

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday April 17th 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

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

1. **Apologies** – None.

2. **Visitors** –

- 2.1. Supt. S Maddocks had been invited but was unable to attend. An alternative of July 17th was agreed and a suitable invitation would be sent.
- 2.2. The Chairman had agreed to permit Mrs Lorraine Quayle, Chairman of the Marown Memorial Playing Fields Management Committee to address the Board on present and future plans. Members welcomed Mrs Quayle.

An architect has been engaged to draw plans for an accessible toilet facility attached to the Millennium Hall to replace the facility next to the play area which is operated currently by the Commissioners. It is suggested that the existing block be demolished and a memorial garden to Mrs Gill Fargher provided there when the new facility is ready. The Clerk advised that a lease existed and that the block and land therefore were owned by the Trust and leased to the Commissioners. Mrs Quayle asked for a copy of the lease of which she had been unaware believing that the land is owned by the Trust and the building by the Commissioners. Members agreed that this could be provided. It is anticipated that the new facility would be open all day and night and would receive greater usage than the current facility thereby requiring greater frequency of cleaning. The trust are asking that the new facility be funded and operated by the Commissioners. Members asked to see costings before agreeing level of support. The Clerk advised that some sort of lease arrangement would be advisable as existed presently if the cost were to be met from Rate-payers' funds. The Trust is seeking other funding avenues for improving the facilities within the Millennium Hall.

The Bowling Club has plans to erect a new clubhouse and to vacate the current area. In order to improve usage of the Hall Caine Pavilion, it is suggested that the Commissioners' Office and file storage be moved in due course to the vacated area which would also enable ramped access to the office not possible in the current location. An opportunity could be taken to dispose of various unwanted papers etc. In the mean time, a fire inspection is due in the Hall Caine Pavilion and access is required to the Clerk's Office. An arrangement has been made for April 24th 2019.

The proposed play equipment subject of a funding request discussed at the last meeting was discussed in more detail. Mrs Lynch offered that she may be able to arrange a reduced transport cost through Mezzeron and would investigate. The question of funding would be considered by the Board in Private Session.

Mrs Quayle expressed concern at the development on the adjacent field with contractors crossing private land to gain access to the south end of the site. She had permitted the first to complete the task (pouring concrete) but had refused permission for any further incursion. Additionally, it seems that the drainage culvert is being directed into the stream adjacent to the playing fields rather than direct into the River Dhoo. The Committee is studying the approvals carefully and will be taking whatever steps may be necessary to ensure compliance with the Conditions of Approval.

With this, Mrs Quayle left the meeting with the thanks of Members for her time.

2.3. Mr W Shimmins MHK was present from the start up to and including item 8.6.

3. Previous Minutes

3.1. Minutes of the meeting held on March 20th 2019 were approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

4. Matters Arising not on the Agenda – None.

5. Planning Matters

5.1. **Completion Certificates** – None received.

5.2. **Planning Committee** – There were no matters in Marown in the following:

5.2.1. April 1st 2019

5.2.2. April 15th 2019

5.3. Planning Decisions

5.3.1. **Approvals** – The following were noted:

- 18/01233 – Alterations including rear extension at 6 King Orry Road, Glen Vine
- 19/00101 – Various alterations at Braaid Farm. Top Road, Crosby

5.3.2. **Refusals** – None notified

5.4 Appeals

5.4.1 17/00852 – 28 Dwellings plus retail unit at Ballaglonney Farm, Peel Road, Crosby
The Appeal submission was approved. Date of hearing awaited.

5.5 **Enforcement** - No active matters.

5.6 **Building Control:** 4 Eairy Terrace The Clerk reported that the acting Clerk to Westlands had not responded to the request for information. A further visit to the Deeds Registry will therefore be required to check whether the beneficiary aforementioned has in turn died.

5.7 **Planning Conditions** – Nothing to record.

6. Consultations – The following were discussed:

6.1. **Eastern Area Plan** – Mr. Shimmins reported that an Inspector had been identified and confirmation of the appointment from Government House was awaited. A preliminary hearing was expected during Jul 2019 with three weeks from September 2019 being allocated for the substantive hearings.

