MEETING OF MAUGHOLD PARISH COMMISSIONERS HELD AT 7.30 pm ON MONDAY 7th March 2016 AT DHOON CHURCH HALL

		Present: Mr J. Quayle (Chairman), Mrs C. Perks, Mrs M. Fargher, Mr R. Moughtin. Clerk: M. Royle.			
	A Member of the public was in attendance				
16.28		Apologies: The clerk reported that these had been received from Mr M. Cowley			
16.29		Declarations of any interests in the business of the agenda: None declared.			
16.30		Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 1 st of February 2016. These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed Mrs Fargher. Seconded, Mr Quayle. Resolved.			
16.31		Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on the 1 st of February 2016.			
16.32		Matters for Discussion:			
		Mr Quayle introduced a discussion on the documents sent to the Commissioners by Mr Cregeen MHK regarding the proposed introduction of legislation to encourage 'neighbourhood planning' schemes. The clerk had summarised the documents which were based on current UK legislation and aimed "to make provision about town and country planning in order to allow communities power to develop a vision for their neighbourhood". Mr Moughtin advised that this matter had been discussed with Mr Cregeen at the February meeting of the Municipal Association. He outlined that the proposals could allow the production of locally influenced plans which could shape the development of housing, business and community facilities in an area. Any local group, local authority or individuals in a community could come together and produce a plan that could run in conjunction with any Area Plan or other planning scheme. Mrs Fargher referred to potential positives in the proposals, but had reservations about how the schemes would be funded. The clerk explained that any developer charged with carrying out aspects of any plan would be charged a levy which would be used by government to fund infrastructure; 25% of the levy was returned back to the community in the UK to fund community schemes etc. Mr Moughtin proposed that the Commissioners write to Mr Cregeen expressing interest in making further investigations into the scheme. Mrs Fargher also proposed that the Municipal Association discuss the matter further. Mr Moughtin agreed to take this matter up with the Association.	clerk RM		
	a.	To discuss progress with proposal for provision of new toilet block in Maughold Village (email correspondence from resident dated 02.03.16). The clerk reported that a decision on the planning applications for demolition of the old toilet block and erection of a new block in the car park was due in the next fourteen days. Correspondence was read from the resident in regard to how the demolition and erection could proceed. The clerk was instructed to liaise with the Commissioners' advocate in this matter.	Clerk		
	b.	Discussion regarding the formation of the single Garff local authority.			
		To resolve support for the formation of a single Garff Authority (email correspondence from Mr Peter Hill, clerk Lonan Commissioners dated 24.02.16). JQ prop. The clerk reported that he had written correspondence from Mr			

Cowley indicating full support for the implementation of the Tynwald Orders. **Mr Quayle** proposed that the amalgamation of Laxey Lonan and Maughold be supported by the Board. **Mrs Fargher** seconded. The proposal was **Resolved** unanimously.

- Insurance the clerk advised that an insurance policy for the Garff Authority would be in place by May the 1st. In the meantime, the current NFU policy would be renewed to cover the month of April 2016. The policy would then be cancelled and the Commissioners reimbursed with no penalty.
- Health and Safety Policy the clerk reported that the Garff was investigating the appointment of a Health and Safety consultant to provide guidance on the production of an appropriate health and safety policy for the new Board.
- The clerk also reported that professional advice from 'Evolution' was being investigated . This would examine and harmonise re. staff contracts, pensions etc.

Mr Quayle proposed that the Maughold Board support the Garff Committee in progressing these matters. Seconded **Mrs Fargher**. Resolved.

Clerk

C. To discuss representation on regional Housing Committees and Sheltered Housing Committees (Northern Cluster Group 'Terms of Reference' to be agreed and approved).

The terms of reference were approved. Proposed **Mrs Fargher**. Seconded **Mr Moughtin**.

- d. To discuss arrangements for the Local Authority Election on 28.04.16.

 The clerk reported that arrangements were in hand. The Maughold Ward would have two polling stations. One at the Maughold Village Hall and one at the Dhoon Hall. There would also be a seminar/discussion meeting for prospective candidates at the Commissioners Offices on New Road, Laxey at 7.00 am on Wednesday the 23rd of
- e. **MUA Lighting Maintenance Contract 2016/2017.** It was noted that there had been a slight reduction in the maintenance charges. The document was circulated and signed by Chairman and Clerk.
- f. To discuss arrangements for YE 2016 Audit.

March. This was noted.

It was noted that the audit For YE 16 would be for a thirteen month period ending on the 30th of April 2016. With the amalgamation imminent pre-audit to be carried out by SMP accounting who pre-audit Laxey's accounts. This would allow easier harmonisation of the new Board's accounts.

- g. **To discuss arrangements for the Garff Local Authority Election Forum** for Prospective Candidates to be held at Commissioners' Offices, Laxey, 7.00 pm on the 23rd of March 2016. This matter was noted and discussed at item 16.32.d above.
- h. To discuss 'National Strategy on Flood Defences' Document dated 12.02.16. This document was noted.
- i. Update from **Mr Moughtin** on transfer of operational responsibility at Balladoole Northern Civic Amenity Site.

Mr Moughtin advised that he had been appointed Chairman of the interim Board that was investigating the transition of operational responsibility for the Northern CA Site from DoI to the northern local authorities. The interim committee was looking at options for running the site which included an agreement with Ramsey Commissioners to operate the site under the stewardship of a joint committee.

16.33 Current Consultations for consideration: See attached list of current consultations as at 03.03.16. None discussed.

4.6.5.							
16.34	a. b. c.	Correspondence: Evolution - Regarding provision of consultancy services (01.03.16). Noted. MNH - Re. Heritage Open Days 2016. Mr Quayle to report back to the April meeting with a proposal for a walking event perhaps based on the Parish boundary. Juan Watterson MHK - Regarding Community Covenant. This matter was noted.					JQ
16.35		 Parish Maintenance and Health & Safety Matters: Damage to litter/refuse and Bring Bank Bins in the Dhoon Area (correspondence from residents to be circulated). This matter was discussed. The police had been informed and were investigating. To discuss tree management at Maughold Village Car Park. A report on the trees from an arborist was noted. The clerk was instructed to apply to DEFA for permission to remove and prune some trees at the car park. The intention is to carry out this work prior to the erection of the toilets. Review of Garff H&S Policy. This matter was discussed at item 16.32.b above. The Board requested that feedback be sought from the forester at DEFA on the current situation with the established trees and re-planting at 'Thalema' in Port Lewaigue. 					clerk
16.36	a. b. c. d.	Planning. Planning to Consider - 16/00161/B Ainchea, Corony Bridge, Erection of detached building to provide games/gym room. The clerk was instructed to object to this application as it constituted new development in the countryside and a visual intrusion that extended the built environment. The high level flood-lighting was also discussed in relation to light pollution and the Dark Skies Project. Appeal Matters - ntr Enforcement Matters - Members discussed the erection of new gateposts and historical planning matters at Ballafayle y Callow. The situation would be monitored and discussed at the April meeting. Completion Certificates - ntr					
16.37		 Information/Circulation File - the following documents included in the C/F: Noted. Various IOM Municipal Documents for February 2016. Various 'Mooragh Promenade Newsletters'. Guidance for local authority candidates document. Railway Committee Minutes 12.01.16. Housing Review Milestones document. 					
16.38		Searches: None in month to date.					
16.39		Finances February 2016: These were approved and cheques duly signed.					
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16.40	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	Committees, etc. Municipal Association — Various documents in C/F re. Jan/Feb 2016 Meetings. Housing - Mrs Fargher reported that a new system for assessing access and eligibility was currently being considered in Tynwald and could be implemented as soon as April 2016. Swimming Pool - ntr Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group — ntr Garff Joint Initiative — Minutes 17.02.16. Noted. Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team. Next Meeting Tuesday 9 th March 2016, 9.30 Ramsey Town Hall. Noted.	
16.41		 Any Other Business. Mrs Fargher referred to the proposal for a grave marker being placed on the grave in New York of William Kennish, who was born at Corony Bridge, was discussed. It was noted that if the necessary monies were not raised that the monies donated would be donated to a naval charity. It was agreed that no action should be taken at this stage. 	
		 The impact of the recent flooding on the parish was briefly discussed. The condition of the Ballaglass Road was a particular concern for road safety reasons. The clerk was instructed to write to the Department again reiterating the concers of the Commissioners. Mrs Fargher raised the possibility of marking the dissolution of Maughold Commissioners and the establishment of a Garff Sheading Authority. It was agreed that this should be a matter for consideration at the April meeting and at the next GJIC meeting. 	Clerk JQ/RM
		Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4 th April 2016 (provisional) Meeting closed at 10.40 pm,	