

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at
7pm on Wednesday 21 May 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.**

In Attendance:	Mr T Miles	Chairman
	Mrs E Cox	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 4.2 and 4.3 of the Confidential Session (Close Jaig Beg and Crosby Meadows).

3. **Visitors**

Mr Ainsworth, Marown resident

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Mr Ainsworth attended particularly in relation to Planning Application 25/90401/B – Installation of 3 telegraph poles to provide fibre optic connectivity to 82, 80 Ballagarey Road & 1, 3 Alexander Road – Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine – to be discussed in the Confidential Session. He is one of the residents for whom Manx Telecom are proposing to provide fibre. He and the occupiers of two other properties do not want telegraph poles. He has not spoken to the fourth resident. Apparently five years ago Manx Telecom wanted to erect three poles for fibre connectivity – they were erected without consultation or planning and then taken down and apparently Gary Lamb, Chief Executive of Manx Telecom, gave an assurance that they would not be put back up. The telegraph poles would be intrusive and unsightly and would impact all the properties around them. The fibre could easily be put underground, but poles are being chosen simply on a cost basis.

5. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2025 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record. The amended Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2025 were also signed – these had been corrected to show that Mr Juan Turner attended the meeting as a Marown resident, not in a business capacity.

6. **Matters Arising**

Mr Lovelady has received a quote for the repair of the fencing of the area at Reayrt ny Crink which he will forward to the Clerk.

7. Annual General Meeting

7.1. Election of Chairman (Incumbent Mr T Miles)

Mrs Cox was proposed by Mrs Lynch and seconded by Mr Lovelady.
Mr Miles was proposed by Mr Forbes and seconded by Mrs Cox.

Mr Miles said he had been honoured to be Chairman, but would be happy either way. Mrs Cox also said she would be happy either way.

Following a discussion regarding Chairman and Vice Chairman, Mrs Cox was duly elected Chairman. Mr Ainsworth offered his congratulations to Mrs Cox on her appointment.

7.2. Election of Vice Chairman (Incumbent Mrs E Cox)

Mr Forbes was proposed by Mrs Lynch

Mrs Lynch was proposed by Mrs Cox

Mr Miles was proposed by Mr Lovelady and seconded by Mrs Lynch

Following a discussion regarding Chairman and Vice Chairman, Mr Miles was duly elected Vice Chairman.

7.3. Review Standing Orders

The Members considered that the Standing Orders continue to be appropriate to the needs of the Board. There was an anomaly whereby both “Private” and “Confidential” had been used to refer to the non-public part of the Board meeting. It was agreed that for consistency, “Confidential” would be used throughout. There were also various minor grammatical corrections made.

7.4. Election of Representatives to other bodies and for specific functions

It was agreed that all representatives would remain the same:

7.4.1. Peel & Western Housing Committee (Mr T Miles, deputy Mr J Lovelady)

7.4.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board (Mrs A Lynch, deputy Mr C Forbes)

7.4.3. Western Area Swimming Pool Board (Mrs E Cox)

7.4.4. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team (Mr T Miles, deputy Mrs E Cox)

7.4.5. IOM Municipal Association (Mrs A Lynch, deputy Mr C Forbes)

7.4.6. Marown Parish Community Care (Mrs A Lynch, deputy Mr J Lovelady)

7.4.7. Social Media Officer (Mrs A Lynch)

7.4.8. Lead member for Planning (Mr C Forbes)

8. Planning

8.1. Completion Certificates– the following Completion Certificate was noted:

8.1.1. 23/07029/DEX – Removal of existing kitchen and conservatory and replacement with kitchen and sunroom extension with pitched roof extending to replace all existing flat roof also covering workshop and garage – Carraghyn, Glenlough Circle, Glen Vine

8.1.2. There was discussion as to when the rateable value of a building is changed due to extensions etc – Clerk will forward all Completion Certificates to the Rates section for them to determine if the rateable value should change.

8.2. Planning Committee – it was noted that the following would be discussed on 19 May 2025:

8.2.1. 24/90941/B – Additional use of land for dog walking (retrospective) – Field 324035, Foxdale Road, Garth, Crosby. Recommendation – Permitted

8.2.2. The Commissioners noted that if the field was changed to a commercial enterprise, then rates would be due.

8.3. Planning Decisions

8.3.1. Approvals – the following was noted:

8.3.1.1. 25/90066/B– Erection of an equestrian building, containing stables, equestrian facilities and agricultural storage (retrospective) – Land at Ballacallin Beg, Foxdale Road, Garth, Crosby

8.3.1.2. It appears that there is possibly a business(es) being run from Ballacallin Beg – Clerk to investigate planning / rateable value / refuse collection.

8.3.2. Refusals – None notified

8.4. Planning Enforcement – None notified

8.5. Building Control - None notified

8.6. Planning Conditions - None notified

9. Consultations

9.1. Consultations notified: None notified

9.2. Consultations on Government Website not notified - the following were noted:

- The Education (Amendment) Bill – closes 15 June 2025
- NHS Levy Consultation – closes 18 June 2025

10. General Matters and other Correspondence

10.1. Remembrance Services – None

10.2. Website and Social Media

10.3. It was disappointing to note that the Family Library will be closing on 31 July 2025, including the Mobile Bus and Home Delivery Service. Clerk to send letter showing the Commissioners' support for the Library.

10.4. The Annual clock service was carried out

10.5. It was noted that DEFA has issued information regarding the risk of Foot & Mouth disease, which is currently not in the Isle of Man, in order to make people aware of the correct disposal of food waste, particularly in the upcoming TT period.

10.6. Biosphere Isle of Man has issued guidance on Living Alongside Gulls

11. Highway Matters – the following items were noted

- 11.1. Old Church Road, Crosby (Prohibition of Waiting) and B35 Garth Road, Marown (Clearway) Orders 2025. The yellow lines and disabled space have been remarked.
- 11.2. U56 Peg Willeys Road closure 23 May – 9 June
- 11.3. TT Road Closure timetable
- 11.4. Foxdale Road temporary closure 9-10 June 2025 for manhole cover replacement
- 11.5. New Operator Licence – MUA – Trollaby Farm, Trollaby Lane. This just replaces the existing Licence.
- 11.6. New Operator Registration – OFD Construction Ltd – Operating Centre is The Old Mushroom Farm, Main Road, Crosby – Clerk to establish what the registration is for.
- 11.7. There was discussion regarding a resident's proposal that traffic lights should be installed on Old Church Road by the Heritage Trail as cars often drive too quickly along Old Church Road. The Commissioners agreed that some form of traffic calming measures would be sensible, but that either a Zebra Crossing, or a 20mph limit with speed bumps would work best. Clerk to write to DoI to suggest.

12. Any Other Business

- 12.1. Ballagarey Close / Ballamurphie Park – Complaints were received that a “track” had been created over “communal” land between Ballagarey Close and Ballamurphie Park. Mrs Lynch visited the site and spoke with the person who had created the “track” but when she asked some questions he became aggressive. Mr Lovelady subsequently visited the site. Lots of trees have been cut down and chipped and the woodchips laid on the floor and it looks like it is a pedestrian access. Ownership of the “communal” land is believed to be Ensign Homes, who built the estate, as the Commissioners did not adopt it.
- 12.2. Hedges – there is a section of hedge on the main road near the old Marown TV which is overhanging the pavement and dangerous – a partially sighted person has been hit by it. A letter is required that can be posted through homeowners' doors giving them a period of time in which to resolve the issue of overhanging hedges, along with a follow up letter – Clerk to draft.
- 12.3. Glen Vine Park footpath – there are branches on it causing an obstruction – Clerk to contact gardener to arrange their clearance.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 18 June 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

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3. Matters Arising – None

4. Planning

4.1. New Applications

It was resolved to object to the following application as the telegraph poles would be incongruous in the estate as the rest of the estate is supplied underground. Why was the estate not future proofed when it was built? In addition, the Commissioners would like sight of the letters of support for the telegraph poles from the four addresses in question.

- 25/90401/B – Installation of 3 telegraph poles to provide fibre optic connectivity to 82, 80 Ballagarey Road & 1, 3 Alexander Road – Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine

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

- 25/90428/B – Replacement of first floor window with door and conversion of existing flat roof to balcony to the rear elevation of the dwelling – Dreemskerry House, Main Road, Glen Vine
- 24/91403/B – Amendments to site entrance including gates, steps, retaining walls and vehicular parking with no change to highway access – Sunnybank House, West Baldwin
- 25/90456/B – Erection of new cattle barn – Chibbanagh Farm, St Mark's Road, Braaid – agricultural condition to be requested

4.2. Amendments and Additional Information

- It was resolved to object to this application on the basis that the objections in the Commissioners' letter of 21 September 2023 still stand in respect of overdevelopment of the site and access onto

the highway; that the Technical Note dated 3-2-25 is factually incorrect as The Commissioners have no plans to extend the footway (item 9) (where is this information from?); that it is presumed that any proposal for a pavement or pavement extension will be subject to a separate planning application; and that insufficient information has been received to clarify the ownership of the road alongside Crosby Chapel – this is particularly important given the proposal to install a bollard.

- 23/00924/B – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 10 no. General industrial units, parking and hard standing areas, with associated drainage and planting scheme – Former Crosby Wholesalers, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 4BN – held over from last meeting

It was resolved to make no further comment in respect of this application as the Commissioners had previously objected citing the loss of parking spaces and additionally the visibility splays that would be required for a new vehicular access:

- 25/90192/B – Erection of replacement stone wall; creation of new vehicular access and driveway; erection of boundary fencing with drainage channel – Close Jairston, Old Church Road, Crosby

4.3.Appeals

The following items were noted:

- AP25/0003 – Inquiry 20 May 2025 – Approval in Principle for residential development, with access taken from Main Road, on land adjacent to Main Road, Trollaby Lane and residential area off Strang Road, Union Mills
- 22/00475/B – Construction of 18 houses and associated infrastructure – Crosby Meadows Estate, Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby – following a Hearing on 27 March 2025 the decision was that the Appeal should be dismissed and the Refusal of the Application should be upheld

5. Meetings:

5.1. Peel & Western Housing Committee

5.1.1. Meeting held on 20 May 2025:

- 5.1.1.1. Facilities Assistant has started and is settling in well
- 5.1.1.2. Replacement thermostats for older part of complex to be installed next week
- 5.1.1.3. Incident occurred when resident exiting through automatic doors was apparently caught by door and fell, sustaining a fractured hip. Full investigation being carried out. CCTV indicates no fault on part of Westlands. Door controllers removed and sent for assessment.

5.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board

5.2.1. Meeting held on 13 May 2025

- 5.2.1.1. The WCAS will be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons due to staff shortages and to allow for site maintenance
- 5.2.1.2. Job adverts are going out this week

5.2.1.3. There is a new Board, with Derek Sewell as Clerk and RFO.

5.2.1.4. The staff attended the start of the meeting to introduce themselves to the new Board and Chris Ford the temporary Acting Manager stayed on to give the Manager's Report. The Site Manager is signed off sick.

5.2.1.5. There is a hold on Community recycling at the moment which is being reassessed. There will be no community glass recycling due to health and safety assessment

5.2.1.6. DONM 10 June 2025 – Mrs Lynch to attend. 8 July 2025 – Mr Forbes to attend

5.3. Western Area Swimming Pool Board

5.3.1. Mrs Cox attended the central quarterly meeting. There is a new man in charge who seems more practical with regard to finances, i.e. not requiring Consultants to be appointed for smaller jobs.

5.3.2. The pool will be shut in the summer in order to carry out the replacement of the lights and refurbishment of the toilets.

5.3.3. The Service Level Agreement discussion is still ongoing

5.3.4. The Climate Change Fund will pay for a feasibility report regarding installing solar panels and ground source heat pump – sponsored by DESC.

5.3.5. Next Board meeting, with the new Board is on 15 June 2025, with a tour

5.4. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Police numbers are low, but there will be some finishing training in August and a new intake in September.

5.5. IOM Municipal Association

5.5.1. The Commissioners (except Mr Forbes) and Clerk attended the AGM & Dinner on 19 May 2025, which was well attended.

5.6. Marown Parish Community Care – there was no meeting

5.7. The next LAFOG meeting is on 19 June 2025 – Clerk to attend

6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- Carters – 2 Park Close, Glen Vine
- Paterson – 30 Reayrt Ny Crink, Crosby
- Carters – Glenview, Mount Rule Road, Braddan
- LVW Law – Elgin, 2 Glen Vine Park, Glen Vine
- Humphrey & Helfrich – 7 Ballabeg Grove, Main Road, Glen Vine
- Humphrey & Helfrich – 15 Keeil Pharick Park, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

7.1. The transaction Statement for April 2025 was discussed and approved

7.2. Funding for new playground for Marown School Association – the MSA has done really well and raised £65k for the playground, The Commissioners agreed not to contribute to this.

- 7.3. Funding for upgraded defibrillator for Marown School. The Commissioners agreed that they would contribute to this. Mrs Cox to find out the costs involved.
- 7.4. Funding for MMPF Parish Day – the Commissioners approved the MMPF request for £500 to help with Parish Day. Mr Miles volunteered to help on the day.

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

8.1. Internal Audit

The Local Government team have confirmed that as Marown is a small Local Authority, then an internal audit only needs to be carried out every two years.

9. Any other Business

9.1. Cleaning of Marown Parish signs – outstanding

9.2. **Stephanie Hollis** - Airbnb Stoneycroft, Glen Vine Road, IM4 4HF – delivered beginning May

9.3. **Civic Service** – it was agreed that the Commissioners would hold a Civic Service in September, possibly Sunday 28 September 2025, and it was suggested that it could be held at St Luke’s Church at Baldwin. Rev Canon Janice Ward and Rev Jo Smart to be contacted about availability, dates and venue.

10. **Date and time of next meeting** – Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 7pm immediately following the Public Session

Signed

Date

Chairman