

**MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL  
8<sup>TH</sup> 2015, 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.  
Clerk: M. Royle.

Meeting began 13.32

15.43. Apologies: None received.

15.44. Declarations of any Interests in the business of the Agenda. Mrs Fargher declared an interest in item 15.49.a as she sat on the Dhoon Local Church Committee. This was noted by Members.

15.45. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2015. These were agreed to be an accurate record. Proposed **Mr Moughtin**, seconded **Mr Quayle**. Resolved.

15.46. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2015. These were dealt with at 15.47 below.

**15.47. Matters for Discussion.**

- a. to discuss **transfer of services** from DoI to the Commissioners. Clerk to Update.
  - Response to Commissioners' queries from Bill Corlett (dated 01.04.15). These clarifications regarding items in the draft agreement had been sought by **Mrs Fargher**. Members accepted the responses.
  - To consider signing the Transfer of Services Document. Members had read the draft document, and the clarifications received from Mr Corlett. It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the document on the Board's behalf. This was done.
  - To discuss costings received to date. The clerk left the meeting to collect the costings file which he had misplaced. On return the costings from Douglas were noted as were two other estimates from private contractors, both of whom had previous experience of hedge cutting in Garff. Mr Moughtin, Mr Quayle and Mr Cowley are to attend the next Garff meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss these matters further.
- b. To discuss **WW 1 Commemorations** with Dhoon School & Mr Cretney from the Dhoon Church. The clerk read correspondence from Mr Cretney which indicated a range of events being planned this year. It was agreed that the Commissioners would consider approaches from the school for assistance in these matters. Mr Moughtin agreed to carry out a reading at the forthcoming service at 11.00 am on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April at the Dhoon Church to commemorate the North Barrule Air Crash. **Mr Moughtin** and **Mr Quayle** also indicated that they would arrange assistance with the decoration of a window in the Dhoon Church during the Flower Festival. There would be a Community and Culture concert on 10<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr Cretney also indicated a service at the Dhoon to mark the end of the second world war on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Mr Cretney also referred to having a discussion in the future of the Dhoon Field. **Mr Cowley** stated that the Commissioners remained extremely interested in its future. Members agreed unanimously that its future should be secured for public use.
- c. To discuss transfer of **office facility** to 35 New Road, Laxey. The clerk reported that the majority of records had now been transferred to 35 New Road. The telephone line was due to be set up on 20<sup>th</sup> April. From which time, Maughold would operate from the new offices. Official announcement to be made once telephone line installed.
- d. **DHA** - Re. permission for DHA to mount equipment on current mast at proposed Tetra site at Bulgham. **Mr Cowley** asserted that this was an issue that should have been addressed when the original MT equipment was installed. However, in the circumstances, Members agreed that the latest proposal would minimise visual intrusion from the masts in the area, and upkeep and improve the Tetra service. The DHA were applying for planning permission for the changes.

- e. **Grant Thornton** - To authorise auditor with ability to access to Accounts held with Isle of Man Bank. The authorisation document was signed.
- f. **MUA** - to discuss renewal of maintenance contract for street lighting. The contract documents were discussed and signed.

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

The Review of Domestic Rates was discussed in detail.

The document was discussed in full. **Mr Quayle** felt that the the proposal for self valuation was misguided and could lead to difficulties if no checks were in place. The different options including options for a 'local income tax' were discussed in general, but the consensus was against the indication in Question 9 that a 'local income tax' could be introduced. **Mrs Fargher** raised this concern; the general opinion being that this was a veiled question attempting to get the option of an all island rate on the agenda. An additional concern for Members was with the way the process had been mapped out on the closing page of the document. The impression given being that changes would be decided by Treasury and pushed through Tynwald before any proper public scrutiny of draft legislation. It was felt that more time was needed to ensure proper public debate at the later stages. The clerk was instructed by **Mr Cowley** to write a press release registering concern with these aspects of the document. It was agreed that the web site should be used to ask ratepayers to consider this matter.

The clerk was instructed in the content of the press release and asked to liaise with the chairman prior to distribution to the media.

15.49. **Correspondence**

- a. **Resident** - Copy of e-mail sent to church authorities requesting that the Dhoon Field be secured as a community resource. This correspondence was noted. The Commissioners reiterated their interest in securing the future of the field for the use of the community.
- b. **MUA** - Regarding updating lighting at the Coronry Estate. The clerk was instructed to indicate that the lighting indicated could be replaced whilst the current works at the Coronry were being undertaken.

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

- Clerk to report on discussions with Allan Kinrade and Island Contractors re. Health and Safety. The clerk reported that a discussion had taken place with Mr Kinrade. There were no issues. Mr Kinrade was to update risk assessments and had forwarded a copy of the current public liability insurance.
- Clarification of quotation for additional fencing at the Arboretum from Island Contractors. The clerk was instructed to ask Island Contractors to erect the fence to protect the memorial trees from the damage inflicted by the goats.
- Update on Environmental Health actions in the Parish. The clerk reported that the actions were ongoing. Mr Cowley requested a full update on the actions being taken by Environmental Health.

15.51. **PLANNING.**

a. **Decisions from DoI:**

15/00088/B **The Varrey The Colony Port Lewaigue** Alterations, creation of a raised patio area and erection of extension with roof terrace above to rear elevation of dwelling, - **Approved 30.03.15.**

14/01369/REM **Land Adj To Close Foillan The Colony,** Port Lewaigue 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, - **Refused 27.03.15.**

b. **Planning to Consider:**

PA 15/00204/B Installation of three roof lights, Holiday Cottage Primrose Lodge Slieau Lewaigue Lewaigue.

**No objection**

PA 15/00215/B Alterations to roof to provide additional living accommodation to dwelling, Ballagorry Beg Glen Mona.

**No objection**

15/00280/B, 7 Cooil Ushtey, Port Lewaigue, Erection of a conservatory to front elevation of dwelling.

**No objection**

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

14/01458/B Field 624157, Adjacent Ballaberna Cottage, Hibernia, Erection of an agricultural building - Refused 26.02.15. Documents to be submitted to CSO by 16.04.15.

The clerk was instructed to reiterate the comments made at the initial planning stage.

**c.ii. Enforcement Matters –**

- Update on Environmental Health actions in the Parish.  
The clerk reported that the actions were ongoing at a farm in the parish. Mr Cowley requested a full update on the actions being taken by Environmental Health.

**c.iii. Completion Certificates:** The following were noted:

- 08/07160/DOM Ballacreggan Farm, replacement of existing farm building with self-contained accomodation. Issued 05.03.15.
- 13/07421/DEX Faaie Mooar, Port Lewaigue, demolition of sunroom and erection of replacement sun room and gymnasium. Issued 25.03.15.

**15.52. General Correspondence/Information File**

Documents in Circulation File / \*available electronically on request.

These matters were noted:

- Tipping Figures February 2015
- Copy Insurance Policy for YE 16 with NFU Mutual.
- \*Register of Electors MaughN & MaughS 01.04.15.\*
- DoI - Notification that A18 Mountain Road will be closed 06.04.15 to 12.04.15
- DoI - 30 mph speed limit from Hibernia to Margher e Kew 13.04.15 - 24.04.15. for drainage work.
- Information on the 'Maughold Head Swim Challenge'.
- Letters (28.08.15 & 24.03.15) to IOM MA re. constitution & scope of new Public Service Commission.
- Armed Services Day Committee - Invitation to celebrations at the Villa Marina on Sunday 28 June 2015.
- Tynwald Office - Request for nominations for attendance of resident/s at the Tynwald Garden Party on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**15.53. Searches – .6 Cronk Cardle, Coronoy; Tree Tops, Ballafayle.**

**15.54. Finances March 2015** These matters were noted:

132	08-Apr-15	Feltons Feb	38.01	6.33	3265
133		IOM Gov Tipping Feb	2,222.82	370.47	3266
135		Spotless Cleaners	230.00		3268
131		Manx Telecom	1.20	20.00	3269
136		Kinrade AV Mar	216.00	36.00	3270
137		MUA	234.48	34.31	3271

**15.55. Committees, etc.**

1. **Municipal Association** – Documents in CF. Mr Moughtin reported on a fruitful meeting with Mr Teare. The Associations AGM would be at the 'Pavillion' in Port St Mary. Further details to follow.
2. **Housing** - ntr
3. **Swimming Pool** - ntr
4. **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group** – ntr
5. **Garff Joint Initiative** – Next meeting Provisionally Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April . Two members to attend.
6. **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team**. Next Meeting Tuesday April 2015, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. The clerk was instructed to send apologies.

15.56. **Any Other Business.**

**Mrs Fargher** raised concerns with the path from opposite the Glen Mona Hotel to the tram stop which she felt was potentially unsafe. It was slippy and becoming increasingly eroded beside the deep gully. The clerk was instructed to request that the public footpaths officer assess its condition and any necessary action. Mrs Fargher also asked about the status of the cut through to Glen Shone Road from the Ballagorry Estate which had become blocked. The clerk was instructed to determine its status.

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm

<b>Next Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 AGM</b>
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