

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom and by Video Conference on Wednesday May 20th 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** – None permitted.
3. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on April 15th 2020 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 Toohey and seconded by Mr Sloane. Mrs Lynch confirmed that she was willing to accept the nomination. No other nomination was received; so, Mrs Lynch was duly elected. Mrs Lynch then thanked her the other Board members and the Clerk for their hard work during the past year.
- 5.2. **Election of Vice Chairman** – Mr Sloane was nominated by Mr O'Hanlon and seconded by Mr Toohey. Mr O'Hanlon was nominated by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Sloane. Mr O'Hanlon indicated that he was willing to stand and then withdrew. Mr Sloane confirmed that he was willing to stand. Mr Sloane was duly elected as Vice Chairman.
- 5.3. **Review of Standing Orders** – It was noted that current Standing Orders state that the meeting should be held "in public". Whilst members are keen to be as transparent as possible, there are clearly circumstances (such as exist currently) where this cannot be done and it was felt that Standing Orders should be amended to reflect this. Changes would be required to Standing Order 1(1) and 1(2). The Clerk would present proposals for ratification at the next meeting. A discussion took place also on permitting members to attend by Video Link in circumstances other than those presently pertaining. The Clerk advised there may be practical difficulties in doing so. Circumstances of being house-bound or at hospital were cited and, following a discussion, it was resolved to permit this there being no definition requiring a meeting to be in person.
- 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. Mr Sloane indicated that he would like to do more and it was agreed that, should any of the nominated members be unavailable, he would have the first opportunity to deputise.
 - 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 Mrs Lynch
- 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 has been received:

- 16/07103 - Single Storey sun/family Room at 15 Reayrt by Chrink, Crosby

6.2. Planning Committee

6.2.1. Temporary arrangements during the current emergency were discussed. Mr O’Hanlon suggested that the list of Planning Applications should revert to newspaper publication at least during the current emergency. This was endorsed by members and would be communicated to the Planning Office.

6.2.2. Meeting on May 5th 2020

20/00216 – Horticultural Storage Building at Field 320909 Top Road, Crosby. Recommended for Approval. It had been determined that no additional statement was required.

6.2.3. Meeting on May 18th 2020

20/00301 – Agricultural Building at Braaid Farm, top Road, Crosby

20/00336 – 3 dwellings at Field 321270. Park Close, Glen Vine

Both recommended for approval. It had been determined that no additional statement was required.

6.3. Planning Decisions

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

- 20/00157 – Extension, Dormer Windows & Garage at Cronk Reayrt, Main Rd, Crosby
- 20/00216 – Horticultural Storage Building on Field 320909 Top Road, Crosby
- 20/00260 – Replacement Roof Tiles at 19 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine
- 20/00289 – Extensions and widened driveway & access at 24 Bolland Drive, Glen Vine

6.3.2. **Refusals** – None notified

6.4. **Appeals** - No active matters

6.5. **Enforcement** – No active matters.

6.6. **Building Control** – 4 Eairy Terrace. The Clerk reported a possible avenue of progress and is awaiting information from the neighbour.

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

7. Consultations – The following were discussed:

7.1. **Eastern Area Plan** – Comments submitted by Bill Shimmins MHK were noted.

7.2. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – It was resolved to make no comment on the following:

7.2.1. Proposed legislation to comply with the Isle of Man's commitment to the Montreal Protocol, EU Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations

7.2.2. Minimum Capital Requirements for Non Long-Term Business PCCs and ICCs

7.2.3. Survey into Consumer Switching

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

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

8.2. **Western Housing Authority** – No progress.

8.3. **Merger with neighbouring Local Authorities** – The Clerk reported that he had sent an enquiry to ascertain whether discussions could usefully take place with a view to a conclusion before the deferred election. The Chairman reported contact from a member of Braddan Commissioners. It was resolved to defer consideration indefinitely.

8.4. **Local Government Reporter** – Change of contact noted. The Chairman reported that she had made contact and had discussed the likelihood of a new shop in Crosby.

9. Highway Matters

9.1. Road Closure at Garth Road for repairs discussed.

9.2. Weeds – Mr Miles observed that the roads and footpaths in Ballagarey Estate require attention. It was resolved to contact Quest with a view to commencing weed treatment as soon as possible and practical.

9.3. Hedges – Mr O’Hanlon reported that roadside hedges do not presently require attention.

10. Community Issues

10.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process** –. The Clerk has ascertained that an area on Ballagarey Crescent not offered for adoption is shown as belonging to Heritage Homes Limited in Registry Records. Part of this area appears to have been occupied by n adjacent property and, whilst it had been tended in years past, the part not so occupied was now not being tended. Clerk to enquire of Heritage Homes and, in the mean time, it was resolved that the area should be added to the normal cutting regime.

10.2. **Website and Social Media** – The Chairman reported that usage is increasing. Change to bin collection day to be included.

10.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** –Work suspended during current emergency.

10.4. **Chickens** – A complaint had been received from a resident of Bromet Road and advice obtained from DEFA. Mr O’Hanlon reported that the chickens do not belong to anyone but are being fed by residents. Following a discussion, it was resolved to post the advice from DEFA on the notice board.

10.5. **Stay Safe** – Document produced by Government noted.

11. Any Other Business – None

12. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday June 17th 2020 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 1945

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on April 15th 2020 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 and responses resolved as noted.

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

Copy objections noted. The reduction in height of Plot 4 was appreciated and members considered that a similar reduction in height for plot 3 would go some way to addressing objections received. The position relating to a single development combined with Ballabeg and requirement for first-time buyer homes is unchanged.

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

- 20/00248 – Dwelling on plot 11 and 16 Ballaglonney Farm, Crosby (Amended)
- 20/00305 – Agricultural Dwelling at Field 321288; Trollaby Lane, Union Mills
- 20/00336 – 3 detached dwellings at Field 321270, Park Close, Glen Vine (Amended)
- 20/00381 – Replace flat roof with pitched roof at Glion Arragh, Main Road, Glen Vine
- 20/00392 – Attached Garage and relocate Flue at Leafy Rise, Main Road, Glen Vine
- 20/00440 – Convert Barn to Residential at Stable Block, Ballacallin Beg, Foxdale Rd, Garth

20/00301 – Agricultural Building at Braaid Farm, Top Road, Crosby (mended)

Reduction in height noted. No other comment required.

20/00385 – TT and MGP Camp-site adj. Close Jaig Beg, Old Church Road, Crosby

It was noted that there had been no contact with the Commissioners office with regard to this matter although there is a duty placed on the Local Authority to licence a campsite in most circumstances. The proposed density of tents is seen as unacceptable and contrary to advice from the Fire and Rescue Service. Additionally, all the reasons for refusing a residential development at this location are valid in this case with particular reference to drainage (or lack of it) and the “wetlands” nature of the site. Most camp-sites are well away from residential areas, and this location is unacceptable by virtue of proximity to residential areas and traffic volumes, particularly on Old Church Road and the junction with Peel Road.

20/00442 – Rear Extension at 22 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby

Flat-roof extensions are not normally approved, but it is noted that a pitched roof may not be achievable here. Members consider that a lantern in the roof rather than a sun tunnel might improve the appearance for the benefit of neighbours: the extension is not visible from the highway.

5. Meetings

- 5.1 Peel and Western Housing** – No meeting has taken place. Mr Miles reported that the Committee Chairman has been dealing with the post and other essential deliveries. It is considered that the current Government advice is “not brilliant”.
- 5.2 Civic Amenity Site** – No meeting has taken place. Terms of Reference for review of functions, advice on the question of legality for kerbside collections operated by the WCAS Board and the proposed extension had been circulated.
- 5.3 Swimming Pool** – Mr Sloane reported on a Virtual meeting held to discuss how the Pool might re-open and to enable improvement works to continue. The Chairman has been re-elected for a further year. There is no desire to redeploy staff so long as wage payment is being under-written. The Manager’s probation period has been extended as it was felt that a fair crack has not been possible with the Pool being closed.
- 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** – No meeting has taken place. The Chairman has suggested using Virtual Meetings else member authorities consider they are not receiving value for their subscriptions. Membership fees will be unchanged for current year.
- 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:

- Long&Humphrey – Land at Ballaglonney, Crosby
- Carters – 9 Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1.** Transaction Statement for April 2020 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2.** Account Preparation – Proposal from Moore Stephens Consulting Limited approved.

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

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1.** Mr O’Hanlon reported a path adjacent to Eyreton Road which had been provided as an access to Eyreton Farm Cottages has become overgrown. Ownership not known but assumed to be adopted and therefore hedges the responsibility of the Local Authority. Mr O’Hanlon to provide location map and Avant to be asked to attend.
- 9.2.** The Chairman noted that a shelter had been provided at the new bus stop in Crosby and wondered whether this meant that the stop at Crosby Wholesalers would be removed. Chairman would seek clarification from Isle of Man Transport.
- 9.3.** The Chairman indicated that a Civic Service would not likely take place this year. Members considered that an early decision was needed for this and, following a discussion, it was resolved to not hold a Civic Service in 2020.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday June 17th 2020 immediately following the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2020

Signed:
Chairman

Date: