

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at
7pm on Wednesday 18 June 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

In Attendance:	Mrs E Cox	Chairman
	Mr T Miles	Vice Chairman
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
	Mr C Forbes	
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk

1. **Apologies** – None received
2. **Conflicts of Interest**

The Chairman read the agreed text. Mr Lovelady declared an interest in item 4.1 of the Confidential Session (8 Cherry Tree Drive).

3. **Visitors**

Jane Poole-Wilson, MHK, attended and contributed particularly to item 8.4.

4. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2025 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising**

Hedges – further to previous concerns regarding hedges blocking the pavement posing danger to pedestrians, the Clerk had circulated two draft letters: the first was an initial letter to be given to the houseowner requesting that they arrange for the hedge to be cut and the second a letter noting that no action had been taken and that they are now being served a Notice requiring them to carry out the work within 14 days, failing which they may be liable to a fine and the Commissioners may carry out the work and recover the expenses incurred. After discussion it was agreed that the first letter would be addressed to the Occupier / Homeowner so that they could be handed to the occupier / posted through the letterbox and that they would be given 21 days to undertake the work. If the work is not carried out in that time, then the Clerk will send the second letter.

6. **Planning**

6.1. **Completion Certificates**– the following were noted:

- 22/07284/OR – Erection of detached double garage with storage over – Glenside cottage, West Baldwin, IM4 5HA
- 22/07708/DEX – Removal of load bearing wall to create enlarged kitchen at GF level and installation of steel beam – 2 Ballamills, Glen Vine Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4JA
- 25/07272/REG – Regularisation - Installation of an unvented water cylinder in 2015 – Hadleigh, 15, Keill Pharick, Glen Vine, IM4 4EW

6.2. **Planning Committee** – None notified

6.3. **Planning Decisions**

6.3.1 **Approvals – the following were noted:**

- 24/90941/C – Additional use of land for dog walking (retrospective) – Field 324035 Foxdale road, Garth, Crosby
- 25/90260/B – Creation of new vehicular access onto highway – Ballagarey House, Main Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4AZ

6.3.2 **Refusals** – None notified

6.4 **Planning Enforcement** – None notified

6.5 **Building Control** - None notified

6.6 **Planning Conditions** - None notified

7. **Consultations**

7.1. **Consultations notified:**

DEFA is seeking views on its proposed Environmental Protection Bill. The papers were only just received and the closing date is 7 August 2025, so the discussion will be held over until the July meeting.

7.2. **Consultations on Government Website not notified:** None

8. **General Matters and other Correspondence**

8.1. **Remembrance Services** - None

8.2. **Website and Social Media**

8.3. **Civic Service**

This will be held on Sunday 28 September at Crosby Methodist Chapel, with Rev Jo Smart officiating. Canon Janice Ward is away on that date. Chairman and Clerk to liaise regarding the guests to be invited.

8.4. **Local Government (Amendment) Bill**

There was a discussion regarding the above Bill and the proposed new clauses which have caused great concern for Local Authorities, particularly in respect of the potential transfer or imposition of functions on Local Authorities and the requirement to make financial contributions and the lack of confidence in the consultation that would be needed.

Representations have been made to MHKs and discussed in Tynwald. In response, Kirstie Morphet, MLC, requested an Evidence stage, prior to the Clauses Stage of the progression of the Bill through the Legislative Council, to be held on 24 June 2025. Representatives from each Local Authority are invited to attend.

Following discussion between Local Authorities it was agreed to hold a prior meeting on 19 June to discuss the issues involved. Mrs Cox will represent Marown Commissioners at the meeting and

Speak at the Evidence Stage.

Mrs Poole-Wilson explained that the Clauses are just enabling clauses and that regulations would still need to be drawn up and this needs to be done in a responsible and consultative way.

The Commissioners' point was that the clauses are not specific and so there is concern about extra functions being imposed on Local Authorities for which there is no funding, leading to a potential increase in rates. The main problem is the lack of faith and trust in Government.

8.5. Fencing at Reayrt ny Crink

Quote received for replacement of the fencing. Clerk to contact adjoining neighbours to arrange the joint payment of the works.

8.6. Castletown Civic Service

Sunday 13 July 2025 – Mr T Miles to attend

8.7. Destination First meeting

8.8. The Clerk invited Phil Gawne and Yvette Hollows to attend a Board Meeting, but no date set yet.

9. Highway Matters

9.1. 20mph speed limits

- The Minister would like to visit each local authority in September or October with a Highways Officer to discuss the proposals. Date to be confirmed.
- In Marown there are unlikely to be many changes as many residential roads in Marown are already 20mph
- A big concern however is that, despite this, cars still speed along them and nothing is done

9.2. A26 Glen Darragh Road temporary closure 16 -20 June 2025 - noted

9.3. Parish Walk road closures 21 June 2025 - noted

10. Any Other Business

10.1. There was discussion regarding the Commissioners' objection to the planning application for a second entrance at Close Jaig Beg, Old Church Road and the use of the phrase "visibility splays" in the Commissioners' letter to the Planning department, although they were unaware of the exact distances required – it was felt that this is a matter for DoI. Also the seeming contradiction in that the Commissioners did not object to that for Ballagarey House, Main Road, Glen Vine, though it was explained that the Commissioners were concerned about the loss of parking spaces on Old Church Road, whereas this would not be the case along Main Road, Glen Vine.

10.2. There was also discussion in respect of a letter sent to J M Project Management following a complaint regarding Crosby Meadows Estate. Mr Lovelady thought this was unfair treatment as he believed it should have been dealt with verbally to find out the facts rather than in a more official letter. The Clerk explained that the reason a letter was sent was so that it could be seen to

be impartial and that he was not receiving any special treatment just because he was a Commissioner. There is still work to be done on the estate with the remaining houses to be built. A date is awaited for the contractor to connect the estate sewerage system to the new treatment works.

10.3. The Reayrt ny Crink estate has been connected to the new sewage treatment works. The biodisc will be removed and the remaining house will be sold.

10.4. A Discharge Licence Application consultation was received for the discharge of treated sewage effluent from the Crosby sewage treatment works to be piped to the River Dhoo. No comment would be made.

10.5. A complaint had been received regarding hedgecutting along the Heritage Trail – this is the responsibility of the DoI.

10.6. Lorraine Quayle, Chairman of Marown Memorial Playing Fields Committee, passed on her thanks to the Commissioners for their generous donation towards the Marown Parish Day expenses.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Signed

Date

Chairman

Confidential Session

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1. **Apologies** – None received

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2025 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising** – None

4. **Planning**

4.1. **New Applications**

It was resolved to make no objection to the following application:

- 25/90526/B – Trollaby Farm, Trollaby Lane, Union Mills, IM4 4AW – Conversion of farm building to a dwelling

It was resolved to object to the following application:

- 25/90045/B – Erection of raised decking and boundary wall including removal of sod bank and levelling of ground (retrospective) – 8 Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby, IM4 2EE

on the basis that the sod bank did not form part of the property, but belonged to the company developing the Crosby Meadows estate; that there is a loss of habitat for flora and fauna which the sod bank would have sustained and that the sod bank was a stabilising structure on the stream edge – removing that and building a wall with possibly insufficient foundations may cause instability of the stream edge

Clerk to contact Building Control to object in respect of this and number 9 Cherry Tree Drive the owners of which have also removed the sod bank.

4.2. **Amendments and Additional Information** – none notified

4.3. **Appeals** – none notified

5. Meetings:

- 5.1. Peel & Western Housing Committee
 - 5.1.1. Meeting held on 17 June 2025
 - 5.1.2. Bank signatories have been updated
 - 5.1.3. New gardener employed
 - 5.1.4. There was an issue with a tenant smoking cannabis, in breach of the tenancy agreement, but now they have a medical exemption certificate
- 5.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board
 - 5.2.1. Meeting held on 10 June 2025
 - 5.2.2. There have been big improvements – Chris Ford, Temporary Assistant Manager and the staff are doing an amazing job
 - 5.2.3. The Manager, Mike Rose is signed off until the end of June
 - 5.2.4. DONM 15 July 2025 – Mr Forbes to attend
- 5.3. Western Area Swimming Pool Board
 - 5.3.1. Meeting held on 15 June 2025
 - 5.3.2. Mrs Cox is now the Chairman and there are two new Commissioners from Kirk Michael and Patrick
 - 5.3.3. The pool will close over the summer for repairs and maintenance
- 5.4. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team – Mrs Cox attended
- 5.5. IOM Municipal Association – DONM 26 June 2025
- 5.6. Marown Parish Community Care – DONM 19 July 2025
- 5.7. LAFOG meeting 19 June 2025

6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- Humphrey & Helfrich - Wooky Hollow, Glen Vine Road, IM4 4HF
- Carters – Calanthe House, 17 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EB

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. The transaction Statement for May 2025 was discussed and approved
- 7.2. There was a discussion regarding a proposed meeting with Marown Memorial Playing Fields Committee regarding future support following a letter received from Mr Charles Fargher MBE CP JP and Mrs Jane Poole-Wilson MHK. The Commissioners have always considered requests for funding from MMPF and have made many donations over the years. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for representatives from the Commissioners to meet with representatives from MMPF. Mrs Cox, Mrs Lynch and the Clerk will attend on behalf of the Commissioners. Clerk to liaise.

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

The Clerk queried the Business Rates and the Rates Section replied saying that there is no such thing as business rates, but a property is either on 'domestic' or 'non-domestic' water/sewerage charges. The Commissioners' rates stay the same.

Clerk to obtain current figures for the outstanding rates for the next meeting.

9. Any other Business

9.1. MU email said that the final fittings to be replaced on 17 June 2025 – however it was noted that these had not been completed.

9.2. Email received from the Local Government Team with guidance covering the situation when a Local Authority Member is also employed as an officer in other Local Authorities or Government Departments. That does not apply in Marown.

Mr Miles asked about the personal liability of Commissioners – this was initially one of the proposed clauses in the Local Government (Amendment) Bill, but was withdrawn.

10. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 7pm immediately following the Public Session

Signed

Date

Chairman