

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY
MARCH 2ND 2015, 7.30 PM AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

7.30 pm Meeting of Maughold Parish Commissioners

15.29. **Apologies:** The clerk reported that apologies had been received from Mr Cowley and Mrs Perks.

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

15.31. **Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2nd of February 2015.** RM JQ

15.32/15. 33 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2nd of February 2015.**

- a. **DEFA** - Complaint from resident via Environmental Health Directorate regarding tipped building materials on an agricultural site close to the MER Line and Dhoon School.
The clerk reported that the EHO's were revisiting the site to assess progress with removal of the tipped materials, to ensure that no further materials were tipped from third parties, and to ensure that the barn opposite the Dhoon School had been made safe by the owner. The EHO's would report back to the Commissioners in due course, when they would make a decision on the necessity for any prosecutions to be initiated.

- b. to discuss proposed **transfer of services** from DoI to the Commissioners. The clerk advised that the Garff Committee had requested estimates from Douglas Corporation and two private contractors. Once these were received they would be put to the Board for consideration. **Mr Moughtin** referred to the Draft Agreement regarding Transfer of Functions being drawn up by government. The general consensus was that this document was largely acceptable and reflected the terms of the agreement as outlined by Mr Gawne when he met with the GJIC in November 2014. **Mrs Fargher** raised a question regarding roadside ditches and whether these were a part of the transfer. The clerk reported that as far as he was aware responsibility for ditches was not being transferred. **Mr Quayle** proposed that the Commissioners should seek clarification of this aspect and of the status of road signs; as the poles for the latter were often sited within a hedge. **Mrs Fargher** referred to references in the document to insurance responsibilities when using sub-contractors and to the level of insurance liabilities that needed to be met. The clerk reported that he had raised some of these matters with the current insurers and was awaiting a response. **Mr Moughtin** and **Mr Quayle** pointed out that when contractors were engaged they were responsible to have sufficient insurance cover, but asked the clerk to seek clarification from the LGU and the insurers.
Action: *Mr Quayle asked the clerk to seek clarification of these matters for the next meeting. A copy of the draft agreement had been circulated; a further copy was placed into the C/F.*

- c. to discuss **Crossags Campsite invoice** from Ramsey Commissioners and the meeting of Mr Malpass and Mr Radcliffe from Ramsey Commissioners with the Chairman of Maughold Commissioners. This was to discuss the concerns of Maughold Commissioners with the quality of service provided and charges imposed by Ramsey Commissioners for work carried out at the Crossags for a 'trial' period in 2013. The Commissioners had requested a meeting from the beginning, but it had taken Ramsey eighteen months to agree to entering into discussion. The clerk reported that the meeting had begun poorly. From the outset, Mr Radcliffe had refused to listen to any of the concerns of the Maughold Board and had then walked out of the meeting after only several minutes. Mr Radcliffe's attitude could only be described as ill-mannered and his conduct termed inappropriate for a meeting between elected representatives of two local authorities. Following his departure, the meeting had continued in a much more constructive fashion. **Mr Cowley** made clear the dissatisfaction of the Maughold Board with the level of service provided by Ramsey Commissioners. This aspect was discussed in detail. The outcome of this discussion was that agreement was made with Mr Malpass for the invoice to be settled. **Mr Cowley** had thanked Mr Malpass for providing the opportunity to raise the concerns with the level of service provided. Mr Malpass thanked **Mr Cowley** for bringing the matters to his Board's attention.

It was agreed that a letter expressing disappointment with the manner with which Ramsey Commissioners had conducted themselves throughout this process be forwarded to the Ramsey Board.

- d. Proposal that **Beach Buddies** be engaged to install and service beach cleaning receptacles at PortLewaigue, Port e Vullen & Port Mooar. Including feedback re. provision of dedicated beach cleaning days during the year and further information.
The clerk reported that Beach Buddies had forwarded written confirmation that the Commissioners would not have any insurance liabilities from any beach cleaning activities that were initiated. Beach Buddies would also organise several dedicated beach cleans during the 'partnership' period. The cost of the service would be in the region of £1,500 for a three year period.
It was *resolved* that this initiative should be progressed at three beaches: Port Lewaigue, Port e Vullen and Port Mooar. Proposed: **Mrs Fargher**. *Seconded: Mr Moughtin.*
Action: *Clerk to contact Beach Buddies and advise that the Commissioners wish to have beach cleaning receptacles at the three beaches. Clerk to liaise with DoI in regard to locations at these beaches.*
- e. To discuss **WW 1 Commemorations** with Dhoon School & Mr Cretney (correspondence with Mr Cretney in CF)
These documents were noted and will be discussed at the April meeting.
- f. To discuss proposals for **future operation of Balladoole CA Site** following meeting with DoI representatives on 23.02.15 -
Mr Quayle reported that all the representatives at the meeting were happy with the concept of the 'northern' authorities taking ownership of the operation of the Balladoole CA site. At this stage either a Board or Committee structure would be considered. A Board would directly run the site whereas a Committee would engage a contractor to operate the site. Other issues such as commercial waste and other operational matters had been discussed in general. Further information was being prepared by DoI for dissemination to local authorities in due course. **Mr Quayle** also advised that DoI would arrange visits to Balladoole and other sites to enable local authority members to gather information on their operation, etc. **Mrs Fargher** asked whether the proposed amalgamation of the three Garff Authorities would have implications for this process. **Mr Moughtin** stated that there could be Garff representation at both Balladoole and Middle River if amalgamation did take place. The clerk was instructed to circulate any information as soon as it was received.
- g. To discuss cessation of distribution of planning applications to local authorities.
Correspondence indicating that planning applications would only be distributed electronically was discussed. It was noted that, although applications could be viewed on-line, not all Members had access to the internet. It was also noted that it would be expensive and time consuming to print plans; a projector with screen was possible a cost-effective solution. **Mr Moughtin** advised that it had been suggested at the last Municipal Association meeting that there were doubts that this would be implemented. The situation would be monitored.
- h. To discuss request for rent increase at St Maughold's Church Room.
This was noted. The clerk also reported that the offer of a room and facilities at Commissioners' Offices in Laxey had also been received.
Action: *the clerk was instructed to contact Laxey and collect details of costings for the April meeting, and to advise Kirk Maughold that their request was being considered.*

