

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday December 18th 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

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

1. **Apologies** – None

2. **Visitors** – Mr Lee Smith from Manx Utilities attended to answer questions about the Street-Lighting Scheme being installed at Crosby Meadows. Mr Smith produced a plan of the scheme which was the first sight of a scheme plan by either the Clerk or members.

The scheme was designed by MU where the original scheme had been designed by a company more used to illuminating the likes of supermarket car parks. The level of illumination was well above the usual levels whilst the current scheme was within the range of illumination recommended both in the Isle of Man and UK. The original scheme called for 27 columns. Members asked questions relating to ease and cost of maintenance and whether the lanterns would be "bat friendly". The conclusions were as follows:

- Any and all costs relating to the operation of the lights installed up to and including December 22nd 2019 shall be the responsibility of JM Project Management Limited.
- The scheme comprises 11 of 6m columns each topped with Abbey LED units of 26W
- The design life of these columns and fittings is 25 years and a warranty period of 10 years (materials and labour) applies.
- The lights cast a downward illumination and are recognised as being "bat friendly".
- In the event that illumination of nearby trees is deemed too great, the illumination of individual lamps can be reduced to a more suitable level.
- The scheme is designed by MU to achieve recommended standards of illumination for developments of this kind.
- There will be no additional maintenance cost associated with this type of fitting.

Members thanked Mr Smith for his time and deferred consideration of the scheme in the light of this and other information to private session. Mr Smith then left the meeting.

3. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on November 20th 2019 were approved The Chairman then 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** – The following meetings have been notified:

5.2.1. November 25th 2019 – Nothing in Marown

5.2.2. December 16th 2019 – Nothing in Marown

5.3. Planning Decisions

- 5.3.1. **Approvals** – The following to which no objection had been made were discussed:
- 19/00904 – Detached garage. Store and greenhouse at The Willows, Willow Lane, Eairy
 - 19/01017 – Landscaping works at Field 320424: Sunnybank House, West Baldwin
 - 19/01124 – Field Access at Fields 324280 and 324282, Heritage Trail, Glen Vine
- 5.3.2. **Refusals** – The following was noted:
- 19/01157 – Various alterations at Cronk Reayrt, Main Road, Crosby

5.4. Appeals

- 5.4.1. 18/01157 – Agricultural Building for machinery storage at Field 320909 Top Road, Crosby. Decision awaited.
- 5.4.2. 19/00677 – Detached dwelling (as amended) at Plot 22 Ballaglonney, Crosby. Decision awaited.

5.5. Enforcement

- 5.5.1. Garage at Cock Roost, Main Road. Planning Enforcement Officer has determined that the location difference is not so significant as to require correction. Matter closed.

- 5.6. **Building Control** – 4 Eairy Terrace. Progress report discussed. The Clerk will continue to attempt contact with the Clerk of Jurby Commissioners.

- 5.7. **Planning Conditions** – No matters notified.

6. Consultations – The following were discussed:

- 6.1. **Eastern Area Plan** – Inspector Report published with recommendations that no site in Marown other than the former Ballagarey Nurseries site (to which no objection in principle was made) should be zoned for development. The report will go before the Council of Ministers and Tynwald prior to adoption.
- 6.2. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – The following were noted. It was resolved to make no comment or submission.
- 6.2.1. Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations
 - 6.2.2. Auditor Confirmations
 - 6.2.3. Modernisation of the Island's Electoral System
 - 6.2.4. Fees 2020
 - 6.2.5. Review of IoM Mobile Communications Market
 - 6.2.6. Regulatory Framework for Insurance Intermediaries

7. General Matters and other Correspondence

- 7.1. **Remembrance Services** – Request for information on VE Day Anniversary celebrations for 2020 discussed. It was resolved to circulate to MMPF and the School.
- 7.2. **Western Housing Authority** – Nothing to report.
- 7.3. **Merger with neighbouring Local Authorities** – No further contact from other Authority who have had the opportunity to discuss the matter at their own meeting. Clerk to pursue.
- 7.4. **Tynwald Annual Report** – Received.
- 7.5. **Planning Changes Information Sessions** – Three members would attend the Peel session and two that in Douglas.
- 7.6. **Childhood Healthy Weight Strategy** – Noted.
- 7.7. **Cyber Security Course** – Noted.

8. Highway Matters

8.1. Temporary Road Closures – Glen Vine Road and Heritage Trail noted.

8.2. Eairy – Communications between residents and Dol discussed.

8.3. Trollaby Lane – Complaint about unsightly land and poor road surface noted. Mr Toohey to investigate and advise.

9. Community Issues

9.1. Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process – With Advocates.

9.2. Website and Social Media – Nothing of note.

9.3. Ballawilleykilley Play Area –The traffic-calming scheme is in place this week and a request for 24 hour street-light illumination has been made. Work on fencing will require drier ground. An opening by Easter 2020 is intended.

10. Any Other Business – None

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday January 15th 2020 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 1955

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on December 11th 2019 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None.
4. **Planning Applications** - The following were discussed.

