

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm** Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

Present: Mr W. M. Cowley (Chairman), Mr J. L. Quayle, Mrs A.M. Fargher, Mr R. Moughtin.  
M. Royle (Clerk)

14.72 Apologies: The clerk reported that Mrs C.P. Perks had forwarded apologies.

14.73. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda. None Declared.

14.74. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2014. **Mr Quayle** proposed that these be accepted as a correct record. Seconded, **Mrs Fargher. Resolved.**

14.75. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2014. No further matters than those at 14.76 below.

**14.76. Matters for Discussion.**

- a. Meeting with Department Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June Garff, 11.00 am DOI, Sea Terminal. Feedback.

**Mr Moughtin** advised that government had indicated they would provide full legislative support should the three authorities determine to amalgamate into a single local authority. Government were to begin drafting provisional Orders for such an amalgamation. However, those present from government were keen to ensure that the three authorities led and made the decisions on how a new authority would be managed and structured. Mr Rodan had made it clear that this was a local authority initiative, not a government one. This support would include advice from the Legislation Unit, drafting of a Tynwald Order as well as advice on transferring of assets and any liabilities to the new body. **Mr Cowley** asked who had been present. **Mr Moughtin** advised the meeting that Mr Ronan, Mr Rodan and Mr Robertshaw had been the political representatives from government. Two Senior Officers had also been present, Mrs Craig, Head of the Local Government Unitas well as Mr Corlett who led the Legislative Unit. There had also been two representatives from Laxey and Lonan, as well as himself and the Maughold and Laxey clerks. Mrs Fargher stated that the Commissioners needed to determine the implications of many aspects such as assets and liabilities, the administration of housing, and other matters. It was agreed that detailed investigations should continue.

- b. Investigations into the purchase of SID speed Indicator signs for Glen Mona.  
Several options and companies were considered. The clerk was asked to obtain a detailed quotation for two German manufactured units from 'RadarLux Radar Systems of Stratford on Avon in the UK.

- c. Glen Mona Bus Shelter.

**Mr Cowley** outlined his disappointment that a Senior Officer at the DOI had failed to respond to more than several requests for a progress report and discussion of the situation with the removal of the bus shelter in Glen Mona. The landowner had reported to **Mr Cowley** that further communication had taken place with the Department and there was some cause for optimism regarding an appropriate solution. Mr Cowley proposed that a letter be written to the Minister at the DoI pointing out the inefficiencies of his Department and outlining how they operate. This was **resolved**. Clerk to draft a letter and seek approval from **Mr Cowley**.

- d. Audit 2014 – The clerk outlined the need for a revaluation of assets. He advised that an agent had already been instructed in this regard. This was noted by members.

- e. Feedback from **Mr Cowley** on changes to restructuring programme for Policing following meeting at Noble's Park on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Info on this matter was placed into the CF. **Mr Cowley** advised that he had attended the meeting at which the Chief Constable had advised that policing services had now been stripped down to minimum. In his opinion the policing of the Island would suffer unacceptably if any more cuts were imposed in future. Members noted these matters. **Mrs Fargher** stated a concern that government was not prioritising policing at a satisfactory level. Members all agreed that the situation needed to be monitored and the police supported should further cuts be threatened.

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

**DOI** – Consultation on parking provision and public transport (Responses by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014).

**Mr Quayle** stated that although parking did not directly affect the Parish, it certainly would affect residents as they visited towns across the island. In particular he felt that this was an important issue to retailers. The proposal to charge teachers to park in schools was also discussed. It was felt that such an initiative may increase parking problems and other road traffic issues outside of schools. **Mr Quayle** referred to the proposals to charge pupils 50p for each bus journey to school. He pointed out that in previous times a pass was only issued if you lived more than a certain distance from school. Mrs Fargher referred members to the recent initiative by the Road Safety Unit to encourage children from Ballagorry to make use of the bus to Dhoon School. She felt that the use of buses should be encouraged rather than discouraged through charging. It was important to keep cars off the road as much as possible. The discussion closed with general comments about the implications of these proposals on road safety. The clerk was instructed in making a response to the consultation.

**DHA** - Consultation on the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill 2014 (Responses by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014). Document circulated previously and in CF. Members had noted these documents and a brief discussion of their content took place. It was **resolved** that these were matters which did not require a response from the Commissioners

#### 14.78. **Correspondence**

a. **DHA**, Communications Division – Proposed TETRA| Radio Siting on Mast at Bulgham.

These proposals for new mast and equipment were questioned by members. The clerk was instructed to contact the DHA and ask that the current mast be utilised and that any equipment be placed on the footprint of the Manx Telecom facility.

b. **Residents** – Copies of comment on planning application at Glen Mona car park regarding AiP for new dwelling. These were noted.

c. **Resident** – Re. property in Glen Mona.

The clerk was instructed in the terms of response to the resident's communication.

d. **MSC** – further correspondence regarding Parish Day.

This letter was read and its contents noted. A meeting is likely to take place in the autumn regarding the organisation of Parish Day.

#### 14.79. **Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters:**

- Maintenance Dhoon & Maughold Village Public Toilets.

The clerk briefed members on these matters. DEFA had been contacted to make repairs at the Dhoon toilets, whilst a new cistern had been installed in the gents toilets in Maughold Village.

- Preparations for Parish Day 2014. The matters to be undertaken by the Commissioners were noted.

- Information on litter Issues at Ballure Walks. Noted. DEFA were reluctant to install a litter bin in this area at the current time.

#### 14.80. **PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DLGE.** The following decisions were noted. no further action.

14/00560/B 9 Ballagorry Heights, Alts. To sun lounge and creation of garden terrace; V. A. McLeman – Refused 17.06.14.

14/00577/B Cronk ny Geayee, Ballagorry Drive, Erection of porch; Mr Peter Gorton – Approved 20.06.14.

**b. Planning to Consider: -**

14/00500/B **Land Adjacent to Brackenthwaite**, Port Lewaigue, AiP for erection of a dwelling. Various additional plans for consideration. It was resolved that consideration of these matters be left to the planners.

14/00700/B **Dreemskerry Farm**, Removal of existing detached garage and erection of replacement garage/equipment store; *application via agent* 'Construction Design Ltd'.

It was resolved that consideration of these matters be left to the planners.

c.i. **Appeal Matters:** - ntr

c.iii. **Enforcement Matters** - ntr

c.iv. **Building Control Matters** – the following matters were noted:

08/07526/DOM **Kerrowdhoon**, erection of replacement dwelling – Completion Certificate Issued.

98/07102/DEX **North Barrule**, Port Lewaigue Close, Studio over existing garage – Certificate Issued.

### 14.81. **General Correspondence/Information File**

The following documents were noted and would be circulated:

Documents in Circulation File.

Kestrel Insurance – Commissioners Public liability, etc. policy details for YE 14 (not in CF).

Treasury – Information on temporary rating of a property at Port Mooar.

Cabinet Office – Regarding future funding of swimming pools.

Clean A Way (IOM) Ltd – Offer of refuse collection services.

14.82. **Searches** – none this month.

14.83. FINANCES June 14

Update from RFO on preparation of YE 14 accounts for audit. The clerk reported that the accountant had almost completed the financial statements. The following outgoings were noted for the month:

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| SO | 25-Jun-14 | Clerk Sal May                 | 892.68   |        | SO   |
| DD |           | MT                            | 44.76    | 7.46   | DD   |
| SO | 30-Jun-14 | Kinrades RC June              | 3,275.40 | 545.90 | SO   |
| 20 |           | Island Contractors May        | 250.00   |        | 3150 |
| 21 |           | Office of the Data Prot. Sup. | 50.00    |        | 3151 |
| 22 |           | MUA (corony)                  | 12.70    | 0.59   | 3152 |
| 23 |           | IOM Gov Tipping May           | 2,841.97 | 473.66 | 3153 |
| 24 |           | MUA Maint Contr               | 194.40   | 32.40  | 3154 |
| 25 |           | IOM Gov NI & ITIP Jun         |          |        | 3155 |
| 26 |           | IOM Mun. Assoc                | 275.00   |        | 3156 |

#### 14.84. **Committees, etc.**

1. **Municipal Association** – documents relating to June 2014 in CF. Mr Moughtin reported that at the last meeting the Dark Skies Project had been discussed. The Association had also expressed support for the police and were concerned about the cuts that had just been announced. The commemoration of World War 1 had also been discussed.
2. **Housing** – Mrs Fargher reported that no response had been received from government in regard to the decision of the Sheltered Housing Board to reject bio-mass as a heating source in the new sheltered developments.
3. **Swimming Pool** - ntr
4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – ntr
5. **Garff Joint Initiative** - ntr
6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. The clerk was asked to forward apologies as there were no matters to raise.

#### 14.85. **Any Other Business**

**Civic Service 2014** – Members discussed ideas to commemorate WW1. It was agreed that there would be no Civic Service in 2014, but that an activity of commemoration would be organised for a time during November 2014. WW 1 commemoration not supportive. The clerk was instructed to contact the school and liaise with Mrs Shimmin: it was felt that the children could perhaps become involved through activities such as research or music. Members were asked to consider the matter and bring ideas to the August meeting.

**Meeting Closed 10.30 pm**

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| <b>Next Meeting Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> 2014</b> |
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