

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS  
HELD AT 7.30 pm ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015 AT DHOON CHURCH HALL**

		<b>Present:</b> Mr Quayle (Chairman), Mr Cowley, Mrs Fargher, Mr Moughtin. M. Royle (clerk)	action
<b>15.127</b>		<b>Apologies:</b> Mrs Perks	
<b>15.128</b>		<b>Declarations of any interests in the business of the agenda:</b> None declared.	
<b>15.129</b>		<b>Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.</b> These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed <b>Mrs Fargher</b> , seconded <b>Mr Cowley</b> . Resolved.	
<b>15.130.</b>		<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.</b>	
	a.	<b>To discuss recent Flooding, street sweeping and gulley cleaning operations.</b> Members discussed the flooding which had been a consequence of the very heavy rain that fell on Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November. Numerous instances of highway and property flooding across the parish were discussed. The main A2 highway had suffered particular disruption at Hibernia and Corony Bridge, whilst the A15 had also been overwhelmed particularly from Hibernia down to Ballafayle. Leaves had blocked gullies at Port Lewaigue causing a deep pool across the carriageway, but this had been cleared Friday morning by the Commissioners with assistance from a resident. The clerk advised that the following day he had been around the Parish to note the problems encountered by residents. He reported on several properties that had been flooded including at Port Mooar, Dreemskerry Road and Ballajora Hill. A consequent request to Infrastructure to clear ditches in the Port Mooar and Ballajora/Ballafayle area would be made. There followed discussion of the responsibilities of the Commissioners for gulley-pot cleaning and street sweeping. <b>Mr Cowley</b> referred to the previous performance of Highways in regard to these operations which had not met their own minimum performance standards. The clerk reported that leaf fall had caused problems on the A2 at Port Lewaigue and at the Ballajora Hill junction between the A15 and B19. <b>Mr Cowley</b> suggested that an assessment could be made of areas where sweeping would be beneficial, but these must be targeted carefully to ensure resources were deployed efficiently and cost effectively. There followed discussion of the location of gulley grids and pots in the parish. <b>Mr Quayle</b> advised that many of the grids were over culverts which did not have pots. <b>Mr Moughtin</b> requested that clarification be sought as Infrastructure had indicated that local authorities were only taking on responsibility for maintenance of gulley-pots. In addition no information had been forthcoming on the location of the gulleys from the Department. The clerk reported that he had previously mapped the location of these, but there condition of all of them was not known in detail at the time of the meeting. The clerk was instructed to undertake a visual survey of all the grids/pots and compile a list of their location and condition for the January meeting. This to be linked to mapping and digital coordinates.	clerk
	b.	<b>To discuss Rate setting for YE 17. Maintain at YE 16.</b> The clerk advised on the current financial status of the Commissioners. It was noted that Maughold would set a rate for YE17 irrespective of the possible amalgamation with Laxey and Lonan. The clerk reported that he had prepared estimates. These would be circulated and be discussed at the January 2016 meeting where the rate would be set.	clerk
	c.	<b>To discuss progress with proposal for provision of new toilet facility in Maughold Village.</b> (correspondence from advocate re. field deeds circulated). Correspondence had been circulated indicating professional legal opinion that the proposed toilet block would not contradict the scope and terms of the covenant on the Parish Field in the village. The planning department were being approached to discuss the proposals in terms of location, services, etc.	clerk

	<p>d. <b>To discuss progress with the formation of a single Garff local authority &amp; staffing &amp; legal advice note from Laxey's advocate</b> (documents circulated). It was noted that Tynwald would debate the proposed amalgamation in December. If approved, the procedure towards amalgamation would begin on 1<sup>st</sup> of January as set out in the orders and progress through to amalgamation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2016 with a Board of 15 Members for one month. A new Board of 9 Members would be elected on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2016. The legal advice regarding the Orders had been scrutinised and noted. There followed discussion of the three authorities accounts for YE 15 which had all been approved and signed off by the external auditors. Matters of concern raised in the auditor's report on the YE 14 accounts at Cooil Roi were noted and discussed. Advice had been gained from an independent accountant working on the Cooil Roi accounts who had indicated that the matters of concern had now been addressed. The clerk reported that the YE 15 accounts for the Sheltered Housing Authority were due to be signed off imminently and would be circulated as soon as possible for the scrutiny of Members.</p> <p>e. <b>To discuss representation on regional Housing Committees and Sheltered Housing Committees.</b> <b>Mrs Fargher</b> initiated discussion in regard to representation on the Northern Sheltered Housing Board. The clerk confirmed that continuing representation was detailed and confirmed on the Tynwald Orders being debated at December Tynwald. <b>Mrs Fargher</b> to attend the next Northern Area Housing Meeting. Further discussion was reserved until the January meeting of the Commissioners.</p> <p>f. <b>Feedback from Mr Moughtin following meeting (23.11.15) on operation of the Northern CA Site.</b> <b>Mr Moughtin</b> advised that an intermediate Board would be formed to run the CA site from January the first 2016. He advised that government were keen to hand over running of the site by Easter 2016. No decision had been made regarding running the site as either a Board or Committee. Ramsey had offered to operate the site on behalf of the northern authorities under a new structure. Mr Moughtin reported that this had been discussed, but several representatives of the northern authorities, including himself, had argued that to ensure efficiency and cost-effectiveness a tender process should be incorporated into any new structure. Mr Moughtin and clerk to attend future meetings.</p>	<p>MF</p> <p>Rm Clerk</p>
15.118	<p><b>Current Consultations for consideration:</b> See attached list. These matters were noted. No further action.</p>	
15.119	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>a. <b>DoI</b> - Request for feedback on waste management matters (email 19.11.15) It was noted that the GJIC had recommended that all three authorities submit limited information to the Department regarding operations and Health and safety. <b>Mr Quayle</b> proposed that no financially sensitive information is to be released which could prejudice the tender process in the future. This was agreed.</p> <p>b. <b>MPSC</b> - Re Insurance cover for bonfire night. A query regarding insurance cover for the operation of this MPSC Ltd event was noted. No further action.</p> <p>c. <b>Clare Christian</b> - re. proposal to fund a grave marker for William Kennish, poet, inventor and explorer from Coronry Bridge. Documents had been circulated. Further comment was reserved until the January meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	d.	<b>Manx Government</b> - Re. agreement to investigate offshore wind farm off the north eastern coast. This matter was noted and Members reserved comment until further details are announced.	
	e.	<b>LGU</b> - Information regarding Local Elections 2016. These documents had been circulated and were noted. No further action.	
	f.	<b>Nigel Cretney</b> - Proposal regarding Dhoon Church Buildings and Field. A letter from Mr Cretney had been circulated indicating that the church would consider renting the field to the Commissioners. Members noted that the option to purchase the field outright which had been discussed at the meeting with the Archdeacon had not been progressed. <b>Mr Cowley</b> queried the reason for this and felt that the proposal that had emerged did not reflect the outcomes that the church had committed to pursue at the meeting in October; which had been for a valuation of the field with a view to a sale to the Commissioners. <b>Mr Moughtin</b> stated that he was similarly disappointed and questioned why the sale option had disappeared. <b>Mrs Fargher</b> proposed inviting Mr Cretney to the January meeting. <b>Mr Quayle</b> suggested that for matters to move forward close communication needed to take place. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Cretney seeking further information. The letter to be copied to the Archdeacon and Church Wardens.	clerk
<b>15.120</b>		<b>Parish Maintenance and Health &amp; Safety Matters:</b> The clerk reported that no health and safety issues had been raised during November. Refuse collection days would not be affected by the Christmas Break. Clerk to advise on the noticeboard and through social media.  The clerk reported that the door of the Glen Mona noticeboard had become stuck due to a panel warping. Clerk to arrange for repair.	Clerk
<b>15.121</b>	a.	<b>Planning.</b> <b>Planning to Consider</b> - <i>none this month.</i>	
	b.	<b>Appeal Matters</b> - ntr	
	c.	<b>Enforcement Matters</b> - Correspondence advising investigation at Field 624412, Booilushag. This matter was noted.	
	d.	<b>Completion Certificates</b> - 05/07018/DEX <b>Glen View</b> , Ballagorry Heights, first floor extension. This matter was noted.	
<b>15.122</b>		<b>Information/Circulation File</b> - <i>the following documents included in the C/F were noted. No further action at this stage:</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various IOM Municipal Documents for October/November 2015.</li> <li>• Various 'Mooragh Promenade Newsletters'.</li> <li>• November Tipping Figures.</li> <li>• Documents from Eastern Area Housing Working Group outlining functions of the separate Working Group(Officers) and Steering Group(Elected Members).</li> <li>• DoI: New guidance on Competition Law via Rachel Bevan (email 18.11.15).</li> <li>• Information from John Quayle(DoI) re. northern CA Site costings.</li> <li>• Peter Burgess - re. Garff Orders and due diligence.</li> </ul>	8.55
<b>15.123</b>		<b>Searches:</b> Cornaa House. <b>Noted.</b>	

15.124		<p><b>Finances November 2015</b> <i>The following payments were approved:</i></p> <hr/> <table border="1" data-bbox="325 282 1262 645"> <tr> <td></td> <td>MT</td> <td>DD</td> <td>DD</td> <td></td> <td>32.14</td> <td>5.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07-Dec-15</td> <td>Cains Gordon Bell</td> <td>157</td> <td>3389</td> <td></td> <td>153.70</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Feltons (Oct)</td> <td>158</td> <td>3390</td> <td></td> <td>98.08</td> <td>16.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>M.G. Gale</td> <td>159</td> <td>3391</td> <td></td> <td>220.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Spotless Cleaners</td> <td>160</td> <td>3393</td> <td></td> <td>230.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Grant Thornton</td> <td>161</td> <td>3394</td> <td></td> <td>1,680.00</td> <td>280.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Manx Utilities</td> <td>162</td> <td>3395</td> <td></td> <td>28.94</td> <td>1.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Isle of Man Gov</td> <td>163</td> <td>3396</td> <td></td> <td>478.25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>IOM Gov Tipping Nov</td> <td>165</td> <td>3399</td> <td></td> <td>2,739.89</td> <td>456.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		MT	DD	DD		32.14	5.36	07-Dec-15	Cains Gordon Bell	157	3389		153.70	25.00		Feltons (Oct)	158	3390		98.08	16.37		M.G. Gale	159	3391		220.00			Spotless Cleaners	160	3393		230.00			Grant Thornton	161	3394		1,680.00	280.00		Manx Utilities	162	3395		28.94	1.37		Isle of Man Gov	163	3396		478.25			IOM Gov Tipping Nov	165	3399		2,739.89	456.65								
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15.126		<p><b>Any Other Business.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Quotation from HOF re. Parish Flags.</b> Members noted the quotations and the clerk was instructed to order 10 flags. This number attracted a 15% discount. The quantity would last approximately fifteen years before a re-order was necessary.</li> <li>• <b>Speed Indicator Sign. Analysis of data collected to end November 2015.</b> Speed data for November was briefly assessed. Several speeds of in excess of 50 mph had been recorded. These were predominantly in the very early hours. The clerk was instructed to retrieve the data for December and circulate prior to the January meeting for discussion and publication.</li> </ul>	clerk																																																																						
		<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. <b>Noted.</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 10.31</p>																																																																							