

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday May 15th 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** – Mrs Lynch had invited Mr Andrew Igoea and Ms Abigail Morgan from the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture pursuant to a complaint lodged concerning the apparent unauthorised cutting of trees as the boundary of Close Jairst Beg and the Heritage Trail. Mr Igoea explained the process and guidelines taken into account before a tree-felling licence is issued and confirmed that he had been in discussions with the owners of Close Jairst Beg concerning both what is to be removed and what is not including the issue of Tree Preservation Orders on certain mature specimens.

The Board (excluding Mr O'Hanlon) and the Clerk then accompanied the DEFA officers to the site where Mr Igoea demonstrated the rationale for permitting certain trees to be removed pointing out the tops of certain Ash Trees in particular were clearly dead and the trees generally in poor condition. He noted that drainage of the field had been improved and that this would improve the health of the trees which would not appear to suggest a plan for wholesale removal. He also pointed out that certain trees cut were showing signs of sprouting anew already and, although the boundary would no longer have a row of trees, many of poor quality, there would be a strong hedge to replace them including regrown Ash, Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Hazel. A total of 24 trees is to be removed and a total of 75 whips to be planted in replacement.

The party then returned to the Boardroom and Ms Morgan reported that permission had been given for the removal of a further tree adjacent to the Ballaglonney site which would otherwise block the new footway.

The Chairman then thanked the DEFA representatives for their time and members promised that they would certainly contact the appropriate section of the Department should further apparent unauthorised tree removals be observed.

3. **Previous Minutes**

- 3.1. Minutes of the meeting held on April 17th 2019 were approved The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None

5. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 5.1. **Election of Chairman** – Mrs Lynch was proposed by Mr O'Hanlon and seconded by Mr Miles. Mrs Lynch confirmed that she was willing to accept the nomination. No other nomination was received; so, Mrs Lynch was duly elected and took the Chair. Mrs Lynch then thanked her predecessor, the Board and the Clerk for their hard work during the past year.
- 5.2. **Election of Vice Chairman** – Mr Sloane was nominated by Mr Toohey and seconded by the Chairman. There being no other nomination, Mr Sloane was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

- 5.3. **Review of Standing Orders** –It was resolved that current Standing Orders meet the needs of the Authority.
- 5.4. **Election of representatives to other bodies** – Following a discussion, all members expressed themselves content with the representation to other bodies and all representatives were re-appointed en bloc.
- 5.4.1. Peel and Western Housing – Mr T Miles
- 5.4.2. Western Civic Amenity Site – Mrs A Lynch. Mr Toohey and Mr Sloane were appointed as alternates.
- 5.4.3. Western area Swimming Pool Board – Mr R Sloane
- 5.4.4. Marown Parish Community Care – Mrs A Lynch
- 5.4.5. Western Traffic Management Liaison Group – Mr O’Hanlon with Mr Miles deputising.
- 5.4.6. Western neighbourhood Policing Team – Mr O’Hanlon with Mr Miles deputising.
- 5.4.7. Municipal Association – Mrs Lynch and Mr Toohey
- 5.4.8. Western Housing Group – Mr Miles and Mr Toohey
- 5.4.9. Waste Working Group – Mr Toohey
- 5.5. **Any other matters for the AGM** – None

6. Planning Matters

- 6.1. **Completion Certificates** – The following were noted:
- 04/07533 – Extension to rear of 22 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
 - 19/07129 – Replacement Roof at 19 Woodlea Villas, Crosby
- 6.2. **Planning Committee** – The following meeting has been notified:
- 6.2.1. April 29th 2019 – Nothing in Marown
- 6.3. **Planning Decisions**
- 6.3.1. **Approvals** – None notified.
- 6.3.2. **Refusals**
- 18/01157 – Agricultural Building at Field 320909; Top Road, Crosby
A request for an appeal had been lodged by the Applicant. It was noted that comments relating to highway visibility had been submitted. It was resolved that no further submission would be made.
- 6.4. **Appeals** – The following were discussed:
- 6.4.1 17/00852 – 28 Dwellings plus retail unit at Ballaglonney Farm, Peel Road, Crosby
Submission fro Respondent noted. Appeal date set for June 20th 2019 at 0930.
- 6.5. **Enforcement** – No active matters.
- 6.6. **Building Control** – 4 Eairy Terrace. The Clerk reported that he had received no assistance from the Acting Clerk to Westlands nor any reply from the “Attorney” for the apparent owner. A search of the Deeds Registry had shown no probate in her estate; so it was assumed that the owner ascertained previously is still alive. The next step is to write to the Manager of Westlands enclosing a letter to the apparent owner and to verify existence on the Electoral Roll. Mr O’Hanlon suggested also checking with the rates office: where are accounts sent?
- 6.7. **Planning Conditions** – No matters notified.

7. Consultations – The following were discussed:

- 7.1. **Eastern Area Plan** – The Chairman suggested that it was time to invite Mr Corkhill to a meeting of the Board with the next stage of the process anticipated in July 2019 and a full Inquiry in September 2019. It was resolved to send an invitation to the July meeting.
- 7.2. **Modernisation of Domestic and Non-Domestic Rates** – Responses from Douglas Corporation noted.
- 7.3. **Consultations on the Government website not notified** – It was resolved to make no comment on the following:
 - 7.3.1. Business Parking in Douglas, Onchan, Union Mills and Laxey
 - 7.3.2. Public Parking in Douglas, Onchan, Union Mills and Laxey
 - 7.3.3. Private Healthcare

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

- 8.1. **WW1 Commemorations** – Nothing to discuss but to remain an agenda item.
- 8.2. **Western Housing Authority** – No progress to report.
- 8.3. **Civic Services**
 - 8.3.1. Mona's Queen III Anchor Service – No member wished to attend.
 - 8.3.2. Douglas – Date noted. The Chairman and Mr Sloane plan to attend.
 - 8.3.3. Onchan – No member is able to attend.
- 8.4. **IoM Constabulary** – Strategic Plan noted.
- 8.5. **DEFA Structure** – Noted.

9. Highway Matters

- 9.1. **Heritage Trail** – Work under way on “improvement” plan with rolling and temporary closures West of Crosby.
- 9.2. **Glen Vine Drive** – Awaiting final proposals from MU.
- 9.3. **Ballaglonney** – The Clerk confirmed that he had sent a letter to the owner of the site to initiate discussion on street names but had received no reply.
- 9.4. **Maintenance of Roadside Hedges** – Information from DEFA discussed with reference to the apparent repudiation of the advice by DoI. Members confirmed that hedges on TT Diversion routes should be trimmed before TT fortnight. Members felt that the optimum time for other hedges is when Brambles start to become a nuisance.
- 9.5. **Park Close** – Mr O'Hanlon reported on discussions with Mr M Atherton to clarify what needs to be cut as part of the contract. Mr Atherton now content with the requirements with the only additional area not mentioned being at Fuchsia Close, Glen Vine. With regard to the lane between Glen Vine Park and Park Close, Mr O'Hanlon has assured Mr Atherton that what he was doing was correct and suggested that a letter be sent to the person who stopped him to explain what is authorised.

10. Community Issues

- 10.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process** – With Advocates. Communication from resident about future plans discussed. Clerk’s response endorsed.
- 10.2. **Website and Social Media** – The Chairman ascertained that the MMPF would like the Parish Day information to accompany the Newsletter as usual and would like it sent in early June. Chairman will begin work immediately on compiling a newsletter. Address labels required as these were not ordered last year.
- 10.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – Work is due to start imminently.
- 10.4. **Doggy Disposal Bag Dispenser** – Mr Toohey recommended that the final dispenser be located near the junction of Queen Margaret Road and King Orry Road.
- 10.5. **Sports Workshops** – Details to be passed to Marown Primary School.
- 10.6. **Dogs Fixed Penalty Notices** – Noted. New book to be obtained.
- 10.7. **Integrated Health Care** – April Newsletter noted.

11. **Any Other Business** - None

12. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday June 19th 2019 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2040

Signed
Chairman

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