

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at 7pm on Wednesday 19 November 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

In Attendance:	Mrs E Cox	Chairman
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk

1. Apologies – Mr Terry Miles, Vice Chairman

2. Conflicts of Interest

The Chairman read the agreed text. Mrs Lynch declared an interest in item 4.1 of the Confidential Session (Erection of dwellinghouses, Former Motor Museum, Glen Vine).

3. Visitors – None notified

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2025 were discussed and approved.

5. Matters Arising

5.1. Fencing at Eyeoton Park - Marown Parish Community Care and Kissacks have both confirmed that they have their own fences bordering their properties surrounding the grassed area, so it was agreed that no new fencing is required. This will save ratepayers money. The remaining fencing will be tidied up.

5.2. Planning Application for car park on Old Church Road – the Police have confirmed that they can't actively support the proposal, but should it be granted there would be benefits – it would assist in alleviating the demand on the Force during events and it would improve road safety

5.3. Building Control has confirmed that copies of all Completion Certificates are sent to Treasury Rates, though it is not certain if all relevant properties are re-rated. It was agreed that the Clerk would make contact with Douglas CC to ask about the possibility of them collecting Marown rates and also of using their rates officer to assess properties to ensure that they are at the correct rateable value.

5.4. Christmas trees – they will be collected on Friday 29 November and put up over the weekend.

5.5. Carol singing round the Christmas tree is proposed for 6-7pm, Monday 8 December. Costa will stay open for people to buy drinks. Commissioners will provide mince pies (personally). Mrs Cox will speak to Marown School about the children singing and playing. Mrs Lynch will advertise on Facebook when it's confirmed.

6. Planning

6.1. Completion Certificates – None notified

6.2. Planning Committee – the following were noted:

6.2.1. 27 October 2025 – 25/90779/B – Conversion of existing mill building with construction of extension to create new dwelling – Old Mill Building, Rock Farm, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DW

6.2.2. 10 November 2025 – Nothing in Marown

6.3. Planning Decisions

6.3.1 Approvals – the following was noted:

- 25/90779/B – Conversion of existing mill building with construction of extension to create new dwelling – Old Mill Building, Rock Farm, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DW – approved following Planning Committee on 27 October 2025

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

- Data Protection (Fees) Regulations 2018 – closes 1 December 2025 – it was noted that Local Authorities would fall under the public sector group fee, though they would still be required to register

7.2. Consultations on Government Website not notified – the following was noted:

- Isle of Man Financial Services Authority (Fees) Order 2026 – closes 18 December 2025

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

8.1. Remembrance Services – 9 November 2025, Marown Parish Church – although it was wet initially, the weather cleared to allow the laying of wreaths outside.

8.2. Website and Social Media – None

8.3. Local Government Amendment Bill

The proposed Clause 5 is due to be considered by the Legislative Council on 25 November 2025 and Marown Commissioners, along with the other Local Authorities, sent a further letter expressing their concern regarding the clause and asking for it to be withdrawn, or if not, that amendments are made to it.

8.4. Year of the Manx Language 2026 – this is a year-long, Island-wide celebration of the Manx language in 2026. Events are listed on the website <https://yearofmanx.im>

8.5. German Civic Service – 11am Sunday 23 November 2025

8.6. Tynwald Christmas Carol Service – 1.10pm Thursday 11 December 2025

9. Highway Matters

9.1. West Baldwin Road, Temporary 30mph and 40mph restriction for drainage and gully works on 24 November to 5 December

9.2. Greeba Avenue, Road Closure for drainage works, 26-30 January 2026

10. Any Other Business

10.1. When Mr Lovelady sees an overgrown hedge encroaching onto the pavement or road he will hand deliver the standard Commissioners' letter requesting that the homeowners take action to trim back the hedge. He will let the Clerk know the address and date so she can follow up should the work not be undertaken.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Signed

Date

Chairman

Confidential Session

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1. Apologies – Mr Terry Miles, Vice Chairman

2. Minutes of Previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2025 were discussed and approved.

3. Matters Arising – None

4. Planning

4.1. New Applications –

- 25/90922/B – Conversion of former Post Office into living accommodation (Class 3.3) with additional use as tourist accommodation (Class 3.6) and installation of door to southeast elevation – The North Laurels (former Post Office) Main Road, Crosby, IM4 4BN

It was resolved to object to this application for tourist use on the basis that there was concern regarding the availability of parking for tourists, that access to the yard just off the main road and on a corner is difficult and that the front door opening straight onto the busy main road is dangerous.

- 25/90923/C – Additional use as tourist accommodation (class 3.6) – Timberwoods, Main Road, Glen Vine – it was resolved to make no objection.
- 25/90851/B – Conversion of existing garage to one dwellinghouse and erection of three dwellinghouses with associated parking and landscaping – Site of former Motor Museum, Main Road, Glen Vine

It was noted that this new application now included a flood report, which was one of the Commissioners' concerns regarding the previous application for this site. Additionally, Highway Services had no issue with the access onto the main road. It was resolved not to object to this application with the proviso that the two issues about which the Commissioners were concerned regarding the previous application in December 2024 for the same site by the same applicants have been addressed and the relevant bodies are satisfied and have no objection.

4.2. Amendments and Additional Information – None notified

4.3. Appeals – None notified

5. Meetings:

- 5.1. Peel & Western Housing Committee
 - 5.1.1. Mr Miles attended the meeting on 20 October 2025
 - 5.1.2. The accounts have been submitted and are in a healthy state
 - 5.1.3. The Fire Safety Audit has been completed and matters raised dealt with
 - 5.1.4. A small scaffolding tower is to be purchased for maintenance purposes
 - 5.1.5. There have been three false fire calls in the last 12 months, mainly due to cooking fumes. Any subsequent false calls will be charged for
 - 5.1.6. Three flats are currently being repainted ready for new occupation
 - 5.1.7. Staff members walked from Douglas to Peel and raised £1600 towards the residents Christmas party
 - 5.1.8. Mr Kermode, DoI will be attending the December meeting
- 5.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board
 - 5.2.1 There will be an inflationary increase of approximately 3.3%
 - 5.2.1 The invoice for Marown Commissioners' contribution to the skips has been received
 - 5.2.2 It is hoped that the re-use sheds will be open soon
- 5.3. Western Area Swimming Pool Board
 - 5.3.1 Mrs Cox was unable to attend the meeting last night.
 - 5.3.2 The service level agreements were to be discussed and signed
 - 5.3.3 They have received money from the Green Fund for solar panels etc, but there are concerns regarding maintenance / end of life
 - 5.3.4 Contributions will be 6.3p in the £, so up by 1p
 - 5.3.5 They will be impacted by the proposed minimum wage increase.
- 5.4. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team - next meeting on 27 November 2025
- 5.5. IOM Municipal Association
 - 5.5.1. The meeting was held on 30 October 2025, but Mrs Lynch was unable to attend
- 5.6. Marown Parish Community Care - no meeting

6. Advocates Searches – the following was noted:

- Dickinson Cruikshank - The Cronk, Vanes Lane, Fair, Foxdale, IM4 3HY

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. The Transaction Statement for October 2025 was discussed and approved. It was noted that the cost of waste disposal is a huge part of the budget – 51.6% in October.

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

8.1. Contracts

- 8.1.1. The hedge cutting, road sweeping and gulley cleaning contracts are due for renewal in April 2026. It was agreed to ask the current contractor, who does all three, if they are willing to continue at the same price.
- 8.1.2. The Garden services contract is up for renewal in March 2026 and the contractor has informed us that, due to the almost 10% increase in minimum wage in April, they will have to increase their prices. The Commissioners agreed therefore that this contract would go out to tender. Clerk to prepare the documents.

8.2. Email

- 8.2.1. Manx Telecom has informed everyone that Junara will now be running the manx.net service and from 20 January it will be chargeable at £65 for the year.
- 8.2.2. It was agreed to change to a marown.im email address
- 8.3. Local Authority Enforcement Forum – this is proposed for next year for Clerks to discuss enforcement matters such as dilapidated properties, byelaws, orders and other delegated responsibilities.

9. Any other Business

- 9.1. For the 2026 election, the Clerk will accept and store completed paper responses for collection by the Election Team
- 9.2. The Local Government Team informed us that from now, Climate Impact Assessments are required to be submitted for proposals exceeding £100,000, or if requested
- 9.3. Following an audit procurement exercise and report, there have been changes to the inspection level for some Local Authorities. That for Marown will remain as a Basic Independent Examination Review.

10. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 6pm immediately prior to the Public Session

Signed

Date

Chairman