. This was noted.
 - The clerk advised members to the need to discuss rate setting for YE 15 at the December 13 meeting. The effect on the rate of the forthcoming rise in tipping charges at the EfW was referred to and was a factor that needed to be included in the considerations.
- a. To discuss forthcoming presentation of the **recommendations of the Housing Review**, Keyll Daree, Nobles; 7-9 pm, Thursday 7th November 2013.
Members referred to discussions held previously with Mr Robertshaw and the likelihood that public sector housing currently administered by the DSC (as at the Corran) would be handed over to the proposed new housing authorities. It was expected that more details of the structure of these new housing authorities would emerge at the forthcoming meeting. **Mrs Fargher** stated that there would be implications for the residents of the Corran, and that they should be consulted with directly once the recommendations were made public. Mrs Fargher, Mr Moughtin and Mr Quayle to attend the meeting on behalf of the Commissioners.
- b. To discuss the proposal in correspondence from Ramsey Commissioners to DSC proposing that their Housing Officers take over running of public housing across the North; to include the Corran Housing (copy of letter from Lezayre to Ramsey on this subject (dated 10.10.13) to be considered).
Members had been surprised to hear that Ramsey Commissioners had written to government making this proposal as no consultation had taken place with any other of the northern local authorities. It was noted that housing had never been discussed at any of the two meetings between the northern authorities. It was felt that such claims in the letter from Ramsey completely misrepresented the situation. Mr Cowley stated that this was a further instance of the attitude Ramsey had to the other northern authorities; it did not bode well for future co-operation. Members noted that there were several other options for administering the Corran houses which had been discussed with Mr Robertshaw, the other Garff authorities, Braddan and Onchan.
Action: *Mrs Fargher proposed that a letter should be written to Ramsey Commissioners expressing the disappointment of the Maughold Board that they should submit proposals without consulting the local authorities of the north. Copy to Mr Robertshaw and the other northern authorities.*

- c. Feedback on meeting at Onchan Commissioners to discuss the Housing Review Process and implications.

Copies of notes of the meeting to be circulated in the CF.

Mr Cowley and **Mr Moughtin** had attended the meeting on behalf of the Commissioners. **Mr Moughtin** told Members that discussion had taken place in regard to the potential changes to public housing administration and refuse collection. **Mr Cowley** stated that although much discussion had taken place he was concerned that it was ensured that practical action would result. At the meeting it had been agreed that each authority would write to government to express concern that no meaningful consultation had taken place in regard to the forthcoming report to Tynwald on refuse collection. **Mr Cowley** suggested that it would be preferable for Maughold to do this with Laxey and Lonan through the Garff Joint Initiative. This was agreed. Maughold had also committed to the issue of a press release in regard to this matter on behalf of all the authorities present at the Onchan meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact Laxey and Lonan re. Letter to government.

Clerk to liaise with Mr Moughtin and Mr Collister at Onchan Commissioners in regard to the issue of a press release.

- d. Signing Off of audited accounts for YE 2013.

Mr Cowley asked the clerk to investigate the rate reduction that had been applied to a property in the Parish. Copies of the accounts had been circulated and considered. They were duly signed by **Mrs Fargher** and the clerk as Responsible Financial Officer. These to be submitted to the auditor.

Action: Clerk to submit accounts to the Auditors and to announce in the press and on the website that they were available for public inspection.

- e. To discuss revised contract for siting of mast at Bulgham.

It was noted that these were in order. All the amendments requested had been included. The clerk was asked to liaise with **Mrs Fargher** and make arrangements to have these signed and witnessed at CGB in Ramsey.

13.139. **Current Consultations for consideration:**

List of current government consultations circulated & attached for information. Noted. No further action.

13.140. **Correspondence**

a. **DoI** – confirmation that Domestic Tipping Charge at EfW Plant will increase to £79.50 per tonne as previously outlined. Noted.

c. **Laxey Commissioners** – Offer of office space at 35 New Road. Noted. It was agreed that the current office in the Village was the most cost effective option at present.

d. **MT** – Regarding decommissioning and removing the payphone opposite the Glen Mona Hotel. Noted. No further action.

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

- a. **To discuss the recent Play Area Inspection Report by Douglas Corporation 02.10.13.**

Mr Cowley asked if the clerk could write to Douglas to thank them for the report. Several matters needed attention. The clerk was instructed to make arrangements for the maintenance to be undertaken by an appropriate local contractor.

- b. **Arboretum Maintenance.**

It was noted that the gorse on the upper section was to be cut by a contractor at an appropriate time in the winter/spring.

- c. **Maughold Village Car Park surface refurbishment.**

Mrs Fargher asked whether quotations had been received for refurbishment of the entrance to the car park in Maughold Village. The clerk reported that these were being prepared by two companies, and that a tarmac finish had been recommended. Mrs Perks suggested obtaining a further quotation. Mr Quayle proposed that a concrete finish be considered.

Action: clerk to obtain additional quotes; to include prices for a concrete finish.

d. **Mr Allinson - War Memorial maintenance.**

The clerk was instructed to contact Mr Allinson to establish a date for the plinth to be re-pointed and a seal to be applied to the monument fabric.

13.142. **PLANNING.**

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

13/00881/B **Ballacreggan Farm**, Slieau Lewaigue, Erection of a cattle shed to replace existing chicken sheds – Approved 14.10.13.

13/91019/B **Sycamore Cottage**, Jacks Lane, Erection of conservatory to side elevation – approved 11.10.13.

b. **Planning to Consider:**

13/90966/B **Elgin, Jack's Lane**, Alterations and erection of extension to dwelling. Additional Plans to consider. **No objection.**

13/91241/B **Chinook, Ballagorry Drive**, erection of a replacement conservatory with room below. **No objection.**

b.i. **Appeal Matters:** none.

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

13.143. **Finance**

FINANCES OCT 13

INV. DATE	EXPENDITURE	GROSS	VAT	CHQ
DD 25.10.13	Manx Telecom	50.42		8.4 DD
66 4.11.13	Feltons Sept	57.88		9.64 3058
67	Allansons (Arboretum)	132.30		22.05 3059
68	IOM Gov NI & ITIP			3060
69	MD Devine (sink MV Toilets)	162.75		7.75 3061

13.144. **General Correspondence/Information File.** The following were noted.

- a. **DoI** - Tipping figures October. These were now reported as per the revised charging system with Laxey and Lonan. They had been received on the afternoon of the meeting and would be analysed at the December meeting.
- b. **Chief Minister** – Invitation to National Service of Remembrance, Sunday 10th November, 3.00 pm, Royal Chapel of St John.
- c. **Ramsey Commissioners** – Statement re. invoice for Crosssags refuse collection.
- d. **DoI** – Re Provision of hospitality or gifts from public funds.

13.145. **Searches:** Three searches were noted.

13.146. **Committees, etc.**

1. **Municipal Association** – Documents re. October Meeting in C/F. Mr Moughtin had attended the October meeting. He advised that the Association had discussed planning; specifically the problem of caravans.
2. **Housing** - ntr
3. **Swimming Pool** - ntr
4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – ntr

5. **Garff Joint Initiative** - The clerk reported that the minutes of the meeting of 11.09.13 had not been received from Laxey and that no date had been set as yet for the next meeting.
6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 12th of November 2013, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. Noted.

13.147. **Any Other Business**

RBL Cheque MC Proposed a figure of £200.00. Seconded RM. Resolved.

Mrs Fargher advised that at 2.00pm on the 17th November there would be a walk on North Barrule to the memorial to the American Airmen whose aircraft crashed there during the second World War. The walk to begin at the Corony.

Mr Cowley drewm the attention of Members to the recent coverage of green Lane issues in the press. Mrs Fargher referred to U92 being open over winter and the fact that the recently refurbished track was beginning to show signs of erosion. She asked that Members keep an eye on erosion of the path over the winter and report any damage.

The meeting closed at 10.12 pm.

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Next Meeting Monday 2nd December 2013