

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY
December 1st 2014, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

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

Meeting opened at 7.32 pm.

14.141. Apologies: **all members present.**

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

14.143. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd of November 2014. **Mr Quayle** proposed the minutes as circulated as a correct record. Seconded. **Mrs Perks. Resolved.**

14.144. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 3rd of November 2014.

Mrs Fargher referred to the comments made regarding the proposed Remembrance Commemoration in November 2015. She advised that she had undertaken some research and found names of men from Maughold in a book titled "Island at War". This information would be circulated. She also advised that she had passed names on to Anne & David Craine who had visited some of the graves on a recent trip to Ypres. F Island at War book Anne Craine RBL trip to Ypres visited Maughold graves. **Mr Moughtin** advised that Mrs Stephens had offered to plant poppies at the Arboretum, particularly around the Arnhem tree & compass, etc.

14.145. **Matters for Discussion.**

a. to discuss transfer of services from DoI to the Commissioners and Expressions of Interest from contractors.

Mr Moughtin, Mr Cowley and **Mr Quayle** briefed the other members on the content and outcome of the recent GJIC meeting with MR Gawne, the DoI Minister. It had been a very positive meeting and Mr Gawne had indicated that the imminent rise in fees for tipping at the EfW plant would not be implemented if the authorities took over gully cleaning, hedge-cutting and street cleaning on the minor roads. **Mr Moughtin** proposed that meetings be arranged to notify the public that the Commissioners were taking over these services. This was seconded by **Mrs Fargher** who stated that it was good to keep the public informed. **Mr Quayle** and **Mrs Perks** opposed the proposal stating that they felt that the Commissioners did not have enough information and detail to give to the public at this stage. **Mr Cowley** agreed and suggested that at this stage the web site and media could be used at the moment to inform the public of the on-going discussions.

b. To discuss future of the telephone kiosk at Port e Vullen.

It was noted that the Commissioners or a local body could take over responsibility for the phone box. The clerk advised that local interest had been expressed in preserving the structure of the kiosk. Maughold Social Club were also considering options to run and maintain it and would return to the Commissioners after their December Committee meeting.

c. Impact of Closure of Ramsey Post Office on Maughold (correspondence received from resident and S.C. Rodan SHK).

Mr Moughtin advised Members that the Post Office actually made a profit, but was in deficit as it had to make an annual payment of 2 million pounds to Treasury. **Mrs Perks** questioned whether the Spar shop would be able to cope with the level of business handled by a busy post office. It was noted that the current Post Office had been made the centre of the regeneration scheme in Ramsey, and there was concern expressed about the future use of the building and the effect on the regeneration scheme itself.

Mr Cowley and **Mr Quayle** stated that the proposed move made sense in terms of maintaining the

business in the future. **Mr Quayle** stated that modern technology such as e-mail meant that the nature of the post office business was drastically changing. It was noted that the matter was being discussed by Tynwald on 02.12.14. The Commissioners are to monitor the situation as it developed in the New Year.

14.146. **Current Consultations for consideration:** (List of current consultations were circulated following the meeting)

14.147. **Correspondence**

Ramsey Town Commissioners - Regarding work carried out for MPC at the Crossags Camp Site.

This correspondence was read and noted, particularly the suggestion that legal action would be initiated. **Mr Quayle** referred to the number of efforts made to engage Ramsey Commissioners in dialogue about the matter which had been unsuccessful. **Mr Moughtin** stated that all Maughold Commissioners wanted was to discuss the level of charges imposed by Ramsey which were in excess of three times the price currently being charged by our contractor. He felt that the scale of charges had to be questioned in the interest of the Maughold ratepayer. **Mr Cowley** agreed and proposed that the stance be maintained that no payment would be made until discussion had taken place with political members of Ramsey Commissioners.

Mr Cowley proposed sending a further letter from the Chairman of Maughold Commissioners to the Chairman of Ramsey Commissioners requesting a direct meeting between the two in order to resolve the situation. This proposal was seconded by **Mr Moughtin** and resolved.

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DEFA - Notification of felling of larches in Dreemskerry Plantation.

Information on this matter had been circulated and noted. The clerk advised that further information had been placed on the Commissioners' Web Site for the benefit of the public.

MUA - Notification that Port Moar/Maughold & Port Lewaigue Sewage facilities are now commissioned and running. This was noted.

Roy Corlett - Arrangements for draft Order regarding possible amalgamation with Laxey and Lonan.

These questions had been circulated and were discussed. The clerk advised that much of the requested information was factual concerning the various Boards and Committees the Commissioners were represented on. Mr Corlett had also written to advise that the current legislation allowed for a new authority to be known as either Garff Village District or Garff Parish District. It was noted that any other naming options would require a change in Primary Legislation which could not occur until 2016 at the earliest. Mr Moughtin stated that it was frustrating that if a new authority were formed it could not be named the Garff District Commissioners or the Garff Sheading Commissioners. The clerk reported that Mr Corlett had advised that the new authority could name itself as it wished on letter headings and in other dealings. Mr Cowley asked the re Take issues to Garff meeting.

Mr Corlett had also suggested that if amalgamation did go ahead at the time of the Local Government Elections in 2016 then it might be preferable to reduce the number of Commissioners on each Board to three members. This was discussed and it was felt that this was a possibility just prior to the election. **Mr Cowley** asked that the two representatives on the GJIC take this and the above issues to the meeting on the 3rd of December 2014 for further debate.

Mr R.W. Stimpson - Thanking the Commissioners for attending the meeting with the descendants of William Kennish. Mr Stimpson's letter was read and his kind comments to the Commissioners noted.

IDG - Information regarding construction of recycling Facility at Richmond Hill. The clerk reported that IDG had informed that further information would be circulated. Members agreed to reserve further comment until that information was received.

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

- **Overgrown Garden on Cronk Cardle.** The clerk advised that a quotation had been received to cut the garden back. Members requested that this be forwarded to the property for consideration by the owner.
- **Tree damage at the Arboretum.**
Mr Moughtin briefed the Commissioners on the damage suffered by the trees which appeared to be by the feral goats in the area. The clerk advised that he would contact Mr Faragher and obtain advice on sealing the area more effectively.

14.149. **PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DoI:** the following decisions were noted. No further actions.

14/01052/B **Thie ny Cronk**, Ballajora, extension to existing detached garage with roof terrace over - Approved 13.11.14.

14/01028/B **Modena View**, Dreemskerry, Creation of Tennis Court, fencing, gabion wall and pond - Approved with conditions 25.11.14.

14/01029/B **Modena View**, Dreemskerry, erection of extension to form additional living accommodation and garage - Approved with conditions 25.11.14.

14/01195/B **Thie y Chleree**, Maughold, demolition of existing rear extension and erection of replacement , with erection of a double garage - Approved 26.11.14.

b. **Planning to Consider: -**

14/01322/B Alterations and extensions to dwelling, **Fairwinds, Booilushag.**

Members had no strong objection to these proposals, but due to the proposed increase in height of the dwelling they were concerned to ensure that no detrimental impact would occur in this area of sensitive coastal scenic significance. In view of this, the clerk was requested to refer the Planning Officer and Committee to relevant guidance in the IOM Strategic Plan and the relevant sections in the document, "The Role of Landscape Character in Development".

14/01324/B Alterations and extensions to provide additional garaging and living accommodation, **Thaloo Mitchell**, Dhoon Loop Road. Members had no objections to these proposals.

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

c.iii. **Enforcement Matters** – ntr

c.iv. **Building Control Matters** – 08/07211/DEX Springfield, 9 Booilushag, Alteration and extension to dwelling to provide additional living accommodation. Completion Certificate issued 25.11.14.

14.150. **General Correspondence/Information File**

It was noted that the following documents were in the Circulation File.

DoI - October Tipping Figures available in CF.

MPC - Survey on speeds past school at opening/closing times. These records were placed into the CF.

Resident - Information on pedestrian crossings and other traffic calming. **Mr Cowley** briefed Members on the previous surveys which had been carried out by DoI. He advised that the Department had recently completed a survey and would be reporting back to the community in regard to the matter.

DoI - Information on offshore wind farm proposals.

DoI - Risk assessment and Method Statement for using SID Signs.

DoI - Press release re. Transfer of Services.

DED - Metalliferous Mineral Prospecting Plan re. Maughold.

LGU - Documentation on preservation of war memorials

Mrs Perks excused herself from the meeting at 9.32pm.

14.151. **Searches** – ntr

14.152. **FINANCES November 14** The following payments were approved.

85	Royal British Legion	200.00		3216
86	MSC Bonfire Event Contribution	300.00		3217
DD	MT	46.54	7.76	DD
87	27-Nov-14 Kinrade Bros AV Oct	216.00	36.00	3218
88	Manx Utilities	25.92	1.23	3219
89	Spotless Nov	230.00		3220
90	IOM Gov NI&ITIP Nov	446.64		3221
91	Grant Thornton Audit 14	4,032.00	672.00	3222
92	Gareth Pople IT work	40.00		3223
93	Feltons	46.40	7.73	3224
94	Allansons Nurs. (repl trees arbo)	91.78	15.30	3225
95	Farmers Combine (pots Dhoon)	8.00	1.33	3226
96	IOM Gov Tipping Oct	2,751.34	458.56	3227
97	Mr Gale Christmas Trees	225.00		3241

14.153. **Committees, etc.**

- 1. Municipal Association** – Documents relating to October/November 2014 meetings in CF.
Mr Moughtin reported that the Association had discussed the transfer of services from DoI. He advised that the representatives from all the authorities present indicated they were investigating the transfers very positively.
- 2. Housing** - ntr
- 3. Swimming Pool** - ntr
- 4. Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** –
- 5. Garff Joint Initiative** – Next meeting Wednesday 3rd December 2015.
- 6. Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 9th December 2014, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall.

14.154. **Any Other Business.** None declared.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.

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Next Meeting Monday January 5th 2015