

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday March 18th 2020 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** – The Chairman had received an approach from James Mylchreest, director of Mylchreest Motors and Marown resident to provide one or more vehicles free of charge for assisting vulnerable or isolated residents of the parish and wished to explore how this could be achieved. Mr. Mylchreest was joined by Bill Shimmins MHK.

Mr Mylchreest said that he could make one or two cars available from the hire fleet because there is no demand at the Airport presently. Drivers could be supplied if necessary, but this might be more difficult. The possibility of creating a bank of non-perishable supplies using the office and Mylchreest Motors as drop points for delivery to housebound people. Mr Shimmins counselled against this type of involvement and suggested that the Commissioners should be the focal point and confine the mission to, for example, collecting shopping or prescriptions etc. which might have been pre-paid or offering to take a dog for a walk. Mr Mylchreest suggested that volunteer drivers (who must be over 25 years of age) could be sought from local sports clubs and other organisations.

Following a discussion, it was resolved that volunteers would be sought from the Football, Cricket and Bowling Clubs; that the Commissioners should act as the “hub” co-ordinating activities and that appropriate publicity should be given on the Web-site and Social Media. The Chairman undertook to act on parts one and three and would be the contact point throughout.

The Chairman then thanked Mr Mylchreest for his kind offer and Mr Mylchreest left the meeting.

Mr Shimmins then provided up-to-date information on the Government’s actions to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus including the pros and cons of shutting the borders completely and the impracticality of universal testing. At the time of the meeting, no positive tests had been returned at the Hospital. The Private Ward and rooms which were under modernisation are available for isolation if required.

Mr Shimmins then left the meeting.
3. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on February 19th 2020 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** – The following has been received:
 - 18/07596 – House type 2b at Plot 25; Ballaglonney Farm, Main Road, Crosby

5.2. Planning Committee

5.2.1. February 17th 2020 – Nothing in Marown.

5.2.2. March 2nd 2020

5.2.2.1. 19/01416 – Extensions, Conservatory and decking at 4 Park Close, Glen Vine
Recommended for Approval. No objection had been lodged but there is local opposition.

5.2.2.2. 19/01443 – Agricultural Barn at Trollaby Farm, Trollaby Lane, Union Mills
Recommended for Approval. The Board had expressed reservations as no apparent Agricultural Need had been demonstrated. Planning Officer was suggesting that additional information showed the need is there.

5.2.3. March 16th 2020

5.2.3.1. 20/00056 – Principle for agricultural Worker Dwelling at Field 324731 Ballavitchell Road, Crosby

Recommended for approval. The Applicant had presented their case at an earlier Board meeting and members have no objection to the principle.

5.3. Planning Decisions

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

- 19/00848 – Extension to cattle barn & gated sod bank at Ballalough, West Baldwin
- 19/01169 – External Heat Pump at 75 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
- 19/01201 – 3 Detached dwelling at Plots 2,3,4; Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine
- 19/01416 - Extensions, Conservatory and decking at 4 Park Close, Glen Vine
- 19/01443 – Agricultural Barn at Trollaby Farm, Trollaby Lane. Union Mills
- 20/00010 – Rear Extension and Flue at 15 Queen Margaret Road, Glen Vine

5.3.2. **Refusals** – None notified

5.4. **Appeals** - None in Marown.

5.5. **Enforcement** – No active matters.

5.6. **Building Control** – 4 Eairy Terrace. The Clerk reported that the solution offered by the neighbouring property owner has been put to the owner's attorney. With no reply being received again, attempts to contact the owner through the Clerk of Jurby Commissioners will resume.

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

6. **Consultations** – The following were discussed:

6.1. **Eastern Area Plan** – Nothing to report.

6.2. **Civil Legal Aid** – It was resolved to make no comment.

6.3. **Tynwald Select Committee on the Fireworks Act** – There being no agreed position, it was resolved that members should submit individual responses.

6.4. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – The following were noted. It was resolved to make no comment or submission.

6.4.1. IoM Ship Registry Accident Reporting and Investigation Regulations

6.4.2. Survey into Consumer Switching

6.4.3. Manx Care

7. **General Matters and other Correspondence**

7.1. **Remembrance Services** – Nothing to discuss.

- 7.2. **Western Housing Authority** – Meeting on March 5th 2020 of Commissioners with Ray Harmer and Julie Edge MHKs attended by the Chairman and Mr Miles. Certain matters from the Attorney General's Chambers are awaited before further progress can be made although there is a move to delay matters from both Civil Servants supported by Ms Edge. A further meeting is scheduled for April 8th 2020.
- 7.3. **Local Authority General Election** – Postponed indefinitely. All current members will continue in office and Emergency Legislation is being prepared to permit this and to deal with inquorate meetings caused by retiring members who do not wish to continue so as to avoid the possibility of a Casual Vacancy requiring a bye-election.
- 7.4. **Merger with neighbouring Local Authorities** – With the Elections being postponed indefinitely, it was resolved to make further contact to determine whether the matter could or should be discussed further in the mean-time.
- 7.5. **Hanging Baskets** – Request for quote sent. No information yet.
- 7.6. **Fol Act Request and Response** – Noted.
- 7.7. **Climate Action Plan** – Noted.
- 7.8. **Discharge of Local authority Functions by another Local Authority** – Guidance suggesting the requirement for best value through tendering must be maintained noted.
- 7.9. **Local Authority Questionnaire** – With the Elections postponed, it was resolved to make no response.
- 7.10. **Grass-cutting and Hedges** – Quote from Mike Atherton in the region of £1000 to £1200 for hedge-trimming in Eyreton discussed and approved.

