

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom and by Video Conference on Wednesday February 17th 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Mrs A Lynch	Chairman
	Mr T Miles	
	Mr T O'Hanlon	
	Mr A Toohey	
	Mr I Maule	Clerk

1. **Apologies** – Mr Sloane
2. **Visitors** – None
3. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on January 20th 2021 were discussed. It was noted that opinion from DoI had suggested that decisions taken at a virtual meeting may be open to challenge although there is no definition in the Local Government Act of what constitutes a meeting. It was noted further that, during the Covid Emergency, regulations were promulgated to clarify that virtual meetings were proper but that these regulations fell away on the expiry of the Emergency. The Clerk advised that it would be sufficient to revisit the decisions made at the January meeting at this meeting. Following a discussion, it was resolved that all decisions made at the January meeting are confirmed. By signing the minutes, this decision is evidenced. The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1. **Completion Certificates** – None received:
 - 5.2. **Planning Committee** – The following have been notified,
 - 5.2.1. February 4th 2021 – Nothing in Marown
 - 5.2.2. February 15th 2021 – Nothing in Marown
 - 5.3. **Planning Decisions**
 - 5.3.1. **Approvals** – The following were noted:
 - 20/01294 – Change of use to food and drink plus takeaway at small retail unit, Crosby Meadows
 - 20/01306 – Alterations at Ballaharry, Bluebell Lane, Crosby
 - 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. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – It was resolved to make no comment to the following.
 - 6.1.1. Insurance (Long-Term Business Valuation and Solvency) Regulations 2021
 - 6.1.2. Woodland Grant Scheme 2021
 - 6.1.3. Electric Bicycle and Scooter Draft Policy Proposal

6.2 **Local Government Amendment Bill** – Invitation to attend briefing sessions discussed. Mr Miles is attending with Westlands Clerk and Mr O’Hanlon undertook to attend on behalf of the Board.

7. General Matters and other Correspondence

7.1. **Remembrance Services** – No matters.

7.2. **Annual Canvas** – Noted.

7.3. **Clerks’ Forum** – Minutes from the meeting on November 17th 2020 were discussed.

8. Highway Matters

8.1. **Bluebell Lane** – Correspondence from resident were discussed. The Clerk confirmed that the lane, though not made up beyond Ballaharry from Eyreton Road, is adopted. Unmade lanes are not normally addressed in the hedge-cutting programme. Following a discussion, it was resolved that DoI should be approached. The Chairman undertook to contact the author accordingly.

8.2. **Ballabeg Grove** – Response from Hartford Homes in which it was stated that no input from Local Authorities for street-naming had occurred previously was noted. The Clerk advised that the power to name streets is contained in the Local Government (Consolidation) Act 1916 and members considered that this was an important function which should not be left to the whim of a developer. The Commissioners have no control over the naming of the Development. Options of permitting the entire road to be called Ballbeg Grove; the second phase to be named Greeba Grove with common numbering; and the second phase to be named Greeba Grove with numbering from Greeba Avenue were considered. It was noted that the Developer had argued at Planning stage that the developments should be treated as separate and therefore there can be no argument that the street names should differ if this is desired. Following a discussion, it was resolved that the third option would be selected.

8.3. **Road Closure** – Temporary closure of Kissack’s Lane noted.

8.4. **Temporary Speed Limit** – Main Road noted.

9. Community Issues

9.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process** –. Comments on encroachment at Ballagarey Crescent and Bollan Drive discussed. Members felt that Ballagarey Crescent area could not be adopted without a resolution as to do otherwise would either cede effective ownership or create a liability in the future. Mr O’Hanlon undertook to visit the Bollan Drive area and report to the next meeting when a decision on how to proceed would be made.

9.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing of significance to report.

9.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – Mr O’Hanlon to progress with land-owner.

10. **Any Other Business** - None

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday March 17th 2021 in the Hall Caine Pavilion at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 1955

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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4. **Planning Applications** - The following were considered:
 - 20/01407 - Detached Garage with Living Accom. above at 21 Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby
It was considered that, although the proposed garage was not in the building line, this was acceptable. However, the glazed upper storey overlooks the adjacent property windows and the front gardens of all of numbers 17-20. It is likely that prospective owners of these properties will be unaware of the proposal. In view of these matters, it was resolved to Object to the Application.
 - 20/01511 - 4 Detached dwellings at land north of Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby
It was noted that this land is not zoned for development and to allow this so soon after adoption of the Area Plan for the East would seem to be incorrect. Additionally, the new sewage Treatment Plant at Crosby is stated to be at capacity with the existing development at Crosby Meadows and Reayrt ny Chrink both of which are presently on Bio-disc. It is considered further that the new buildings would be an imposition on No.11. It was noted also that the Applicant claims a waiting list for the estate but provides no evidence. It was recalled that, before the development was approved, the Applicant stated that he intended to retain some of the houses for rental income and that the stated waiting list could be addressed by releasing some or all of these. It was resolved to Object on these grounds.
 - 21/00011 - Alterations within rear garden & erection of detached garden room with chimney at 13 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby
Members considered that there was a likelihood of smoke nuisance from the low chimney having particular regard to the size of the proposed fire-place. It was noted further that the window would overlook no.14. For these reasons and possible fire risk, it was resolved to Object to the Application
 - It was resolved to make no objection to the following:
21/00049 – Alterations and extend Residential curtilage at Rose Cottage, Ballafreer Lane, Union Mills
21/00060 – Flat-roof Dormer to rear of 8 Ballaglonney Close, Crosby

5. Meetings

- 5.1 **Peel and Western Housing** – Meeting on February 10th 2021 attended by Mr Miles who reported that progress on phase 3 had slowed. The second lock-down raised no issues. Discussions were continuing with the Clerk on working arrangements with a decision anticipated at the next meeting.
 - 5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on February 16th 2021 attended by the Chairman who reported that recycling is running presently around 70%. Flooding issues from Curragh Road continue and have been reported to DoI whose action is awaited. It was reported that the bring banks at Reayrt ny Chrink are being well used and consideration should be given to increasing provision. Clerk to investigate price for additional similar bins.
 - 5.3 **Swimming Pool** – No meeting has taken place.
 - 5.4 **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – No meeting has taken place.
 - 5.5 **Municipal Association** – No meeting has taken place.
 - 5.6 **Marown Parish Community Care** – No meeting has taken place.
 - 5.7 **Waste Working Group** – No meeting has taken place.
6. **Advocates Searches** – The following were noted:
- Callin Wild – Upper Garth. Garth Road, Crosby
 - MannBenham – Cronk Aash, Eyreton Road, Crosby
 - Corlett Bolton – 10 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby
 - Corlett Bolton – 30 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby
 - Paterson Property Law – 10 Park Close. Glen Vine
7. **Financial Matters**
- 7.1. Transaction Statement for January 2021 was discussed and approved.
 - 7.4 Interest Rates – Reductions noted.
 - 7.5 Tender for Weed treatment – Only one bid had been received in the sum of £700.00. Following a discussion, it was resolved to accept this bid from Michael Cain.
8. **Trees and High Hedges Act** - No active cases.
9. **Any Other Business** – None
10. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Wednesday March 17th 2021 immediately following the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2050

Signed:
Chairman

Date: