

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY  
OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2014, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm** Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

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

14.114 **Apologies:** All Members present.

14.115. **Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda:** None declared.

14.116. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.** These were agreed to be a correct record of the business at the meetings. Mr Cowley signed the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 and Mr Moughtin the record of events on 1<sup>st</sup> September when a quorum had not been formed.

14.117. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 and 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2014.**  
Members referred to matters at 14.118 below.

14.118. **Matters for Discussion.**

**a. SID speed Indicator signs for Glen Mona.**

Mr Cowley briefed members on the installation of the two new speed signs. Members agreed that they had had a noticeable effect on calming traffic as it entered Glen Mona. The request from DoI that they should be taken down was noted. It was also noted that the Commissioners had supportive correspondence from the IOM Constabulary in regard to their placement in Glen Mona. The ability to collect a range of speed data from the signs was discussed and it was agreed that these figures should be accessed and reported at the next meeting.

Mrs Perks pointed out that in the absence of the bus shelter the speed signs were very useful. Mr Cowley advised that the landowner had contacted him and told him that he had received written indication from Mr Christopher at DoI that an arrangement to re-install the shelter would be possible. Mr Cowley stated that no communication had been received from the Department despite an assurance from Mr Christopher that he would keep the Commissioners updated about the progress of the negotiations with the landowner and the views on the value of the land from the government valuer. Mrs Fargher raised concerns about the length of time the situation was taking to be resolved, particularly as autumn was now upon us. Mrs Perks stated that she had noticed bus users, including children, using the southbound shelter in bad weather and crossing the road as the bus arrived. It was agreed that this was not a satisfactory situation from a road safety viewpoint. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Christopher requesting that the shelter was re-installed as soon as possible.

**b. Claiming of Attendance Allowance.** The clerk agreed to provide information to members in this regard.

**c. To discuss Commemoration of World War 1.**

It was agreed that it would be preferable to hold an event on Remembrance Sunday if possible, however the commemoration could be held at a later date if necessary.

The clerk was instructed to contact Margaret Cleator and Reverend Lowden to find out what time the service would be held on Remembrance Sunday and to reserve the hall. He was also asked to meet the Headteacher with a view to the participation of the children in the service and display.

Mrs Fargher asked if Mrs Barnes could be contacted to arrange refreshments.

**d. Feedback on the recent 'Big Debate' meeting.**

Mr Cowley, Mr Moughtin, and Mr Quayle had attended for the Commissioners. Only two MHKs had been present. Mr Robertshaw had conceded that the relationship between government and local authorities

needed to be closer and more effective and that more trust needed to be established. Mr Cowley advised that Mr Robertshaw had admitted that government and its departments had not communicated well with local authorities in the past and that this needed to change; new, more effective, relationships needed to be developed.

- e. **DED** – Notification of intention of the department to grant mineral prospecting licences (including mines along the Corony Valley). These documents were noted and placed into the Circulation File.

14.119. **Current Consultations for consideration:** (A list of current consultations had been circulated)  
Mr Quayle referred to the contents of the Equality Bill. He had noted several details which he felt required comment. These being that the legislation should give written protection to against discrimination to those of school age who become pregnant. It was felt that their access to education should be noted in any Act that is produced. Members also agreed that the whole Bill should become legislation when finalised as it had been suggested in the document that it would be implemented in stages. It was felt that this method was too piecemeal and that if the legislation were drafted it should all be implemented.

#### 14.120. **Correspondence**

**Mr Watterson MHK** – Response regarding Commissioners concerns over cuts to the policing budget.

The clerk read a response from Mr Watterson about the concerns of the Commissioners following the recently announced cuts to the policing budget. Mr Watterson assured that he would strongly resist any further cuts in the future.

**Maughold Social Club** – Request for assistance with costs of Bonfire event.

It was agreed to donate £300.00 to the club to assist with the funding of this event.

**Resident** – Regarding caravan sited on slopes of Barrule. The clerk read a letter from the Planning Officer indicating that a more permanent structure was being considered at this location. This would of course require planning permission. Members indicated that they would closely scrutinise any application for a new building in this extremely sensitive location.

**Resident** – copy correspondence to Northern Housing Board in regard to sheltered housing allocation.

These documents were discussed and the general process and criteria of sheltered housing allocation discussed. The documents were noted and re-circulated for all members to scrutinise.

**Resident** – Copy correspondence to Mr Rodan re request for traffic mirror and other highway changes in Glen Mona. The clerk reported that DoI were against the idea of a mirror in this location. A local landowner had declined permission to mount a suitable pole. These matters were noted.

**Resident** – regarding repairs to ride-on mower.

It was agreed that the Commissioners were not in a position to assist with rates monies in this case. These matters were noted and the clerk instructed to reply to the resident.

**Legal Aid Committee** – Review of legal aid system and funding. This document was noted and placed into the Circulation File.

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

##### **Replacement bench at Arnhem Oak in the Arboretum.**

The clerk reported that the bench beside the Arnhem Oak had collapsed and been removed. The clerk was instructed to contact a resident who had expressed an interest in placing a memorial bench in the Parish.

##### **Gruseleck Memorial, Dhoon.**

The clerk relayed events in regard to the memorial cross to Michael Pfeiffer which had been placed at the Dhoon corner during TT and removed and disposed of in a hedge nearby several weeks later. The clerk reported that Mr Chambers of Ballagorry was assisting in liaising with the Gruseleck to have a facility to be erect the cross temporarily during TT.

##### **Tipping Ballaglass Glen Track.**

It was noted that a large amount of plasterboard, lino and plumbing equipment had been tipped on the track from Corony Hill to Ballaglass Glen. The clerk reported that it appeared to be commercial waste from

a builder. It was noted this was illegal fly-tipping on a large scale on a public right of way. And that the disposal of commercial waste requires a licence from Waste Operations for dealing with such waste. The clerk was instructed to report the matter to the police and DoI Waste Operations. Any member of the public with any information as to the identity of the offender is asked to contact Ramsey Police on 812234 or the Commissioners Warden on 422148.

14.122. **PLANNING.** The following matters were noted:

a. **Decisions from DoI:**

14/00879/B **Primrose Lodge**, Alteration and extension to porch, Slieau Lewaigue – Approved 05.09.14

14/00898/B **Cerise Cottage, Ballure Holiday Homes**, Alterations and extensions to provide car port, additional living accommodation and decking, etc – Approved 04.09.14.

14/00976/B **Ballakew, Ballagorry Drive**, Raise roof, front balcony & erection of extension to rear – Approved 18.09.14.

14/00949/B **Dreemskerry Farm**, extension(conservatory), Approved 01.10.14.

14/00963/B **Rhianfa**, Ballafayle, replacement roof to conservatory, Approved 30.09.14.

b. **Planning to Consider: -**

14/01052/B **Thie ny Cronk, Ballajora**, extension to garage with roof terrace over.

**No Objection**

14/01028/B **Modena View, Ballajora**, New tennis court, fencing, pond, associated landscaping and retaining structures.

Several concerns were raised with this application in regard to the impact on the landscape and in particular the view from the Maughold Conservation Area. The clerk was asked to raise concerns about lighting and any consequent light pollution, the type of fencing that would be installed and the gabions. It was felt that native, screening should be planted. Members felt that if the application were approved, conditions should be placed to ensure the impact of the tennis court and landscaping were minimised.

14/01029/B **Modena View, Ballajora**, New extension to form additional living accommodation. Members noted that although a substantial extension this addition would not be over intrusive into the view from Maughold Head, the Crowgreen Trench and the general conservation area. They agreed to leave this matter to the consideration of the planners.

c.i. **Appeal Matters:** - none

c.iii. **Enforcement Matters** – Update from the Planning Enforcement Officer on the caravan sited in field north of Hibernia. **Noted.**

c.iv. **Building Control Matters** – Completion Certificate 07/07473/DOM **Sarah's Cottage**, Ballasloe, construction of replacement dwelling.

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14.123. **General Correspondence/Information File**

Documents in Circulation File. **These matters were noted.**

- DOI – Refuse Tipping Weights July 2014/August 2014.
- Municipal Association – Various Documents re. September meeting.
- Lonan Commissioners - Civic Service, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 11.00 am, All Saints, Lonan.
- Andreas Parish Commissioners - Civic Service, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 11.15 am, Andreas Parish Church.
- Jurby Parish Commissioners - Civic Service, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 11.00 am, Jurby Parish Church.
- DHA – Update on discussions between DHA and MT regarding further telecommunications equipment at Bulgham.
- Woodland Trust – Request for land for memorial planting.
- DED – Notification of intention of the department to grant mineral prospecting licences.

14.124. **Searches** – None this month.

14.125. FINANCES September 14 These matters were noted and payments approved.

DD	MT		47.20	7.87	DD
56	06-Oct-14	IOM Gov NI & ITIP			3187
57		IOM Gov Tipping Aug	2,749.43	458.24	3188
58		NLASPB 15	1,600.00		3189
59		Feltons	30.99	5.16	3190
60		Manx Utilities	194.40	32.40	3191
61		Manx Utilities	13.06	0.61	3192
62		Radarlux UK Ltd	6,753.71	1,125.62	3193
63		MSC PD	698.58		3194
64		Vannin Office Point	34.21	5.71	3195
65		Island Contractors	250.00		3196
66		Kinrade Bros AV Aug	216.00	36.00	3197
67		Spotless Cleaners Sept	230.00		3198
68		MUA Publ Lighting	127.80	5.94	3199

14.126. **Committees, etc.**

1. **Municipal Association** – documents relating to August 2014 meeting in CF. Mr Moughtin briefed members on the matters that had been covered at the September 2014 Meeting.

2. **Housing** - ntr

3. **Swimming Pool** – Mrs Perks advised that funding of the pools across the Island was being discussed.

4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – Mr Cowley requested that the SID signs be raised as an issue at the next meeting. He requested that the clerk collect records of past dealings with the Department of Infrastructure in regard to the use of SID signs in Glen Mona, and that other authorities be approached to establish whether they had been granted licences by DoI to install them.

5. **Garff Joint Initiative – Next meeting 15<sup>TH</sup> August 2015.**

There followed discussion of the wording of an Act for amalgamation of the three Garff Authorities. A copy of the Act for joining of Onchan Village and District was placed into the Circulation File. Members to forward comment to the clerk to be taken to GJIC on 15.10.14. Members discussed issues in regard to assets & liabilities held by Laxey and Lonan.

6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. Noted.

14.127. **Any Other Business.** None raised.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

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**Next Meeting Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014**