

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday February 21st 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Mr T O'Hanlon	Chairman
	Mr A Toohey	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr R Sloane	
	Mr T Miles	
	Mr I Maule	Clerk

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Visitors** – All visitors were present from the beginning of the meeting until each had addressed and engaged with the Board at which point the visitors left the meeting.
 - 2.1. Ms Susan Scarffe, Mr Ray Teare, Miss Juliet Tranter, Mr Bruce Corfield and others wished to address the Board on two matters in the Braaid area. Firstly, a field behind Braaid Hall has become a repository for apparently dumped vehicles and appears also to have become a de facto pet cemetery. The issues were identified as whether proper planning approval might be required for the latter; access arrangements: it is believed that the land-locked field has access rights for agricultural purposes only, unsightliness and any possible environmental damage from buried animals. It is believed that the field is owned by a resident of Onchan. There is concern also that the roots of growing trees may interfere with septic tanks in the adjacent properties. The Chairman recommended that the question of access is best checked by reference to title deeds. The Chairman then undertook to visit the site to take some photographs which would accompany letters to Planning Enforcement Officer and Environmental Health Officer. A copy of each letter would be sent to Bill Shimmins MHK.

The second issue related to the property adjacent to Corvalley House. Complaints have been made on previous occasions that the property is being used for purposes other than agriculture despite the presence of a large cattle shed. Stone crushing has taken place and debris believed to have come from Nobles Hospital has been dumped there. More recently, several lorry loads of spoil believed to have come from the Ballagarey Sewage Treatment Works has been dumped. Neighbours are concerned at this misuse as well as possible pollution of the water-courses. Photographs were produced which show heavy lorries clearly not of the type used for Agriculture on the premises. The Chairman undertook that the Clerk would write to Planning Enforcement Officer, Environmental Health (enclosing copy photographs) with a copy to Bill Shimmins MHK and immediate neighbours to the property.
 - 2.2. Insp Mike Newey – Mr Newey began by giving a potted history of his career to date which includes a broad mix of policing skills both in CID and uniformed branches. Mr Newey then detailed current staff levels, vacancies both current and impending and how these are to be filled. This has resulted in low priority for speed enforcement, identified by the Board as being a problem still. A general discussion on speed limits and police input to consideration thereof took place with particular reference to Ballahutchin Hill where a number of accidents has occurred in recent months. Members do not support the ever-changing speed limits on this section of road and are concerned about the bend at the top of the hill where there is no speed limit. On the positive side, there are no incidents of anti-social behaviour in Marown. Special Constable numbers are up to strength.

- 2.3. Bill Shimmins MHK. Mr Shimmins reported from the Budget debate and was able to confirm that the Heritage Trail is to be resurfaced in its entirety. Members expressed concern that this might result in a change of ambience for the path. It was suggested also that timing this with Douglas Promenade work would be an efficiency as scalplings from the promenade could be used on the Heritage Trail.

Mr Shimmins encouraged the Board to commence work at Ballawilleykilley as soon as possible to encourage Dol Highways to install their traffic-calming scheme as recent traffic counts have shown that speeding vehicles on /glen Vine Road is a real problem. Mr Shimmins is requesting more signage.

A discussion then took place on Broadband coverage in Crosby on which there were divergent views. Mr Shimmins drew attention to a form on the Manx Telecom Website for residents to request improvements and asked whether this could be promoted on the Commissioners' website. Mrs Lynch undertook to place the item on the Facebook and twitter sections.

Mr Shimmins drew attention to the further list of sites submitted for consideration in Marown in connection with the Eastern Area Plan. This matter is included later in the agenda.

3. Previous Minutes

- 3.1. Minutes of the meeting held on January 17th 2018 were approved. The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.

4. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

- 4.1. Civic Service – Letters of thanks from Scouts and Crosby Silver Band were noted.

5. Planning Matters

5.1. Completion Certificates – The following were noted:

- 00/07565 – Staircase to roof at The croft, Main Road, Glen Vine
- 01/07611 – Sun Lounge and Porch at Ballalough Farm, West Baldwin
- 01/07718 – Salt Barn at Eilerslie Depot, Crosby
- 09/07551 – Window and Door alterations at 39 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
- 16/07142 – Extension & New Roof to Conservatory at 16 Keeil Pharrick, Glen Vine
- 17/07581 – Regularisation of wood-burning stove at 6 Old School View, Crosby
- 18/07007 – Regularisation of multi-fuel stove at Ard Thalloo, King Orry Road, Glen Vine

5.2. Planning Committee – The following meetings has been notified

5.2.1. January 29th 2018

17/00367 – Dwelling to replace existing at The Cottage, Rocky Road, Crosby: Recommended for Refusal.

5.2.2 February 12th 2018 – Nothing in Marown.

5.3. Planning Decisions

5.3.1. Approvals – The following to which no objection had been made were discussed:

- 17/00781 – Garage, Lounge Extension and Balustrade at 98 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
- 17/01269 – Extension to Agricultural Building adj Close Veg, Glen Darragh Rd, Glen Vine
- 18/00022 – Greenhouse at Highfield, Glen Vine Drive, Glen Vine

5.3.2 Refusals – The following was discussed:

- 17/00367 – Dwelling to replace the Cottage, Rocky Road, Crosby

5.4 Appeals – The following are current matters:

- 5.4.116/01131 – 7 Dwellings at Field 320653, Main Road, Crosby – Correspondence between Clerk and Planning Officer not discussed.
- 5.4.216/01314 – 21 Dwellings plus retail unit at Field 320653, Main Road, Crosby Correspondence between Clerk and Planning Officer not discussed.
- 5.4.317/00781 – Garage, Extension and Balustrading at 98 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine Appeal against approval accepted.
- 5.4.417/00868 – Extension to rear and side of 2 Ballaquinnea Cottages, Glen Vine: Appeal against approval dismissed.

5.5 Enforcement

- 5.5.1 Shed at 1 Crosby Terrace: Response from Planning Enforcement Officer discussed. It is noted that the shed is taller than the maximum for Permitted Development but that the excessive height is not such as to warrant enforcement action. No evidence of a business being conducted was apparent when the property was visited. Mrs Lynch had also received a different letter from Planning Enforcement which was also noted.

5.6 Building Control – Nothing to record.

5.7 Planning Conditions – No matters notified.

6. Consultations – The following were discussed:

- 6.1. **Eastern Area Plan** – Additional sites have been submitted for consideration and a location map was considered. It was noted that most of the new areas appeared to be dependent on already submitted areas being approved. It was noted also that all earlier submissions other than those indicated as likely to be approved had been opposed and it was resolved therefore that all of these new areas should be opposed.
- 6.2. **Vehicle Duty** – The Chairman opined that all members would have different views and that a consensus would therefore be difficult. Accordingly, the Chairman recommended that members submit individual responses.
- 6.3. **TT/MGP Road Closures for Additional Practice Sessions** – It was resolved to make no comment.
- 6.4. **General Data Protection Regulations** – It was resolved to make no comment.
- 6.5. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – It was resolved to make no comment on the following.
 - 6.5.1. Update To Legislation Implementing Solas Chapter V: Safety Of Navigation

7. General Matters and other Correspondence

- 7.1. **WW1 Commemorations** – Nothing to discuss.
- 7.2. **Western Housing Authority** – Allan Jones and Derek Sewell from Peel Town Commissioners will attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss a possible next step.
- 7.3. **Freedom of Information Act** – Request and response noted. The Clerk reported that some Authorities are publishing responses on their web-sites as a response, once given, is in the public domain anyway. Following a discussion, it was resolved that responses will not be placed on the Web-site.
- 7.4. **Mobile Library** – Communication from Librarian about publicity and usage of the library discussed.

7.5. Clerks' Forum meetings

7.5.1. Meeting on November 9th 2017 – Action points noted

7.5.2. Meeting on February 1st 2018 attended by the Clerk who reported a presentation by Dol Highways about hedges and Trees and a presentation from Cabinet Office about Year of our Island. Regarding the latter, grant funding is available for certain projects and this was discussed with particular reference to signage for the former Crosby Railway Station. Mr Toohey asked for details to be sent to him so that he could investigate the possibility of funding with view to taking this project on.

7.6. **Library Provision** – Request for information from Select Committee into Library Provision discussed. Clerk to provide responses.

7.7. **Rates Accounts** – Letter to accompany Rates accounts to be prepared by Clerk for approval by Chairman; duplicated by The Copy Shop and sent to Treasury Rates section by March 20th 2018.

7.8. **Glenlough Campsite** – Further communication from DEFA to Site owners noted. Action will depend on response received.

8. Highway Matters

8.1. **Heritage Trail** – The Chairman reported on a site-meeting held at Ballagarey Sewage Treatment Works. It is intended that the Heritage Trail will be open at weekends henceforward and that total construction period will be 42 weeks. The work is currently about one week behind schedule but it is anticipated that the 42 week schedule will be met. Original estimate of 26 weeks was never achievable. The Trail has been widened between Glen Darragh Road and the Treatment Works to allow construction access and this will be a permanent widening.

8.2. **Isle of Man Youth and Junior Tour 2017(sic!) Cycle Event** – Road closures noted.

8.3. **Parking on Reayrt ny Chrink** – Communication from resident discussed. The secondary matter of the Recycling Bins at Reayrt ny Chrink will be discussed by Mrs Lynch with Braddan Commissioners with a view to their servicing the bins.

9. Community Issues

9.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces and Reayrt ny Chrink Adoption Process** – In the hands of Advocates.

9.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing of note to report.

9.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the land-owner but had received no response.

9.4. **Dog Fouling** – Complaint from resident discussed. It was resolved that the problem would be covered in the letter to accompany Rates Accounts.

9.5. **Dog Bins** – Request to relocate bin on Glen Vine Road opposite Ballagarey Road discussed. Members felt that this bin is in the correct place but that a further bin should be provided at the junction of Ballagarey Road and King Orry Road.

10. **Any Other Business** – None

11. **Date and time of next meeting**

Wednesday March 21st 2018 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2105.

Signed

Chairman

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