

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday October 18th 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

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

1. **Apologies** – Mr Toohey
 2. **Visitors** – Bill Shimmins MHK was present from item 6.3 to the end only
 3. **Previous Minutes**
 - 3.1. Minutes of the meeting held on September 20th 2017 were approved. The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
 4. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
 - 4.1. Acknowledgement received from Dol for requests for gulleys on the main road and traffic calming on Glen Vine Road. The response stated that a response would be received in due course. A request after two weeks of when “due course” would be has not been acknowledged.
 - 4.2. Communication on behalf of Insp Mark Newey who has been unwell noted.
 - 4.3. Marown School have acknowledged July communication about Cycling Proficiency tests. The Chairman will contact the school to make arrangements for presenting the lamps. The lamps are in the store for which the key was passed to Mrs Lynch.
 5. **Planning Matters**
 - 5.1. **Completion Certificates** – the following was noted.
 - 07/07363 – Bathroom within Garage at Boodeys Cottage, Foxdale Road, Garth
 - 5.2. **Planning Committee** – The following meeting has been notified:
 - 5.2.1. October 2nd 2017: Meeting attended by Mr Miles and the Clerk.
 - 16/00200 – Change of use at Ellerslie Depot: Recommended for approval
It was submitted that the application was speculative and could be interpreted as permitting all-comers use of the facility. Dol response is that the Disposal Licence is personal to Dol and akin to Building Control approval. The application was approved.
 - 17/00852 – 28 Residential Units plus Retail unit at Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby: Recommended for Approval
Two submissions were made against the proposal: from the Commissioners and from the other objectors. The presentations were complementary and covered most or all matters. The Applicant also made a presentation. The Planning Committee made unfavourable comment about the design of the dwellings and shop unit and the creation of a hard edge to the village. The Planning Officer then recommended that a decision on the matter be deferred as certain information from other Government agencies was incomplete and it appeared that proper consideration of objections had not been made. The Committee duly accepted this recommendation unanimously, and the matter was adjourned.
- Mr Miles proposed that the Clerk be thanked for his work in preparing and presenting the two submissions and this was agreed unanimously

5.3. Planning Decisions

5.3.1. Approvals – The following was discussed:

- 16/00200 – Change of use at Ellerslie Depot, Old Church Road, Crosby
The matter of an appeal was discussed. It was resolved to not appeal but to ensure that, should Ellerslie change hands, proper provision is made for lawful use.

5.3.2 Refusals – None notified.

5.4 Appeals – The following was noted:

5.4.17/00175 – Patio Extension at 30 Glen Vine Park, Glen Vine: Decision awaited.

5.5 Enforcement – No issues.

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** – Nothing to report.

6.2. **Review of Election Administration** – Mr. Miles and Mr. Sloane would attend the “drop-in” session.

6.3. **Changing Local Government Legislation** – All matters were discussed and responses agreed and submitted.

6.4. **Consultations on the Government website not notified** – It was resolved to make no comment on the following which was noted:

6.4.1. Group Supervision.

7. General Matters and other Correspondence

7.1. **WW1 Commemorations** – The Chairman undertook to organise the wreath.

7.2. **Civic Service** – The Chairman would be meeting Mrs Shirtliff and Rev’d Ward in the next few days.

7.3. **Glenlough Campsite** – Further report from DEFA Environmental Health Officer concerning an effluent leak discussed. The matter of a licence for the campsite was also discussed. The site appears currently to be without a licence though there is provision in the 1929 Act for exceptions under S.6 and it is thought that an order under this section was made when the site was established. Having regard to the incident giving rise to DEFA’s involvement, it was resolved to write to the operator of the campsite warning that good standards must be maintained in default of which the Commissioners would consider a formal licence which would, amongst other provisions, limit the number of campers present at any one time.

7.4. **Early and Late Season Visitors** – Request to extend display periods of hanging baskets discussed. It is considered that this would result in poor displays and it was resolved to maintain the current display period accordingly.

7.5. **Christmas Trees** – Replication of last year’s programme approved.

7.6. **Western Housing Authority** – Mr Miles and Mrs Lynch would attend the meeting.

7.7. **Port St Mary Celebration of Christmas** – Neither the Chairman nor any other member is able to attend.

7.8. **Round Pound Coins** – Treasury policy noted.

7.9. **Criminal Damage incident at 98 Ballagarey Road** – Noted.

8. Highway Matters

- 8.1. Heritage Trail** – Meeting attended by Mrs Lynch on October 18th 2017. It has been agreed that the Trail will be open each weekend from Christmas, but reasons of safety and practicality preclude a full re-opening either temporary or permanent whilst works are continuing at Ballagarey Sewage Treatment Plant.
- 8.2. Old Church Road** – It was noted that a camper van had re-appeared and seemed to be in use as a dwelling. It was resolved to ask Police to have the vehicle, which appears to be a “heavy motor car”, removed.
- 8.3. Gulleys** – The Clerk had written twice more since the last meeting about this matter and had received no response. Mr Shimmins asked for a copy of the correspondence and undertook to pursue on behalf of the Board.
- 8.4. Ballahutchin Hill** – A recent serious accident at Ballafreer Lane was discussed. Members observed that the speed limit on this section of road changes without notice and that derestricted/50mph flap signs have been installed at each end of the “derestricted” section. Safety is not enhanced by poor visibility caused by hedges, trees and shadows at the top of the hill. Following a discussion, it was resolved to seek a permanent 50mph limit.

9. Community Issues

- 9.1. Ballagarey Open Spaces and Reayrt ny Chrink Adoption Process** – Nothing to report. It was resolved that this matter needs to be pursued again.
- 9.2. Website and Social Media** – Invitation to renew domain name “marown.im”. It was resolved to renew for a 5-year period.
- 9.3. Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – The Clerk had written twice more since the last meeting about this matter and had received no response. Mr Shimmins asked for a copy of the correspondence and undertook to pursue on behalf of the Board. It was resolved to send a further letter as well as contractors have been contacted to begin work which cannot begin until the traffic calming scheme has been installed.
- 9.4. Marown Dog Bye-Laws** – A copy will be displayed on the Website and members were asked to consider signage.
- 9.5. Defibrillator Conversion** – Practice note noted.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1.** Freedom of Information “Exceptions” training session on Friday November 24th has been cancelled. Members all elected to attend on the previous afternoon subject to availability.
- 10.2.** A discussion took place on the perception that household Rates were increasing rapidly due to local authority action while, in fact, the largest charges and increases relate to water and sewerage. The Clerk reminded members that it would be possible to send out a separate account for local authority rates only and that there is no obligation to use the Treasury collection service. Previous discussions with Braddan Commissioners were recalled when an offer to charge no more than Treasury for collection had been made. It was resolved that this matter be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday November 15th 2017 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2045

Signed
Chairman

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