15.34. **Current Consultations for consideration:** (List of current consultations circulated & in CF)

A list of current consultations had been circulated.

The **Digital Strategy Consultation** was considered. Mr Quayle stated that this was a good idea, but it must be drawn up carefully to ensure it was successful. Mrs Fargher was concerned that those without internet access shouldn't be disadvantaged.

15.35. Correspondence

- a) **Cabinet Office** - Request for feedback of Government's use of Digital Services (Letter from Minister Robertshaw in CF).
Noted. The clerk was instructed to reply as indicated at item 15.34 above.
- b) **DoI** - Notification of 'drop in' meeting on 06.03.15 regarding the proposed **Draft Strategic Plan** changes at the Sea Terminal, 4.00 - 7.00 pm.
This meeting was noted.
- c) Copy letter re. status of the **Glen Mona Bus Shelter** dated 22.01.15 from resident to Mr Christopher at DoI.
Action: *the clerk was instructed to write to DoI requesting that the agreement regarding the change of ownership of the land be finalised as a matter of urgency.*
- d) **MNH** - Regarding participation in 'Heritage Open Days'.
Mrs Fargher advised that she would be organising a guided tour of the Dhoon Arboretum and interesting features at the south end of the Parish. Details to be announced as part of this MNH initiative in due course.

15.36. Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters:

- Goat proof fence at Arboretum two rows pig wire 2m apart 8ft posts (forestry board)
Mr Quayle advised the clerk on the most cost effective option in regard to an additional fence.
Action: *clerk to request a firm price for this option from Mr Faragher.*
- Offer from resident to undertake grass cutting at Parish Field, Maughold Village.
This offer was welcomed. It was agreed that the resident could submit invoices to cover fuel costs.
- Spraying of verges.
The clerk advised that this was a service that would be transferred.
Action: *The clerk was instructed to investigate the costs involved in providing this service.*

15.37. PLANNING. Decisions from DoI: The following decision was noted.

14/01458/B Field 624157, Adjacent Ballaberna Cottage, Hibernia, Erection of an agricultural building - Refused 26.02.15.

a. **Planning to Consider:**

14/01369/REM Reserved matters application relating to PA 13/00057/A for erection of a dwelling with integral garage, addressing siting, design, external appearance, internal layout, means of access and landscaping, **Land Adj To Close Foillan The Colony**, Port Lewaigue - Amended Plans submitted re drainage. Members had expressed several concerns with the original application which are not dealt with by these plans. These amendments referred to details regarding storm water drainage and had no impact on their original view regarding over intensive use of the site and drainage. Members resolved to submit no additional comment following perusal of these amended plans.

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

c.ii. **Enforcement Matters** – none

c.iii. **Completion Certificates:** 14/07221/DGA **2 Cardle Cottages, Corony Bridge**, Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of new attached garage. Date 16.02.15. **Noted.**

15.38. **General Correspondence/Information File.** The following items were noted:

Documents in Circulation File.

- Minutes NTMLG 20.01.15
- Tipping Figures January 2015
- GJIC Minutes 14.01.15.
- Municipal Association Documents Agenda 26.02.15; Minutes 29.01.15.
- DoI - Draft legislation concerning Transfer of Services.
- Various 'Mooragh Promenade Newsletters'.
- Clear Drain Services -information on services.
- Correspondence with Mr Cretney re. WW 1 Commemorations and Minutes WW 1 Commemoration Steering Group meeting 29.01.15.

15.39. **Searches** – None in month to date.

15.40. **Finances February 2015**

DD		MT	48.32	8.05	DD
g122	02-Mar-15	Gareth Pople IT work	25.00		3254
123		Spotless Cleaners Feb	230.00		3255
124		IOM Gov Tipping Jan	2,652.12	442.02	3256
		Kinrade Bros Haulage L/Bins Jan			
125		15	216.00	36.00	3257
127		Vannin Officepoint	54.89	9.15	3259

The above payments were approved and cheques signed where necessary.

15.41. **Committees, etc.**

1. **Municipal Association** – Documents relating to Jan & Feb Meetings in CF - NTR
2. **Housing** - NTR
3. **Swimming Pool** - NTR
4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – NTR
5. **Garff Joint Initiative** – Next meeting TBA
6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team.** Next Meeting Tuesday 10th March 2015, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. Clerk to send apologies.

15.42. **Any Other Business.**

Mrs Fargher - re. weather damage to masts at the **Albert Tower.**

The clerk reported that he had contacted DHA and the owners of the masts advising of the problems. No responses had been received by the time of the meeting.

PL car park - man hole cover standing proud. The clerk was instructed to report this matter.

Gooseneck sand sacks - The clerk was instructed to investigate the ownership of the bags and arrange their removal if necessary.mnj

Next Meeting Wednesday April 8th 2015