It was resolved to make no objection to the following:

- 19/01268 – Alterations, Link Extension to garage and amendments to patio at Homecroft, Ballavitchel Road, Crosby
- 19/01270 – Rear Extension and dormer Window at 9 Keill Pharrick, Glen Vine
- 19/01301 – Detached Dwelling at 5 Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine

19/01262 – Heat Pump at 2 Ballaquinnea Cottages, Braaid Road, Glen Vine

Members expressed concern about possible noise nuisance from the fan shown in the unit. There was little or no information of the noise output in the documents received. It was resolved to seek a Planning Condition limiting noise nuisance.

5. Meetings

5.1 Peel and Western Housing – Minutes of the meeting of October 17th 2019 were noted. There has been no meeting since November 20th 2019.

5.2 Civic Amenity Site –

5.2.1 The Clerk drew attention to the Auditor's statement on the 2018/19 accounts relating to a Going Concern basis and that a budget proposing more than RPI increase in contributions had to be approved by all 5 constituent Authorities. Two drafts had been received with and without a pilot kerbside recycling collection scheme.

5.2.2 Meeting on June 13th 2019 – Minutes noted.

5.3 Swimming Pool

5.3.1 Meeting on October 10th 2019 - Minutes noted.

5.3.2 Meeting on November 21st 2019. Mr Sloane reported that the manager has tendered her resignation for health and personal reasons. An advertisement for a replacement has been published. Work on the new play area is proceeding.

5.4 Western Traffic Management Group – No meeting has taken place and no new meeting schedule has been received.

5.5 Western Neighbourhood Policing Team – Meeting on December 11th 2019 attended by Mr Miles and chaired by Sgt Wright in the presence of Insp Richards recently appointed. Calls are up 10% while reported crime in the Peel area has reduced. 20 new officers (with Sergeants) are being recruited.

5.6 Municipal Association

5.6.1 Meeting on October 31st 2019 – Minutes noted.

5.6.2 Meeting on November 28th 2019. The Chairman reported that the speaker had been Mr Adrian Cowin from the Ronaldsway Met. Office.

5.7 Marown Parish Community Care – Meeting on November 23rd 2019 attended by the Chairman who reported that the parking issue was no longer a perceived immediate problem.

5.8 Waste Working Group – Minutes of the Officer Group Meeting held on October 15th 2019 were discussed.

6. Advocates Searches – The following were noted:

- Cains Gordon Bell – 2 Ballaglonney Close, Crosby
- Quinn Legal – 60 King Orry Road, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

7.1. Transaction Statement for November 2019 – Discussed and approved.

7.2. Rates Third Supplemental List – Noted. No changes in Marown.

7.3. Rates: Cockroost and Rockville – Response from Valuation Office noted.

7.4. Contract prices

7.4.1. Hedge Trimming – Proposal to increase from £33 to £36 per hour approved for two-year option on current contract.

7.4.2. Gulley services – Proposal to increase from £44 to £49 per hour approved for two-year option on current contract.

7.4.3. Road-Sweeping – Proposal to increase from £44 to £49 per hour approved for two-year option on current contract.

7.4.4. Refuse Collection – Proposal to increase by 3.5% to £66190.28 per annum approved from April 1st 2020.

7.5. Adoption of Public Lighting Scheme – Reports from the Planning Enforcement Officer and Manx Bat Group had been circulated. With the former offering assurance that no enforcement action will accrue from the different scheme being installed and the benefit of the earlier presentation from Manx Utilities, members felt that the matter could be discussed. For options were considered:

- To adopt the scheme as now presented.
- To not adopt the scheme relying on the earlier statement of the Developer.
- To adopt the part of the scheme in the immediate vicinity of the first-time buyer homes
- To defer a decision pending further information from DEFA or the Manx Bat Group.

The chairman suggested that the matter should not be deferred given the information about bat-friendliness provided by MU or to ascertain whether a part-adoption was possible. It was stated that there would have to be a good reason to not adopt notwithstanding the earlier statement by the Developer that the costs would be met from a charge on the properties. The contrary view that the earlier statement was a sufficient reason was also aired.

Following a discussion, members resolved by majority of 3 to 1 with one abstention that the scheme should be adopted with effect from December 23rd 2019.

7.6. Request for Funding – Awaiting response from MMPF.

7.7. Estimates for 2020/21 – A draft had been circulated and was discussed. It was noted that no request for funding had been received in detail from MMPF. An earlier submission for play-equipment had been deferred pending a decision on replacement public toilet facilities. The Chairman ascertained that the Civic Amenity Site figures should exclude a kerbside recycling scheme as a decision from Peel Commissioners was still awaited. Detailed discussion of the headings would take place at the January meeting.

8. **Trees and High Hedges Act** - No active cases.

9. **Any Other Business** – None.

10. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Wednesday January 15th 2020 immediately following the Public Session.

.There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2100

Signed:
Chairman

Date: