

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY  
August 4<sup>th</sup> 2014, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm** Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

- 14.86 Apologies: **The clerk reported that Mrs Perks had forwarded apologies.**
- 14.87. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda. **None declared.**
- 14.88. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2014.  
**Mr Moughtin proposed that these were an accurate record. This was seconded by Mrs Fargher. Agreed.**
- 14.89. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2014. **No further matters raised additional to 14.90.**
- 14.90. **Matters for Discussion.**
- a. Purchase of **SID speed Indicator** signs for Glen Mona. **Mr Cowley** confirmed that two signs had been ordered as approved at the last meeting. He also advised that these had the ability to collect traffic data that could prove useful in identifying times and patterns of when speeding occurred. It was hoped that the Commissioners would take delivery in the next 4/6 weeks. It was agreed that the SID signs are a significant factor in calming traffic in Glen Mona and around the school.
  - b. **Glen Mona Bus Shelter**: update on contact between **Mr Cowley** and the Department. **Mr Cowley** referred to a the letter he had sent on behalf of the commissioners outlining the disappointment with the manner in which the Department had removed the shelter and how poorly they had communicated with the landowner, community and commissioners in regard to the matter. **Mr Cowley** advised that his letter had also referred to the ministerial reshuffle which had taken place in the interim and which had added to government's ability to distance itself from the decision to remove the shelter. It was felt that this was unacceptable and that someone should take responsibility for a decision which had had such a detrimental effect on the community. It was noted that following receipt of the letter a meeting had been swiftly arranged with Mr Rodney Christopher. Mr Cowley briefed members on the discussions that had taken place at this meeting. It appeared that government was relying on 'financial regulations' to justify its action to remove the shelter. **Mr Cowley** had previously pointed out the cost implications for re-siting a shelter in terms of road and pavement enhancements that would have to take place. Mr Cowley had informed Mr Christopher that the impression being created was that the Department had little respect for the community or for elected representatives. **Mr Quayle** stated that the whole process had demonstrated how hard it was to get anywhere when dealing with government. **Mr Cowley** advised that Mr Christopher and his Department were discussing an arrangement with the landowner of the original site: details would be forthcoming. **Mr Quayle** stated that this was clearly the most cost effective option. Members agreed that it was to be hoped that government could negotiate fairly and effectively with the landowner. **Mrs Fargher** noted that several months had passed and still the situation had not been resolved. She asked that the Commissioners continue to monitor the situation closely.
  - c. Audit 2014 update from RFO. Clerk reported that the Commissioners financial statements and accounts for YE 14 had been submitted to the auditors on 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2014.
  - d. Claiming of Attendance Allowance.  
The clerk reminded Members of the need to submit the new claim form that had been previously circulated. There followed discussion of the new procedure and how government had completely ignored its own proposals it had put forward in the consultation it had initiated. It was also noted that government had also ignored the feedback received from local authorities in relation to providing a cost effective administration system. It was agreed that the Minister of DOI at the time, Mr Cretney, had allowed his Department to implement a system that introduced new levels of bureaucracy with additional administrative costs. It was noted that Members of Maughold Commissioners had in the past only claimed

for the statutory monthly meeting. No members had ever taken up the option to claim for other meetings or for travel expenses. The new system encouraged members to claim for attendance at all meetings and for preparation and post meeting duties. It was agreed that the previous procedure was straightforward and transparent to the public and auditors and should have been retained.

e. To discuss Commemoration of World War 1.

Further discussion took place on an event in November to commemorate the first world war. The clerk reported that the school had been contacted and would be willing to assist. Further liaison to take place in September. The possible content of a commemorative event was discussed. **Mr Quayle** suggested that the schoolchildren/choir could sing popular songs from the time, etc. with school. There could also be an exhibition of information in the hall on those from the area who fought in the war. Mrs Fargher suggested that the event may form part of an expanded Remembrance Service at Kirk Maughold which involved a visit to the war memorial. Mr Quayle proposed that large poppies be placed on the signs at the entrances to the Parish.

Actions: the clerk was instructed to contact Reverend Lowden to establish how the church was planning the Remembrance Service, and to also contact Mrs Barnes with a view to providing light refreshments in the church hall. Clerk to contact RBL to obtain large poppies.

f. The clerk advised that **Maughold Social Club** had been advised that the Commissioners were willing to meet in the autumn to discuss matters raised in regard to Parish Day.

**g. Quote for noticeboard**

Members examined the quotation from Mr for £425.00. The clerk was instructed to place an order for a noticeboard as quoted. The clerk was also asked to obtain a further price for an inscription bearing the name 'Maughold Parish Commissioners'. **Mr Cowley** proposed that minutes only be displayed in Glen Mona as they were now available on the Commissioners' website. It was agreed that a decision on this matter be deferred until the new noticeboard was in place.

**14.91. Current Consultations for consideration:**

None were deemed applicable to the Commisisoners' business this month.

**14.92. Correspondence**

a. Communications Division DHA – Information regarding request for a Tetra Site at Bulgham 02.07.14.

It was noted that DHA had now approached Manx Telecom requesting use of the new mast site at Bulgham.

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

The clerk reported that he had spoken with Mr Kinrade during July and that Mr Kinrade had reported verbally that there had been no matters, incidents or issues in regard to Health and Safety.

It was noted that the new SID signs would assist with traffic calming in Glen Mona; speeding on the A2 on this section continued to be a concern for residents.

**14.94. PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DLGE:** The following matters were noted. NFA.

14/00603/B Reuben Place, Ballajora Hill; erection of conservatory – Approved 26.06.14

13/91300/B Cronk ny Killey, Jallow; demolition and erection of replacement dwelling – Approved 26.06.14.

14/00500/B Land adjacent to Brackenthwaite – Approved 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

14/00607/A Land Adjacent to Glen Mona Hotel Car Park, AiP for erection of a dwelling; Heron & Brearley – Refused July 2014

14/00700/B **Dreemskerry Farm**, Removal of existing detached garage and erection of replacement garage/equipment store – Approved July 2014

b. **Planning to Consider: -**

14/00794/B Deepdene, Port Lewaigue, Installation of replacement flue and re-instatement of two windows - No objections were raised.

14/00879/B Holiday Cottage, Primrose Lodge, Alteration and Extension to existing porch - No objections raised.

14/00898/B Cerise Cottage, Ballure Holiday Homes, Alterations and extensions to provide car port and additional living accommodation and associated external decking area.

The Commissioners noted the size and scope of the extensions and alterations and also noted Housing Policy 15 (Section 8.12.2 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan). However, the location of the property, its new residential status, and the status of the holiday complex are factors which determine whether Housing Policy 15 is of relevance to the application. Members requested that the Planning Committee’s attention be drawn to these matters.

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

c.iii. **Enforcement Matters -** Former mine at Ballasloe; erection of dwelling, sheds, etc – No further action.

**Noted.**

c.iv. **Building Control Matters – Noted.**

14/07086/DGA Lih Acer, Port e Vullen; Enlargement of current garage.

04/07239/DEX 15 Cronk Cardle, Two Storey Extension.

**14.95. General Correspondence/Information File**

**The following documents in the Circulation File were noted. No further discussion requested.**

DOI – Refuse Tipping Weights June 2014 (31.41 tonnes; 5 cycles).

NNPT – Minutes May meeting.

Municipal Association – Various Documents including June Minutes.

Treasury – Press release regarding Audit Costs for local government.

Blue Wave Broadband – Advice that service is available in Maughold.

**14.96. Searches –** Eago, Port e Vullen; 6 Ballagorry Heights. **Noted.**

**14.97. FINANCES July 14 Noted.**

28		MUA Public Lighting	132.04	6.14	3158
30		Spotless	220.00	220.00	3160
31		Kirk Maughold Church Rent	380.00		3161
32		M.D. Devine Plumber	252.00	12.00	3162
33	08-Jul-14	Signrite	69.60	11.60	3163
34	25-Jul-14	MUA Water Rates	16.73		3164
DD		MT	47.51	7.92	DD
35	04-Aug-14	Spotless July	220.00		3165
36		Vannin OfficePoint	29.07	4.85	3167
37		IOM Gov Tipping June	2,996.52	499.42	3168
38		IOM Gov CA Site 2nd Qtr	4,645.96	774.33	3169
39		Island Contractors	250.00		3170
40		Lonan Comms (signage)	191.19		3171

14.98. **Committees, etc.**

1. **Municipal Association** – documents relating to July 2014 meeting in CF. Mr Moughtin referred to a presentation on gaining UNESCO approval for Island environment. Eddie Teare to be at next meeting. Mr Moughtin raised concerns with the manner in which the meeting was chaired. He was asked to raise this matter as an agenda item at the August meeting.
2. **Housing** – Mrs Fargher advised that sheltered housing is available for Maughold residents in Ramsey. Application forms are available from Ramsey Town Hall.
3. **Swimming Pool** – Info from Mrs Perks in CF.
4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – ntr  
There followed discussion of hedge cutting.  
AP It was agreed that hedge cutting should be raised at the next meeting.
5. **Garff Joint Initiative – Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014** (Chief Constable in attendance to discuss police budget cuts). Mr Moughtin and Mr Quayle to raise issue of hedgecutting at meeting.
6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team**. Next Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. - Ntr. **Noted.**

14.99. **Any Other Business**

- Statement from Ramsey Commissioners regarding provision of services in 2013.  
It was noted that no response had been gained from political Members of Ramsey Commissioners in regard to this matter. Clerk was instructed to advise officers at Ramsey that a response from the Board had not been forthcoming despite written and verbal contact. No further action instructed.
- Electronic Banking – The clerk was instructed to investigate this matter at the next meeting with the bank and report back.
- Death of Michael Pfeifer from the Gruseleck. This was noted with much sadness. The Commissioners were advised that the Gruseleck intended to install a small permanent memorial to Michael at the Dhoon site.

Meeting closed at 22.15.

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**Next Meeting Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**