

PUBLIC SESSION

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

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

1. **Apologies** – None

2. **Visitors**

- 2.1. Mr Ian Longworth, Director of Public Transport discussed and answered questions on the proposed alterations to bus services through Braaid and Eairy. The Chairman said that residents had expressed concern that there had been no consultation about the change. Mr Longworth responded that a formal consultation takes place every 5 years with the next due in 2022. Timetables are reviewed annually within that period and notice taken of comments received and the performance of various services and service changes. Representations had been received that an hourly service on the route was desirable and this was provided but has not resulted in any or any significant additional usage. The proposal is to revert to a basic two-hourly service supplemented by demand-responsive journeys principally on the route through Ballamodha, but it will enable service also to St Mark's not provided presently. There will be connection points with timetabled journeys at the Business Park, St John's and Ballasalla.

Residents, including those on the timetabled routes can book the Demand responsive journeys if the timetabled ones do not suit and it is planned to introduce a direct booking system from smart-phones and internet bookings. A similar exercise in the north of the island resulted in an increase in usage of about 4% with a 3% reduction in mileage operated. Bookings should be made before 4pm the day previous but later bookings will be accommodated as close as possible to the desired time. There is no change to later buses from Peel although these are not well-used, and the DRT journeys will operate during the period of the timetabled service excluding peak periods.

Mr Sloane asked when representations could be made about changes. Mr Longworth confirmed that such could be made at any time. Quick changes may be possible if of a small nature. Larger alterations require the approval of the Road Transport Licensing Committee.

The Chairman asked whether he thought the DRT services would be successful. Mr Longworth cited the improvements to usage in the north of the island put in almost 2 years ago.. The DRT journeys will be able to collect from people's homes subject to access being possible.

Mr Longworth also informed members that the service through Glen Vine and Crosby is to be increased from every 30 minutes to every 20 minutes with extra evening journeys due to increasing demand. Total carryings on the island's bus services have increase by some 50% over recent years.

The Chairman then thanked Mr Longworth for his time and Mr Longworth left the meeting.

- 2.2. Bill Shimmins MHK – The Local Elections and Meetings (Local Authorities) Bill is being discussed in Tynwald, This provides for the postponement of the Local Elections initially to a polling date of July 22nd 2021 subject to alterations and for the AGM of local authorities to be held in August for this year only rather than the usual May. The Bill would also regularise the holding of remote meetings.

Reform of the Rating System has been shelved.

A discussion took place on lockdown and vaccination programmes. The policy remains elimination of the virus and this is not likely to change until all over 50 have been offered full protection. Additionally, the capacity of the Hospital will be a factor.

Mr Sloane raised the operation of the Earnings Replacement Scheme which does not assist those who are part employed and part self-employed. Mr Shimmins said that no scheme would likely satisfy all cases.

The Chairman then thanked Mr Shimmins for his time and Mr Shimmins left the meeting.

3. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on February 17th 2021 were discussed and approved. The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None
5. **Conflicts of Interest** – Mr Toohey had tabled a proposal to include this heading on all future agendas. It was proposed that the Chairman should read the following words at the commencement of every meeting:

“You will all be familiar with the definition of Conflict of Interest, as presented and adopted by the Board at its meeting on March 17th 2021. This definition is included in your documentation for this Board meeting. I would like to ask any Board member participating at this Board meeting to let the Board know if they have any perceived or known Conflicts of Interest as per the items listed in the Agenda for this meeting. This will be noted in the Minutes.”

Additionally, at any time outside the Board meetings that a real or perceived conflict of interest arises, the Clerk (or any Board Member who perceived it), should communicate such concern to the Board Chairman, copying the Clerk as appropriate. The Clerk in consultation with the Board Chairman may thereafter propose one of the following courses of action:

- Recommend that the concerned Board Member fully participate in the meeting or activity;
- Recommend that the concerned Board Member publicly disclose his or her interest to all meeting or activity participants;
- Recommend that the concerned Board Member be excused from making any decisions in connection with the relevant meeting or activity;
- Recommend that the concerned Board Member excuses him/ herself from participating in Board or committee discussions related to the matter; or
- Recommend that the concerned Board Member attend the meeting (participate in the activity) in order to fulfill his or her administrative responsibilities, but not participate in any discussion on issues that have given rise to the conflict of interest.

The minutes of the relevant Board meeting shall note which, if any, conflicts of interest have been determined to exist and the appropriate action that was taken in relation thereto.

Following a discussion, it was resolved unanimously to adopt the resolution.

6. Planning

6.1. **Completion Certificates** – The following has been received:

- 19/07161 – Dwelling on Plot 13, Ballaglonney Farm, Crosby

6.2. **Planning Committee** – The following have been notified,

6.2.1. March 1st 2021 – Nothing in Marown

6.2.2. March 15th 2021 – Nothing in Marown

6.3. **Planning Decisions**

6.3.1. **Approvals** – The following was noted:

- 20/01547 – Remove Chimney Stack at 8 King Orry Road, Glen Vine

6.3.2. **Refusals** –The following was discussed:

- 20/01511 – 4 detached dwellings on land north of Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby

6.4. **Appeals and Inquiries** -

6.4.1. 20/00854 – Alterations and Extension of Car Park at Archallagan Plantation

It was resolved noted that there had been other comment about the apparently unnecessary size of the proposed car park. It was resolved to make no additional submission and the Clerk's response was approved.

6.5. **Enforcement**

6.5.1. 20/01407 – 21 Cherry Tree Drive, Glen Vine

Complaint acknowledged and identified by Planning |Office.

6.6. **Building Control** – 4 Eairy Terrace. No progress to report.

6.7. **Planning Conditions** – No matters notified.

7. **Consultations** – The following were discussed:

7.1. **Capacity Bill** - No member made any comment.

7.2. **Procurement Policy Review 2021** – There would be no corporate response. The Chairman encouraged members to make individual comments.

7.3. **Animal Welfare Bill 2021** – There would be no corporate response. The Chairman encouraged members to make individual comments.

7.4. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – It was resolved to make no comment to the following.

7.4.1. Funding of administrative expenses of the Resolution Authority

7.4.2. Marine Drive Road Closure Proposal

7.4.3. Leasehold Reform

8. **General Matters and other Correspondence**

8.1. **Remembrance Services** – No matters.

8.2. **Memorial Garden** – Letter from Cancer Research discussed. The Chairman would contact the Chairman of MMPF and with the writer.

8.3. **Electronic Planning Application Process** – It was noted that details of one of the matters for discussion this evening had no electronic documents available and that the plans of some Applications could only be appreciated if seen physically. Following a discussion, it was resolved that it remained necessary to receive full paper copies of Planning Applications.

9. Highway Matters

9.1. Ballabeg Grove – Acknowledgement received from Hartford Homes

9.2. Temporary Speed Limit – Top Road discussed. Mr Miles had noticed that the speed limit signs did not agree with the order and had communicated same with Dol.

9.3. Reayrt ny Chrink – Request to extend Double Yellow Lines discussed. It is known that Dol are not likely to agree to such a request and a suitable response would be sent to the enquirer.

10. Community Issues

10.1. Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process –.. Mr O’Hanlon has not been able to visit the Bollan Drive area.

10.2. Website and Social Media – Nothing of significance to report.

10.3. Ballawilleykilley Play Area – No progress likely for this calendar year.

10.4. Covid Community Support – Noted.

11. Any Other Business - None

12. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday April 21st 2021 at 7pm. Means to be determined.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2030

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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2. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on February 17th 2021 were discussed and approved. The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None.
4. **Planning Applications** - The following were considered:
 - 21/00161 – Three Dwellings at Field 321270 Park Close, Glen Vine (Amendments)
It was noted that this development has been opposed consistently by the Commissioners as over-development of the site but been approved. The amendments proposed are not significant and it was resolved to submit no comment on this occasion.
 - It was resolved to make no objection to the following:
 - 20/01557 – Extension to rear of 18 Woodlea Villas, Crosby (Amendment)
 - 21/00174 – Two agricultural Buildings plus field access at Field 324368, Top Road, Crosby
 - 21/00146 – Timber Cladding to replace render at 5 Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine
 - 21/00170 – Two extensions at Woodlands, Glen Vine Drive, Glen Vine
 - 21/00267 – Detached double garage with hobby room above at Ballahutchin House, Ballahutchin Hill, Union Mills
5. **Meetings**
 - 5.1 **Peel and Western Housing** – Minutes of the meeting on November 11th 2020 were noted. Mr Miles had no new matters to report.
 - 5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on March 10th 2021 attended by the Chairman. The site remains closed pro tem.
 - 5.3 **Swimming Pool** – Minutes of the meetings on May 4th 2020, June 22nd 2020, July 27th 2020, September 28th 2020, October 29th 2020 and November 30th 2020 were noted. Mr Sloane reported a meeting on March 15th 2021. Wage revisions have been agreed and a request for MERA support in the sum of £13,700 has been submitted. The Poll Administrator is to leave at the end of the month.
 - 5.4 **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – No meeting has taken place.
 - 5.5 **Municipal Association** – Meeting on February 25th 2021 attended by the Chairman who had expressed disappointment that a remote meeting did not take place in January despite this having been agreed. Rob Collister MHK was the guest speaker and gave a presentation on his 5-year journey to the Keys. A discussion had taken place on Civic Amenity Sites and the enforcement of litter and dog-fouling offences.
 - 5.6 **Marown Parish Community Care** – No meeting has taken place. Mr O'Hanlon reported that a meeting had been convened at which the DoI representative had simply failed to attend with no word. Subsequent enquiries revealed that the officer was off work. Disappointment was expressed that a replacement could not come or that no word of a deferment was sent.

- 5.7 Waste Working Group** – No meeting has taken place.
- 6. Advocates Searches** – The following were noted:
- Callin Wild – 17 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
 - Long&Humphrey – Tamarisk, Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine
- 7. Financial Matters**
- 7.1.** Transaction Statement for February 2021 was discussed and approved.
- 7.4** Rates – First Supplemental List 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 April 21st 2021 immediately following the Public Session.

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

Signed:
Chairman

Date: