

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD AT 7.30 pm ON MONDAY 13th July 2015, DHOON CHURCH HALL



Present: Mr J. Quayle, Mrs C. Perks, Mr M. Cowley, Mrs M Fargher, Mr R. Moughtin Meeting began at 7.00 pm due to attendance of EHO.

7.30 Meeting with Stuart McMillan re. Environmental Health Matters.

Mr McMillan did not attend the meeting.

8.00 Meeting with Bishop's Commissioner, Nigel Cretney & Reverend Chris Lowdon.

Mr Cretney and Reverend Lowden were welcomed to the meeting by Mr Quayle. Mr Cretney advised the Commissioners of the progress with the introduction of a 'Live at Home Scheme' from Laxey & Lonan into Maughold. An event to gauge interest in the scheme had been held at the Dhoon Hall in May and had proved extremely successful; lots of volunteers had attended. Mr Cretney described the scheme and how it would encourage a wide range of ways to support people in their homes from providing shoppers, social outings, shared lunches, etc. He also advised that a coffee morning would be organised in September, and that the school and social club were keen to become involved. Members noted these matters with interest.

Mr Cretney spoke about the success of the Flower festival, which had resulted in over a thousand visitors at the Dhoon Church. The associated cafe had also been very successful and the whole enterprise had been extremely well supported by the local community. He also spoke about several ideas for the future including a 'Pop-up breakfast cafe', and a youth cafe.

There followed discussion of the future development of the land and buildings at the Dhoon for the benefit and use of the community. Several ideas were discussed and both parties agreed to consider potential options and feed back to the August meeting of the Commissioners.

Mr Quayle thanked Mr Cretney and Reverend Lowdon for attending and they left the meeting. at 9.30 pm.

Mrs Perks gave apologies as she had another event to attend and left the meeting at 9.31 pm.

Item		Meeting began at 7.00 pm due to attendance of EHO.	Action
15.87		Apologies: All Members were in attendance.	
15.88		Declarations of any interests in the business of the agenda: none declared.	
15.89		Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 1 st of June 2015. These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed, Mr Cowley , Seconded, Mr Moughtin . Resolved.	
15.90 15.91		Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on the 1 st of June 2015. Matters for Discussion:	
	a.	To discuss progress with Transfer of Services. The clerk reported that the contract to engage the services of Douglas Corporation to undertake gulley cleaning, street sweeping and hedge cutting was being drafted by the legal representative of Douglas Corporation and would be available for consideration in due course.	
	b.	To discuss progress with amalgamation of the three Garff authorities. An email from Roy Corlett at the Legislation Unit dated 07.07.15 had been circulated to	

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The draft Tynwald Order for amalgamation of the three authorities was discussed. The inclusion of Cooil Roi as a constituent part of the proposed new Garff authority was noted. The various options were set out by Mr Corlett in his e-mail and it was resolved that local authority representation must be maintained on any new Board or Committee. The proposal was that the Laxey & Lonan Wards would have representation on a Cooil Roi Committee and the Maughold Ward having representation on the Northern Sheltered Housing Committee. Several sections of the Order had been unsatisfactory as they did not reflect the equality between the three authorities. The clerk had submitted suggested wording for the sections which caused concern to Members. This was being considered by the Legislation Unit of government prior to re-submission to the Attorney General.

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- c. To discuss developments in regard to local authorities taking responsibility for the Balladoole CA Site following the meeting at Ramsey Town Hall on 7th July. Mr Quayle advised that a representative of the Western CA Site had briefed the meeting in regard to the implications of forming a Board and operating the Ballacallow site; detailed information and advice on setting up the administration to operate the site had been conveyed. Mr Quayle referred to issues such as the cost of ground rent, machinery and plant, adding that there were many financial questions that needed to be answered. Mr Moughtin advised that a 'steering committee' had been suggested for which each authority needed to nominate a representative. Mr Cowley proposed that, for continuity, one of the Members who had previously attended should be the nominee. This was agreed. Mr Quayle nominated Mr Moughtin. This was seconded by Mrs Fargher and resolved.
- d. **To discuss possible actions at Creg ny Molt regarding dangerous structure and unsightliness** (correspondence from Mr Blacker at Environmental Health attached). Discussion of this matter was reserved until the August meeting.
- e. To discuss launch of 'Beach Buddies' Initiative at Port Mooar, Port e Vullen, Port Lewaigue, & Cornaa.

The clerk advised that he was liaising with Mr Dale and would keep the Commissioners informed of progress.

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f. State of pavement outside building plots on Ballagorry Drive.

This matter was noted and the clerk was instructed to initiate action.

q. To discuss cutting of hedgerows.

This matter was discussed in detail. It was noted that sections of the A15 around Ballaiora. Maughold Village and Hibernia were heavy with growth and that the carriageway was restricted in places. It was noted that this was the busiest minor road in the Parish and was also a bus route. The restrictions set by the Wildlife Act on cutting prior to September 1st were noted, as was the condition that cutting could be undertaken for road safety reasons. Mrs Fargher suggested that a clear policy was needed. Mr Cowley stated that the current situation had not been helped by the inconsistent and inefficient approach of the DoI in past years. He was particularly concerned that costs for tree cutting and limbing on highways would fall to the Commissioners and asked the clerk to seek clarification of responsibility for this matter. In terms of hedge cutting, the clerk referred Members to the 'Code of Practice' for hedge cutting issued by the Department of Infrastructure. Mr Quayle stated that if the level of growth were the only criteria then now would be the best time to cut the hedges; however the Wildlife Act presumed against this. Mr Moughtin stated that a 'yardstick' was needed to determine when a hedge needed to be cut for road safety reasons, but this would be difficult as each section of road was different. The clerk was instructed to liaise with the Department for further advice regarding road safety matters and their policy on cutting and report back to the Chairman.

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h. **Civic Service 2015**. It was agreed that a Civic Service would not take place this calendar year.

15.92 Current Consultations for consideration:

List of current consultations previously circulated.

	a.	Consultation on the Isle of Man Government as a Single Legal Entity (documents circulated) Submission by 31.07.15. This consultation was discussed, particularly the intention to realign the whole of government to operate as a single organisation, within an agreed strategic framework and with 'clear lines of authority'. Members noted that, if implemented effectively, this could provide greater flexibility and agility from government; importantly it could encourage a more 'joined-up' and integrated system. The general consensus was that there was merit in developing a government structure along these lines. Section 3.8 discussed aligning local authorities within the proposed system. Members felt that this section was brief on detail and required further explanation before effective comment could be made. The clerk was	
		instructed to respond to the consultation as a whole and to seek clarification of the meaning and intention of Section 3.8.	clerk
15.93	a. b.	Correspondence: DoI - Speed restrictions A2 Coast Road during July. These were noted. DEFA - Re. Discharge Licence Application for bio-disc at 4, Ballajora Crossing, Ballajora. Members had shown their support for this application previously and DEFA had been notified. No further action.	
	C.	Information on 'Volunteers on Horseback' Initiative. Discussion of this matter was reserved until the August meeting.	
	d.	Member of the Public - Regarding the Crash Site and War Memorial on Barrule. This correspondence was noted and the matters raised discussed with interest. No further action.	
	e.	DoI - Invitation to join Railway Committee. This correspondence was noted.	
15.94		Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters: Due to time limitations, discussion of these matters were reserved until the August meeting.	
	a.	Arboretum - Additional fencing erected. Further opens to cope with persistent Goat nuisance.	
	b.	CPA Play Area - Inspection Completed by Douglas Corporation. No major issues to attend to. Report to be submitted to the Commissioners in due course indicating minor matters for attention.	
	c.	Kinrade Bros - Update on general health and safety issues.	
15.95	a.	Planning. The following decisions were noted. No further action. 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 - Approved 18.06.15.	
		15/00524/B Ballakew , Ballagorry Drive, Installation of wood burning stove and erection of associated external dummy chimney stack; Mr Leslie Smith Approved 29.06.15.	
		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 - Approved 30.06.15.	
	b.	Planning to Consider - 15/00730/B Primrose Lodge, Slieau Lewaigue, Erection of a replacement dwelling; Mr & Mrs Quinn. There were no direct objections to the plans for the structure. The increase in size by 54% was noted as was a previous approval for a similarly sized extension to the original dwelling. The clerk was instructed to ask for a condition insisting that no damage was done to any roadside hedges or trees, other than that indicated to improve sight lines onto the highway.	clerk
	c. i ii iii	Appeal Matters - ntr Enforcement Matters - Members to identify issues/locations. Reserved until August meeting. Completion Certificates -05/07938/DEX Hill Side, Hibernia, extensions and alterations to dwelling 24.06.15.	

15.96		 Information/Circulation File - the following documents included in the C/F: Invitation to Peel Civic Sunday, 19th July, Peel Methodist Chapel, 11.00 am. Noted. 							
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15.98		Finances June 2015. The following financial matters were noted: To Note: Accounts submitted to auditors 29 th June 2015 including Draft Financial Statements.							
		27	01-Jun-15	Dhoon Church PCC Hall Hire	125.00		3303		
		28	05-Jun-15	Cash - Parish Day Prizes	480.00		3304		
		29	22-Jun-15	NLASPB YE 16 (1)	1,600.00		3305		
		30		MUA Maint.	194.40	32.40	3306		
		31		MUA Toilets.Car Park	26.58	1.24	3307		
		32		Office of the Data Prot. Sup.	50.00		3308		
		33		Feltons	47.24	7.87	3309		
		34		IOM Gov NI & ITIP	485.06		3310		
		35		IOM Gov Tipping May	2,885.86	480.98	3311		
		36		Kinrade AV May	264.00	44.00	3312		
		37		IOM MA Subs	255.00		3313		
		38		MUA PL	126.28	5.90	3314		
		DD		MT	29.27	4.88	DD		
		39	06-Jul-15	Water Rates MUA	468.87		3315		
		41		Spotless June	230.00		3317		
		42		Signrite	73.20	12.20	3318		
		43 45		Kinrade AV June Island Contractors (Arbo Fence)	264.00 965.00	44.00	3319 3321		
15.99	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Municipal Association — Agenda for June Meeting & various documents in CF. Housing Swimming Pool Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group — Next meeting Tuesday 21 st July Ramsey Town Hall, 9.30 pm.							
15.100		 Any Other Business. Steve Rodan - regarding tree felling at Booilushag. Discussion of this matter was reserved until the August meeting. Visit to Dhoon School to view WW1 work, either 22nd or 23rd July. Mr Cowley, Mr Moughtin and Mrs Perks were asked to attend. Noisy behaviour outside the Glen Mona Hotel at weekends. The clerk was asked to pass on these reports to the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team. 							
		Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3 rd August 2015 The meeting closed at 11.08 pm.						cle	

