MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OF MAY 2015 AT DHOON CHURCH HALL

Present: Mr W.M.. Cowley, Mr J.L. Quayle, Mrs A.M. Fargher, Mr R. Moughtin, Mrs C.P. Perks. Clerk: M.J. Royle.

Item		Time of Start of Meeting: 7.31 pm	Action
		Mr Cowley thanked Members for their hard work and for the support he had received as Chairman of the Commissioners during the previous twelve months. He duly stood down and the clerk took the chair for the purposes of electing a Chairman for the year 2015/2016.	
15.57	a.	Election of Officers for Year 2015/2016. The clerk requested nominations for the position of Chairman of the Commissioners:	
	b.	Office of Chairman . Mrs Fargher proposed that Mr Quayle be elected Chairman for the coming year. This proposal was seconded by Mrs Perks and unanimously Resolved .	
		Mr Quayle accepted the position of Chairman and duly requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman:	
	C.	Office of Vice Chairman. Mr Quayle proposed that Mrs Perks be elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year. This proposal was seconded by Mr Moughtin and unanimously Resolved .	
15.58	a.	Election of Representatives on Boards/Committees Year 2015/2016	
		The following decisions were made:	
	b.	Municipal Association. Mr Moughtin was proposed for this role by Mr Quayle. Seconded Mrs Perks. Resolved.	
	c.	Northern Housing Board. Mrs Fargher was proposed for this role by Mrs Perks. Seconded Mr Quayle. Resolved.	
	d.	NLA Swimming Pool Board. Mrs Perks was proposed for this role by Mrs Fargher. Sec. Mr Moughtin. Resolved.	
	e.	Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group. It was Resolved that a Member should attend this group as necessary.	
	f.	Garff Joint Initiative Committee. Mr Moughtin and Mr Quayle were proposed for this role by Mrs Perks and seconded Mrs Fargher. Resolved.	
	g.	Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team. It was Resolved that a Member should attend this group as necessary.	

		These matters being concluded Mr Quayle directed Members through the remainder of business on the agenda.			
15.59		Apologies: All Members present. Mr Cowley requested that all Members ensure they forward apologies to the clerk in good time.			
15.60		Declarations of any interests in the business of the agenda: Mrs Perks advised that she was the applicant in regard to a planning application (PA 15/00215/B) being considered at item 15.67.b.			
15.61		Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 8 th of April 2015: Mr Quayle proposed that these were a correct record. Seconded Mrs Fargher. Resolved.	clerk		
15.62		Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on the 8 th of April 2015. Mrs Fargher referred to the link pathway between Ballagorry Drive and Glen Shone Road. The clerk was instructed to contact the water authority as it was a possibility that they needed access to facilities. Mrs Fargher to contact the neighbouring property whose fence had fallen into the pathway.			
15.63	a.	Matters for Discussion: to discuss transfer of services from DoI to the Commissioners. The clerk advised that discussions were ongoing between the three Garff authorities and Douglas Corporation for the provision of gully cleaning, hedge cutting and street cleaning services. It was anticipated that this would be a 12 month agreement following which a full tender process would be undertaken. A meeting of the three officers with Mr Donnelly was scheduled for the 9 th of May, and it was anticipated that Mr Donnelly would attend the next Garff Meeting on the 20 th of May to finalise the arrangements. An e-mail regarding insurance matters and the inclusion of travelling times for the service vehicles travelling from Douglas had been circulated and was noted.			
	b.	To discuss various correspondence regarding remote properties and the application of the fixed-refuse-charge. This included consideration of correspondence to a resident from the government valuer and of further copy correspondence from two residents. Members considered the legislation carefully. It was agreed that the Commission should support Treasury in its assertion that rates must be paid in full if a property is deemed habitable and attracts a rateable value. The clerk was instructed to write to Treasury in this regard. Mr Quayle referred to the habitation of dwellings in the Ballasloe area which the Commissioners had referred to Planning Enforcement several years ago. No action had been taken by the Department at the time. Mr Quayle suggested that if the property was being lived in then it should attract rates. The clerk was asked to pursue this matter with Treasury.	clerk		
	C.	To discuss WW1 Commemorations Mrs Fargher reported that she had recently met Mr Cretney along with the clerk. Mr Cretney had also invited the Commissioners to dress a window for the forthcoming flower festival. This action was being co-ordinated by Mr Quayle. There followed discussion of the future of the Dhoon Field, Hall and Church. The Commissioners reiterated their desire to maintain the field for public use and install play and leisure facilities once local opinion had been canvassed. Various options were discussed in general. Mr Cowley stated that the intentions of the church authorities and the wishes of the local community must be determined. In this regard it was agreed that Mr Cretney should be invited to the Commissioners next meeting on June the 1 st . The funding by the Commissioners of access to the iMuseum to enable the pupils of the Dhoon School to conduct WW1 research was noted.	JQ clerk		

