

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY
January 12th 2015, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

Present: Mr Cowley (Chairman), Mrs Fargher, Mr Moughtin.

15.1. **Apologies:** Mrs Perks.

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

15.3. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 1st 2014. Mr Moughtin** proposed that these were an accurate record. This was seconded by **Mrs Fargher** and **Resolved.**

15.4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 1st of December 2014. Discussed at 15.5 below.

15.5. **Matters for Discussion.**

- a. **Rate for YE 2016** (*Clerk to circulate report*). It was agreed that the rate should remain at 96p in the £ with a refuse rate charge of £111.09. Proposed **Mr Cowley**. Seconded **Mr Moughtin**. **Resolved.**

There followed discussion of the future of the field beside Dhoon Hall. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Cretney and the Diocesan Board of Finance to re-iterate the Commissioners interest in purchasing the field to develop play/leisure facilities for the community.

- b. **to discuss transfer of services from DoI to the Commissioners. Clerk to Update.**

Letters from Mr Gawne's office in regard to this matter had been circulated and were noted. The clerk reported that the three Garff clerks had had a meeting with Mr Donnelly of Douglas Corporation with a view to engaging the Corporation to undertake hedge-cutting, gully cleaning and street cleaning in Laxey, Lonan and Maughold. Mr Donnelly was preparing a quotation for delivery of these services. It was noted that around a dozen expressions of interest had been received from private contractors to undertake the functions, and it was felt that it would be preferable to obtain quotations from these organisations. It was agreed that these matters should be discussed at the forthcoming GJIC meeting on the 14th January.

- c. **To discuss future of telephone kiosk at Port e Vullen.**

It was noted that the kiosk could be used for a range of purposes such as an information point or book exchange. Local residents had offered assistance with maintenance/upkeep and one local proposal was for a 'produce point' from which local producers could sell products such as jam, eggs, etc. The Social Club were to discuss taking an interest in running the kiosk as such a facility. It was agreed that the Commissioners should proceed with the purchase of the kiosk for the sum of £1. Proposed **Mrs Fargher** Seconded **Mr Moughtin**. Resolved. Clerk to notify MT.

- d. **Impact of Closure of Ramsey Post Office on Maughold** (*second Public Meeting RGS 29.01.15*)
This was noted.

15.6. **Current Consultations for consideration:** (List of other current consultations attached)

- DEFA - Consultation on Amendments to the Countryside Care Scheme (*by January 16th 2015*).
A report from Mr David Moore had been circulated and was discussed. **Mr Cowley** stated that he believed that as a principle farmers should be paid for producing through farming rather than for landscaping; that government should be supporting the working farmer. **Mr Moughtin** stated that the Minister should consult farmers directly not just take the word of his civil servants on agricultural policy. It was noted that Minister Ronan had stated that he wanted to support localism and the self sufficiency of the Island. It was generally felt that the best way to achieve this was for farmers to be encouraged to produce meat, dairy products and vegetables. **Mr Cowley** proposed forwarding a response which stated that government

should support working farmers for their production rather than for just maintaining the landscape. The clerk was instructed to respond indicating these views.

15.7. Correspondence

- a. **Minister Gawne** - Important information re. Transfer of Functions to local authorities (*dated 19.12.14*).
Noted. CF.
- b. **Cabinet Office** - Information on the Freedom of Information Bill currently before the House of Keys.
Noted. CF
- c. **IDG** - Regarding Planning Application at Middle Park Construction, Demolition and Recycling Facility.
The clerk was instructed to forward a letter indicating support in principle for increasing the options for recycling facilities.
- d. **BlueWave Communications** - Potential roll out of airwave broadband service to Maughold. The clerk advised that the company had been unable to supply properties in Maughold with their broadband service. A copy of a letter from BlueWave to a resident blamed the government for not allowing them to 'obtain new spectrum'. Negative comments had also been made about the Commissioners not including information on the service in the 'Parish magazine'. The clerk advised Members that he had spoken to the company to reiterate that there is no 'Parish Magazine', and that the Commissioners do not use their website to promote the services of private companies.
- e. **Public Records Office** - Seeking expressions of interest in seminar on 'Disaster Recovery'. **Noted**. No further action.
- f. **DoI** - Confirmation of CA Site contribution YE 16 £16,550 (YE 15 £15,487). **Noted**.
- g. **Mobile Family Library** - Request for financial contributions. This document was placed into the Circulation File.

15.8. Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters:

- Goat ingress and tree damage at the Arboretum.
Mrs Fagher advised the Commissioners that she had seen goats within the boundary of the Arboretum and had informed the clerk of the points at which they seemed to be accessing the facility. **Mr Moughtin** reported that **Mrs Stephens** had arranged for the replacement of several damaged trees in December and had confirmed that it had been caused by the feral goats. **Mrs Stephens** was thanked for her assistance with these matters.
- Analysis of speed Data from SID Signs in Glen Mona (*Clerk's report to be circulated*).
The data was noted.

15.9. PLANNING.

- a. **Decisions from DoI.** The following matters were noted, no further action:
14/01322/B Alterations and extensions to dwelling, **Fairwinds, Booilushag** - Approved 23.12.14.
14/01354/B Demltn. & erection of gen. purpose agr. storage building. **Ballakilley Farm, Maughold** - Approved 30.12.14.
14/01324/B Alterations & extensions to provide additional garaging and living accommodation, **Thalloo Mitchell**, Dhoon Loop Road.
- b. **Planning to Consider:** -
14/01369/REM **Land Adj. to Close Foillan, The Colony**, REM application relating to 13/00057/A for erection of a dwelling with int garage, addressing siting, design, external appearance, means of access & landscaping. The clerk advised that comment had been submitted indicating concern that the proposed dwelling was too large for the size of the site. The submission requested that the Planning Officer and Committee consider this aspect carefully. Concerns were also raised in terms of the provisions to cope with storm water and any adverse impacts on the road and neighbouring properties.

14/01458/B **Field 624157 Adjacent Ballaberna Cottage, Hibernia**, Erection of an agricultural building. Mrs Fargher noted that the application contained no information about the purpose of the proposed building. The clerk was instructed to ask that the agricultural need for a facility of this size was adequately assessed as indicated in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan.

- c.i. **Appeal Matters:** - NTR
- c.ii. **Enforcement Matters** – NTR
- c.iii. **Building Control Matters** – NTR

15.10. General Correspondence/Information File

Documents in Circulation File. The following were noted:

- **Cabinet Office** - Information on the Freedom of Information Bill currently before the House of Keys.
- **NNPT** - Agenda for December 14 Meeting & Minutes 11.11.14.
- **DoI** - Regarding publication of weekly planning application lists.
- **Chief Secretary's Office** - Press release re. update of voting register.
- **Professor Mark Noel** - Seismic Array Survey Results.
- **DHSC** - Information on 'Safeguarding Forum' on 20.02.14, Villa Marina.
- **Minister Gawne** - Misc. items of correspondence re. Transfer of Services to local authorities.
- **DoI** - November & December Tipping Figures.
- **Tynwald Annual Report 2013-14**
- **Malew Parish Commissioners** - Civic Service 8th March, 3.00 pm Abbey Church, Ballasalla.

15.11. **Searches** – None this month.

15.12. FINANCES December 14 The following payments were approved:

DD	MT	44.64	7.44	DD
101	Kinrades AV Dec 14	216.00	36.00	3232
102	Island Contractors Arbo	160.00		3233
103	Feltons Nov14	98.46	16.49	3234
104	MUA Water Rates	76.52		3235
105	Vannin OP	495.00	0.82	3236
106	IOM Gov Tipping Nov	2,438.42	406.40	3237
107	MUA Coronry Est Ent	12.41	0.57	3238
108	Spotless Dec 14	230.00		3239
112	12-Jan-15 Kirk Maughold Office Rent	355.00		3244
113	IOM Gov (Tipp Dec & CA 4th qtr)	7,441.18	1,240.20	3245

15.13. Committees, etc.

1. **Municipal Association** – documents relating to January 15th 2015 meeting in CF (Mr Gawne to attend). Noted.
2. **Housing** - Mrs Fargher advised members that discussion had taken place regarding eligibility for access to sheltered housing.
3. **Swimming Pool** - ntr
4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – ntr.
5. **Garff Joint Initiative** – Next meeting Wednesday 14th January 2015, 7.00 pm. Mr Moughtin to attend.
6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 13th January 2015, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall.

15.14. **Any Other Business.**

Mrs Fargher reported that a resident had commented positively on the Christmas tree at the Corony entrance.

Mrs Fargher referred to a recent programme on Manx Radio in which Bill Dale from Beach Buddies had been interviewed. This prompted a discussion of Maughold's beaches and their upkeep. The clerk was instructed to contact Mr Dale to obtain further information.

Meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

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Next Meeting Monday February 2nd 2015