6.2. **Modernisation of Domestic and non-Domestic Rates** – Mr O’Hanlon reported that the meeting had been dominated by the Clerk to Rushen and Arbory and a member of Braddan Commissioners. The main concern raised relates to the suggestion that Business Rates should be payable to Government with Local Authorities bidding for funding for particular purposes. It was noted that Business Rates in Marown were a very small part of total rateable values and that Marown would therefore likely find difficulty in gaining access to such funding. Mr Shimmins expressed the opinion that the project would likely not proceed.

- 6.3. **Climate Change Mitigation** – Mr. Shimmins gave an account of Government thinking on this subject which includes action to limit or ban the import of coal and wood for domestic fires and an encouragement to use electricity for all domestic purposes and transport. CO₂ emissions on the Isle of Man are showing a rising trend in contrast to UK and other jurisdictions.
- 6.4. **Forest Planning and Accreditation** – It was resolved to make no comment.
- 6.5. **Consultations on the Government website not notified** – The following was noted. It was resolved to make no comment:
 - 6.5.1. Telecommunication Wholesale and Retail Fixed Market Review 2019

7. General Matters and other Correspondence

- 7.1. **Remembrance Services** – Nothing to discuss.
- 7.2. **Western Housing Authority** – Nothing to report.
- 7.3. **Crosby and District Silver Band** – Minutes of AGM and letter noted.
- 7.4. **Tynwald Garden Party and Tynwald Day Ceremony** – It was resolved that the Chairman at the time should attend if possible in default of which another member would deputise. No member wished to take advantage of Grandstand Tickets.
- 7.5. **Integrated Care Project** – Newsletter discussed.
- 7.6. **Manx Wildlife Trust** – Newsletter and brochure passed to Mrs Lynch.
- 7.7. **Family Library** – No member wished to attend the launch event.

8. Highway Matters

- 8.1. **Heritage Trail** – Mrs Lynch reported conversations with DEFA following the removal of certain trees on Heritage Trail land adjacent to Close Jaig Beg and the marking of others. DEFA stated that licence requests to remove the latter would likely be refused. Mr Shimmins reported that contracts had been let for improvements to the Trail using scalplings from the Douglas Promenade scheme. Some gates would be removed and, in Braddan at least, these would be replaced by barriers permitting the passage of bicycles but not motor-cycles.
- 8.2. **Glen Vine Drive** –. Awaiting confirmation from Manx Utilities of the locations for the two intended lamp standards.
- 8.3. **Ballaglonney** – correspondence from Planning Office to Mr Shimmins anticipating the installation of bus layby and crossing before TT was discussed. The Clerk reported that he had received an Advocate's enquiry about the estate and that naming of the road should be determined. It was resolved to contact the developer and ask for his suggestions.
- 8.4. **Top Road, Crosby** – Temporary Closure noted.
- 8.5. **Temporary Speed Limits** – Requests for Ballahutchin Hill and Greeba during hedge-trimming were discussed.
- 8.6. **Braid Road** – Mr Miles reported that he had contacted Island Drainage and Groundworks Limited following the depositing of mud on the road. Some clearance had been done following the request.

9. Community Issues

9.1. Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process – Advocates are seeking clarification on the transfer of the area at Bollan Drive.

9.2. Website and Social Media – Nothing to report. The Clerk asked if address labels had been ordered at the time of last year’s newsletter. The Chairman confirmed that they had not. Clerk to order labels.

9.3. Ballawilleykilley Play Area – The hard-standing and Culvert are expected to be completed during the next couple of weeks.

9.4. Dog Fouling and Dog Bins – The Chairman undertook to identify a location for the fourth bin.

9.5. Park Close – Mr O’Hanlon reported that he had visited Park Close to check the two areas subject to a complaint. It was noted that these areas had never been part of the contracted areas and it was assumed that a local resident had been doing the work and is doing so no longer. Following a discussion, it was resolved to add the areas to the contract and a location map would be sent to Mr Atherton.

10. Any Other Business – None.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday May 15th 2019 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2035

Signed
Chairman

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