15.64	a.	Current Consultations for consideration: Review of the Isle of Man's Social Security and National Insurance Schemes. Response by 15 th May 2015. This consultation was noted and it was felt more appropriate for Members to make personal responses to this consultation. No further action from the Board.		
	b.	Draft Highways (Amendment) Bill . Responses by 8 th May 2015 (Information previously circulated). Several matters in regard to charging of local authorities for maintenance of pathways, cycleways and bridleways caused concern. A further amendment indicated that, without consultation, the Department could install street-lighting, potentially at the expense of the ratepayer. The clerk was instructed to submit a response indicating the Commissioners' concerns with the way in which these amendments were being pushed through and objecting to any further imposition of charges on the ratepayer without adequate explanation and consultation.		
15.65		Correspondence:		
	a.	Resident - regarding litter on Dreemskerry Road and community action to reduce litter. The concerns of the resident were noted. The clerk was instructed to contact the Social Club with a view to organising litter picks.	clerk	
	b.	IOM Municipal Association Invitation to AGM, Port St Mary Golf Pavillion Restaurant, Thursday 28 th May 2015, 7.00 pm. (Bookings by 14 th May). Mrs Fargher and Mr Moughtin stated that they would attend on behalf of the Commissioners.	cierk	
	c.	Resident - regarding tree planting on a field zoned for agricultural use in Ballajora.		
	d.	This matter was noted. Monitor, but no further action at this stage. DoI - Invitation to meetings during May in regard to the Transfer of Services from Sian Christian (Laxey, 18 th May, 7.00pm, Working Mens' Institute. This matter was noted. All Members welcome to attend.	All	
15.66		Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters: Update on Environmental Health actions in the Parish. The clerk reported that there had been no H&S issues this month. Kinrades had forwarded a copy of their P.L. Insurance and the CPA required an independent inspection which Douglas Corporation had agreed to undertake. No date as yet finalised. Mr Cowley asked for an update on Environmental Health actions at a farm in Glen Mona. The clerk reported that he had spoken with a senior officer who had stated that actions requested of the owner were being undertaken. Mrs Fargher advised that she had noticed some clean up operations being undertaken. Work had taken place on a 'dangerous' barn structure and the adequacy of this was being assessed. It was agreed that the situation should be monitored. The clerk was instructed to liaise with Environmental Health to ensure the Commissioners were kept aware of progress with clearing the site of tipped material and ensuring the safety of the barn structure.		
15.67		Planning. The following decisions were noted. NFA. 15/00280/B 7 Cooil Ushtey, Port Lewaigue, Erection of a conservatory to front elevation - Approved 28.04.15. 15/00204/B Holiday Cottage, Primrose Lodge, Slieau Lewaigue, Installation of 3 roof lights - Approved 09.04.15		

	a.(i) Planning to Consider - the following decisions were made: 15/00425/B Sunnyside, Glen Mona Loop Road, Erection of a garden shed. There were no objections to this application.						
	(ii)	15/00215/B Ballagorry Beg, Glen Mona , Alterations to roof to provide additional accomodation (amended plans). [<i>Mrs Perks withdrew from consideration of this application</i>] There were no objections to the application.					
	(iii) 15/00369/B Land Adj. to Close Foillan, The Colony, Request for AiP to be extended by a further 12 months to allow a revised REM application to be submitted. There were no objections to this application.						
	(iv) 15/00397/B Tower Farm, nr Albert Tower, Maughold , Installation of antenna on existing tree mast and installation of a 1.8 m satellite dish and 2 small GPS wall mounted antennas. The poor maintenance of the 'branches' of the tree mast were noted. Many of these had fallen into the surrounding area which included fields with livestock. The clerk was instructed to object to the application on the grounds that the applicant had failed to maintain the structure effectively.						
	c.i c.ii ciii	Appeal Matters - ntr Enforcement Matters - See item 15.66 above. Completion Certificates - ntr					
15.68		 Information/Circulation File - the following documents included in the C/F: Tipping Figures March 2015. Documents relative to Highways (Amendment) Bill 2015. 2 x Residents - comments on the Domestic Rating Review. Resident - Regarding sewage on Maughold beaches & response from MUA. DEFA - re. defective drainage system at Ballajora. DoI - Explanatory Notes re. Highways (Amendment) Bill 2015. Cabinet Office - Re 2 Minute Silence, VE Day, 3.00 pm Friday 8th May 2015. Documents re. Review of Social Security and National Insurance Schemes. DoI - Invitation to presentation on 'Sustainable Paper Recycling', Douglas Council Service Centre, Braddan, Wed. 13th May 2015, at 10.00 - 12.30. IOM Cloth Nappy Network - Information regarding cloth nappies. Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust - Invitation to unveiling of Laxey Miner Statue, Saturday 23rd May 2015, Mines Road, 2.00 pm. Port St Mary Commissioners - Invitation for Chairman and guest to the Mona's Queen III Anchor Memorial Service, at Kallow Point, Friday May 29th 2015 at 6.30 pm. Notification of Timescale for this year's Audit "Assurance Review". Laxey Commissioners - Information regarding the Minister's response to a Tynwald question on costs at the EfW Plant. 					
15.69		Searches: 2, Browns Terrace, Glen Mona; Beechwood, Ballure.					

15.70		Finances Apr	il 2015 - the following cheques were	approved a	nd duly sigi	ned:	
			Farmers Combine	64.80	10.80	3279	
			Manx Inspirations (flags/Bunting)	66.96	11.16	3280	
			MT	53.58	8.93	DD	
		08-Apr-15	Feltons Feb	38.01	6.33	3265	
		'	IOM Post (redirection 12 mth)	118.61		3281	
			Dhoon Sch (iMuseum access)	100.00		3282	
			Kirk. Maugh Church (Hall Hire)	97.50		3283	
			NLASPB Final YE 15	375.81		3284	
			IOM Gov Tipping Mar 15	2,805.72	467.62	3285	
			MD Devine (MV toilet repairs)	60.00		3286	
			MUA	142.73	6.68	3287	
			Isle of Man Gov	441.23		3288	
			Spotless Apr	230.00		3289	
	2.3.4.5.	forthcoming AGM was noted at 15.65.b. above. Housing - ntr. Swimming Pool - Mrs Fargher questioned the reasons for closing the pool on bank holidays when children had opportunity to access swimming. Mrs Perks advised that the additional staffing costs, etc made this financially unviable. Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group — ntr Garff Joint Initiative — Next meeting Wednesday 20 th May 2015, 7.00 pm New Road, Laxey. Maughold to chair. Minutes 15.04.15 in C/F. Mr Moughtin will propose inviting the Legislation Manager, Roy Corlett, to the meeting to discuss progress with drafting the orders for a Garff authority. Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team . Next Meeting Tuesday May 12 th 2015, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. The Clerk was instructed to send apologies.					RM
15.72		Any Other Business. Mrs Fargher advised Members that the litter bins and other materials being stored in the Glen Mona car park were from the Laxey Regeneration Project. It was hoped that these items would be removed once that project was finished, but she felt the situation needed to be monitored. Change of Use would be needed to use the car park as a storage facility. Mrs Fargher asked if the MER could be contacted to ask if the wire netting across the Dhoon Shelter could be removed and replaced with a gate. Those waiting for a tram were unable to access the shelter with the wire in situ. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the MER asking for removal of the wire.				clerk	
		The clerk raised a request from a resident for camping to be allowed on the Millennium Field on the night of Parish Day. Members agreed that the Social Club should be contacted in regard to this matter.					clerk
		Mr Quayle declared the meeting closed at 10.29 pm Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1 st June 2015					