8. Highway Matters

- 8.1. **Manx Rally Closures** – Event cancelled.
- 8.2. **Ballahutchin Hill** – Letter from DoI to Charles Fargher (misaddressed) discussed. A subsequent letter from the Chief Minister to the Commissioners was noted.
- 8.3. **Temporary Speed Limit** = On A1. Noted.
- 8.4. **Cutting of Roadside Hedges** – Advice from DEFA discussed. It was resolved to send a copy to Mike Atherton.

9. Community Issues

- 9.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process** – With Advocates.
- 9.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing of note. The post on a Marown hub has been seen by some 8000 users.
- 9.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – Work suspended during current crisis.
- 9.4. **Seagulls** – Resident who contacted Chairman and local MHK's has now contacted a Douglas Councillor who has given the same advice. No action needed.
- 9.5. **Public Toilets** – Quote of not more than £200 from Mark Kneale to repair defective Ladies' cubicle accepted.

10. Any Other Business – None

11. Date and time of next meeting

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2015

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on February 19th 2020 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – Neighbour comments on Planning Application at 75 Ballagarey Road (now approved) were noted.
4. **Planning Applications** - The following were discussed.

19/01310 – Detached dwelling at 5 Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine

Noted that this application has been withdrawn.

19/01396 – 7 detached dwellings at Ballagarey Nurseries (amended plans)

Statement from Applicant discussed. It was noted that the Applicant is arguing that there are two adjacent developments each of 7 not one of 14. Members resolved to not accept this argument and a suitable response would be sent.

It was resolved to make no objection (or further comment) to the following:

- 19/01416 – Extensions, conservatory and decking at 4 Park Close, Glen Vine (Amended Information)
- 20/00157 – Extension, Dormers and detached garage with living accommodation above at Cronk Reayrt, Main Road, Crosby
- 20/00251 – Gazebo with solar panels and replacement conservatory roof at 18 Keeil Pharrick, Glen Vine
- 20/00260 – Replacement Roof Tiles at 19 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine

20/00216 – Horticultural Storage Building at Field 320909; Top Road, Crosby

Members consider that insufficient or no evidence of need has been provided. In view of this, it was resolved to comment accordingly.

20/00248 – Two dwellings on plots 11 and 16, Ballaglonney Farm, Crosby

It was noted that neither design is inspiring and that the one for plot 16 features a flat-roofed extension contrary to published guidelines. It was resolved to comment accordingly.

5. Meetings

5.1 Peel and Western Housing

5.1.1 Meeting on January 8th 2020 – Minutes noted.

5.1.2 Meeting on March 7th 2020 attended by Mr Miles who reported that there is no requirement for Evac chairs as ambulances carry these. Two quotes have been received for gardens maintenance and a third is being sought. Fire evacuation procedures have been found to be in order. Out of hours warden cover was discussed with some residents expressing concern.

5.2 Civic Amenity Site

5.2.1 EGM on February 26th 2020 attended by the Chairman. Situation discussed and decisions deferred to next meeting. Peel Town Commissioners usually make their April payment in March and have advance 50% of this to February.

5.2.2 Meeting on March 11th 2020 attended by the Chairman who reported that the site operation is being reviewed by EXPOL. An accounts package is being acquired and this function will be undertaken by a part-time staff member. Charges for Commercial vehicles are being increased in recognition of the increased volume of this type of user. It is expected that finances will be on an even keel by end 2020/21 and the process for appointing an Internal Auditor is under way. A flooding problem has arisen from the resurfaced Heritage Trail. The re-use sheds have been closed for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency.

5.3 Swimming Pool = Mr Sloane reported that £20,000 has been provided for a new door and £10,000 for toilet refurbishment. A leak has been discovered in the Boiler Room. Construction of the play area continues apace.

5.4 Western Traffic Management Group – No meeting has taken place.

5.5 Western Neighbourhood Policing Team – No meeting has taken place.

5.6 Municipal Association

5.6.1 Meeting on January 30th 2020 – Minutes noted.

5.6.2 Meeting on February 27th 2020 attended by the Chairman. The annual dinner is likely to be cancelled. Consideration is being given to increasing membership fees from £270.00 to £340.00 per annum. Members discussed this increase: whether it continued to represent good value. The Chairman recommended continuing membership as the Association is often used as a conduit for information and visitors from Government ministers and others.

5.7 Marown Parish Community Care – No meeting has taken place.

5.8 Waste Working Group – No meeting has taken place.

6. Advocates Searches – The following were noted:

- Quinn Legal – The Old Tack Room. Ballacallin Beg, Foxdale Road, Garth
- MannBenham – 6 Ballamurphie Park. Glen Vine
- Lawrence Vaughan-Williams – Fields at Dreemlang Farm, Foxdale Road, Garth
- Simcock's – 56 King Orry Road, Glen Vine
- Callin Wild – Plot 3: Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine
- Callin Wild – Plot 4: Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters Transaction Statement for February 2020 was discussed and approved.

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

9. Any Other Business – Mr Toohey raised the possibility of holding the next meeting by Video-conference. The Clerk advised that Standing Orders require that a meeting be held and the venue is the Hall Caine Pavilion; so a change to Standing Orders may be required. There is also the matter of the meeting being held in Public and whether the definition of a Meeting could extend to this type of arrangement. The Clerk would research the position but felt that it should be possible noting that the Clerk has no such facility presently available

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2110

Signed:
Chairman

Date: