

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom and by Video Conference on Wednesday August 19th 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. The Chairman invited the Vice-Chairman to chair the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 3(1). The Vice-Chairman took the chair accordingly.
2. **Visitors** – None
3. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on July 15th 2020 were discussed and approved. The Vice-Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
 - 4.1. Mr O'Hanlon asked the whereabouts of the requested dog waste bin on Bluebell Lane. Clerk to pursue.
5. **Planning Matters**
 - 5.1. **Completion Certificates** – The following have been received:
 - 14/07579 – Opening between kitchen and lounge at 10 Kermode Road, Crosby
 - 20/07319 – Replacement Roof at Hillside, Eyreton Road, Crosby
 - 5.2. **Planning Committee**
 - 5.2.1. Meeting on July 27th 2020 – The following matter is listed for consideration:
 - 19/01396 – 7 Detached Dwellings at Ballagarey Nurseries, Greeba Ave, Glen Vine
 - 5.2.2. Meeting on August 10th 2020 – Nothing in Marown
 - 5.3. **Planning Decisions**
 - 5.3.1. **Approvals** – The following were discussed:
 - 19/01396 – 7 detached dwellings at Ballagarey Nurseries, Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine
 - 20/00248 – Dwelling on each of plots 11 and 16, Ballaglonney Farm, Crosby
 - 20/00305 – Agricultural Dwelling at Field 321288; Trollaby Lane, Union Mills
 - 20/00392 – Attached Garage and relocated flue at Leafy Rise, Main Road, Glen Vine
 - 20/00440 – Convert Barn to Residential at Stable Block, Ballacallin Beg, Garth
 - 20/00442 – Rear Extension at 22 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby
 - 20/00474 – Summer House for use as office at 30 St Runius Way, Glen Vine
 - 20/00503 – Stable Block and agricultural store at Field 321471 Ballacallin Beg, Garth
 - 20/00519 – Replace Conservatory with Sun Room at Hillside, Eyreton Road, Crosby
 - 20/00525 – Agricultural Building at Field 321288; Trollaby Lane, Union Mills
 - 5.3.2. **Refusals** – None notified
 - 5.4. **Appeals** - No active matters
 - 5.5. **Enforcement** – No active matters.
 - 5.6. **Building Control** – 4 Eairy Terrace. No progress to report.

- 5.7. **Planning Conditions** – No matters notified.
6. **Consultations** – The following were discussed:
- 6.1. **Eastern Area Plan** – Nothing new.
 - 6.2. **Draft Climate Change Bill** – It was resolved to make no comment.
 - 6.3. **Licensing Amendment Act 2020** – Not relevant to Marown.
 - 6.4. **Maximum Speed Limits** – A recent meeting about speed limits on Ballahutchin Hill was discussed. It was resolved to pass no comment to Manx Radio.
 - 6.5. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – It was resolved to make no comment on the following:
 - 6.5.1. Voucher Survey
 - 6.5.2. Credit Unions – Savings Limit Change
 - 6.5.3. Merchant Shipping (Manning and STCW) Regulations
 - 6.5.4. Water Quality Objectives
7. **General Matters and other Correspondence**
- 7.1. **Remembrance Services** – New contact information from RBL discussed. Mr O’Hanlon undertook to contact RBL and ensure that a wreath is made available as usual for this year’s service.
 - 7.2. **Western Housing Authority** – Nothing to report.
 - 7.3. **Merger with neighbouring Local Authorities** – Matters have been complicated by a premature announcement by a member of Braddan Commissioners that a merger with Santon was imminent. Santon were duly annoyed and the view was expressed that no mergers would take place. Subsequently, there has been communication with the Clerk to Santon Commissioners where it seems that further exploration between Marown and Santon should take place, perhaps after the next General Elections. Members have no wish to discuss mergers with Braddan, but resolved (one member dissenting) that further discussions with Santon should take place.
 - 7.4. **Bathing Water Directive** – No interest as Marown has no coastline.
 - 7.5. **Queen Elizabeth II High School** – It was resolved to continue sponsorship of the Prize for IT in the sum of £50.00. The Chairman would attend the annual prize-giving.
 - 7.6. **Letter from Government House** – No organisation was recommended.
 - 7.7. **Ballamurphie Park** – Ownership of the vacant area at the end of the close is not known. A discussion took place. Members do not wish to maintain this area. Mr O’Hanlon undertook to visit the location and advise at the next meeting.
 - 7.8. **Local Democracy Reporter** – New post-holder noted. Invitations to engage with the Clerk or attend this meeting received no response.
 - 7.9. **Permitted Development Order** – New categories noted. Members expressed particular concern about heat pumps and possible noise nuisance, but this is now something over which they will have no opportunity to comment.
 - 7.10. **Integrated Care** – Newsletter noted.
 - 7.11. **The Cushag Code** – Noted.
 - 7.12. **Crosby and District Silver Band** – Minutes noted.
8. **Highway Matters**
- 8.1. Road Closures for Gran Fondo – Discussed.
 - 8.2. Ballavar Road – Temporary closure noted.
 - 8.3. Hedges – Complaint from resident about premature cutting and response discussed.

- 8.4. Weeds – Complaints about Ballagarey Estate in particular discussed. Work had been requested of the contractor and the Clerk is to seek an update on progress. Mr Toohey expressed particular dissatisfaction and suggested that the contractor be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board
- 8.5. Speeds on Main Road and Eyreton Road – Mr O’Hanlon has been wrestling with Dol Highways about the correct location for speed counters. Requests for a site meeting to identify the precise problem locations had not been accepted. Mr O’Hanlon pursuing this.
- 8.6. Heritage Trail – Use of the trail to gain access to building work at Cedar Lodge had been noticed and reported to the Planning Office. Gates had now been locked to prevent further use for this purpose which is not authorised.

9. Community Issues

- 9.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process** –. No reply yet from Heritage Homes Limited.
- 9.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing of significance to report.
- 9.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – No progress to discuss.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1. Communication from Planning Office requiring a response before the next meeting had been received. It is proposed that all planning application would be sent by means of electronic notification unless a desire to the contrary is expressed. Following a discussion, it was resolved that full paper applications should be received as a full appreciation cannot be gained from a small computer screen. Also, viewing by residents might be prejudiced and providing assistance for this would impinge on the Clerk’s time without benefit. As to assistance, it was felt that the Department must provide equipment to enable the plans to be viewed at their natural size recognising that if a separate computer and link is not provided, the efficiency of the office would be affected adversely.
- 10.2. Comment about hedges in Reayrt by Chrink had been received. Mr O’Hanlon undertook to investigate and report.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday September 16th 2020 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm in the Hall Caine Pavilion. The Chairman asked all members to attend in person.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the public session at 2010

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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4. **Planning Applications** - The following were discussed and responses resolved as noted.
 - 20/00630 – Change of use to light industrial/storage at Greeba Nursery, Main Road, Greeba
Additional information from Applicant discussed. It was resolved to make no additional comment.
 - 20/00693 – Extensions and Additional Window at 31 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine
The description is not entirely clear, and from the plans, it appears that the extensions will cross the “building line” of Greeba Avenue. It was resolved to comment accordingly.
 - 20/00747 – Flue at 54 King Orry Road
It was resolved to object to the plan as the flue is not intended to match the colour of the dwelling.
 - 20/00584 – Alterations and Extension of Car Park at Archallagan Plantation
The provision of 100 spaces appears excessive. Following a discussion, it was resolved to not comment on the proposal.
 - 20/00861 – Extend and remodel dwelling plus landscaping and extension of Residential Curtilage at Braaid Farm, Top Road, Crosby
Although the building would appear to be on the same footprint, the additional storey would result in unacceptable prominence in the landscape. It was resolved to object on this ground. No comment would be made on the other matters.
It was resolved to make no objection to the following:
 - 20/00761 – Widen Driveway and parking area at 26 Bollan Drive, Glen Vine
 - 20/00874 – Alterations to windows and doors at 1 Ballaglonney Close. Crosby
5. **Meetings**
 - 5.1 **Peel and Western Housing** – Meeting on August 12th 2020 attended by Mr Miles who reported that noises in the roof space had been addressed. Phase 3 is a 70-week construction project and a delay of 29 weeks is anticipated with completion now scheduled for June 2021. Problems with biomass fuel deliveries had been resolved.
 - 5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** –
 - 5.2.1 Meeting on June 19th 2020 – Minutes noted.

5.2.2 Meeting on July 22nd 2020 attended by the Chairman Geoffrey Gelling from Patrick Commissioners had been elected Chairman with no change to vice-Chairman. A discussion took place on the numbers using the Western site rather than their local CA site. It has been discovered that the policy of all-island access is a political aspiration and has no basis in law which enables access to be restricted to Western rate-payers. This matter has been raised also at the Municipal Association and will be discussed there when the Minister for Infrastructure next attends. Traffic at the Western site is up 50% with that to the north being down by 20% for example. The budget may contain double counting of VAT, and this would be investigated.

5.3 Swimming Pool – The Vice-Chairman reported that a new Responsible Finance Officer had been appointed. Completion of the playground is imminent

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 May 23rd 2019 – Minutes noted.

5.6.2 Meeting on February 27th 2020 – Minutes noted.

5.6.3 Meeting on July 30th 2020 attended by the Chairman. Matters raised are discussed elsewhere above. A date for the deferred annual dinner has been set for November 26th 2020 at the Crosby

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 – Blakeney, Glenlough Circle, Glen Vine
- Callin Wild – Marown Manor, Main Road, Glen Vine
- Long & Humphrey – 52 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
- Carters – 10 King Orry Road, Glen Vine
- M&P Legal – 15 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby
- M&P Legal – 78 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

7.1. Transaction Statement for July 2020 was discussed and approved.

7.2. Rates: Second Supplemental List – Noted.

7.3. Draft Internal Audit Report – Discussed. Paragraphs 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 require updating. No comment is required on the new matters studied.

7.4. Accounts for 2019/20 – Draft approved for audit.

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

9. Any Other Business

9.1. The Chairman reported that a discussion with the contractor had taken place and an agreement reached for an aluminium finish for ease of cleaning at an additional cost stated to not exceed £700.00. This decision was approved by the Board.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday September 16th 2020 immediately following the Public Session.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 2055

Signed:
Chairman

Date: