

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday August 18th 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

In Attendance: Mrs A Lynch Chairman
Mrs E Cox
Mr C Forbes
Mr J Lovelady
Mr T Miles
Mr I Maule Clerk

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Conflicts of Interest** – The Chairman read the agreed text. Mr Forbes declared an interest in Planning Application 21/00957 by virtue of being the owner of an adjacent property and desirous of submitting his own response. Mr Lovelady declared an interest in item 7.4.1 and Planning Application 21/00786 by virtue of a pecuniary interest in the Applicant Company.
3. **Visitors** – None.
4. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on July 21st 2021 were discussed and approved The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None.
6. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** The Chairman opened this section by expressing her thanks to other Board members for their support during her tenure.
 - 6.1. **Election of Chairman** – Mr Miles was proposed by Mrs Cox and seconded by Mr Forbes. There being no other nominations and Mr Miles being willing to serve, he was duly elected Chairman unopposed and took the Chair. He then thanked the retiring Chairman for her efforts over the past 2 years and more.
 - 6.2. **Election of Vice Chairman** – Mrs Cox was proposed by Mrs Lynch and seconded by Mr Lovelady. There being no other nomination and Mrs Cox being willing to serve, she was duly elected unopposed.
 - 6.3. **Standing Orders** – New members were provided with a set of Standing Orders which were discussed. Members considered that the document continues to meet the needs of the Commissioners.
 - 6.4. **Election of Representatives to other Bodies**
 - 6.4.1. Peel and Western Housing Committee – Mr Miles with Mr Lovelady as deputy.
 - 6.4.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board – Mrs Lynch with Mr Forbes and Mrs Cox as alternates.
 - 6.4.3. Western Swimming Pool Board – Mrs Cox.
 - 6.4.4. Marown Community Care – Mrs Lynch with Mr Lovelady as deputy.
 - 6.4.5. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team – Mrs Cox with Mr Miles as deputy.
 - 6.4.6. Municipal Association – Mrs Lynch and Mr Forbes.
 - 6.4.7. Western Housing Group – Committee is moribund. An appointment would be made should the need arise.
 - 6.4.8. Waste Working Group – Both committees moribund/ No appointment was made.
 - 6.5. **Any Other Business** – It was resolved that all members would continue to be listed on the Bank Mandate with the Clerk plus two members to sign. The mandate form was completed accordingly.

7. Planning

7.1. **Completion Certificates** – None received.

7.2. **Planning Committee** – The following have been notified, No matters in Marown.

7.2.1. July 26th 2021

7.2.2. August 9th 2021

7.3. Planning Decisions

7.3.1. **Approvals** – The following were discussed. No objection had been made to any:

- 21/00174 - 2 Agricultural Buildings at Field Access at Field 324368 Top Rd, Crosby
- 21/00426 – Stables at Ballacallin Beg,. Foxdale Road, Garth.
- 21/00453 – Extension to Stable and Manege at Marnoch, Ballanicholas, Garth
- 21/00462 – Extensions and expanded driveway at 6 Park Close, Glen Vine
- 21/00567 – Remove Chimney & replacement roof tiles at Byways, Glenlough Circle, Glen Vine
- 21/00574 – Remove Chimney & replacement Roof Tiles at 8 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine

7.3.2. **Refusals** – None notified

7.4. Appeals and Inquiries -

7.4.1. 20/01511 – 4 detached dwellings on land north of Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby

Appeal Hearing took place despite the request for an adjournment being made. No attendance. Mr Lovelady expressed the view that it looked bad for the Board to have requested a hearing and then not attend. Decision awaited.

7.5. **Enforcement** - No active matters

7.6. **Building Control** – No active matters.

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

8. Consultations – The following were discussed.

8.1. **Area Plan for the North and West** – No new information.

8.2. **Single Use Plastics** – Policy noted.

8.3. **Broadcasting Act** - It was resolved to make no comment.

8.4. **Consultations on Government Website not notified:**

8.4.1. Artists Resale Right – It was resolved to make no comment.

8.4.2. Climate Change Plan – It was resolved to make no comment.

8.4.3. Douglas Head Conservation Status – Mrs Cox observed that the proposal may make life difficult for residents. Mr Lovelady stated opposition to any proposal which might restrict property owners unreasonably. It was felt that the listing of individual buildings when necessary would be preferable and to do otherwise might restrict the public open space. Following a discussion, It was resolved to submit accordingly.

8.4.4. Isle of Man King Scallop Fishery – It was resolved to make no comment.

9. General Matters and other Correspondence

9.1. **Remembrance Services** – None.

9.2. **Complaints Procedure** – Draft discussed. Members felt that the “Handling your Complaint” paragraph could be better worded. Mrs Cox undertook to submit a proposed re-wording for discussion at the next meeting.

9.3. **Police Public Meeting** – The Chairman reported that the meeting had been well-attended. Many local issues were discussed.

- 9.4. **Queen Elizabeth II High School Senior Prize-Giving** – It was noted that the prize for IT sponsored by the Board had been unchanged for a number of years/. An increase to £75.00 was proposed by Mr Lovelady and seconded by Mr Forbes. This was approved unanimously. The Chairman and Mr Lovelady would attend the event.
- 9.5. **Work of the Municipal Association** - Document noted. Mrs Lynch gave a presentation based on the document for the benefit of new members.
- 9.6. **Information for New Members** – Received by all members.
- 9.7. **Training for Commissioners and Clerks** – Important topics were considered to be Planning, Powers and Responsibilities, Conduct of meetings and Elections and Finance.
- 9.8. **Invitation to “Drop-in” Sessions for new members** – Mrs Cox and Mr Lovelady would attend at 1200.
- 9.9. **Street-Lighting column testing** – Noted that the price had reduced from £5489.82 to £4638.18. This new price was approved unanimously.

10. Highway Matters

- 10.1. **Ballabeg Grove** – The Clerk confirmed that the Board’s decision to name the road “Greeba Grove” had been passed to the Developer.
- 10.2. **Heritage Trail** – It was reported that some tree branches are obstructing the path between Glen Vine and Crosby. Matter to be reported to DoI.
- 10.3. **Ballahutchin Hill** – Communication from Howard Quayle MHK discussed. It was resolved that this be raised at the Western Neighbourhood Policing Team meeting.
- 10.4. **Temporary Speed Limit** – Cooil Road and Glen Darragh (Braaid) Road noted.
- 10.5. **Ballagarey Road** – Complaint from resident discussed. Mrs Lynch undertook to report the matters raised to DoI.
- 10.6. **Speed Limit at Eairy** – Permanent 30mph limit noted.
- 10.7. **Lanes in Glen Vine Park Area** – It was noted that the lanes are not adopted and therefore the Commissioners have no power to trim hedges nor demand that residents do so. Mrs Lynch undertook to revert to the complainant.
- 10.8. **Main Road footpaths** – Mr Lovelady reported that the main road footpaths had deteriorated. Matter to be reported to DoI.
- 10.9. **Retention Pond** – Mrs Cox reported that hedges around the pond area require attention. Matter to be reported to Heritage Homes.

11. Community Issues

- 11.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process** – Site meeting awaited.
- 11.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing of note to report.
- 11.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – No progress.
- 11.4. **Public Toilets** – Two prices for the installation of a timed lock have been received from eye-spy Security. Mr Lovelady proposed that the higher priced option be accepted and this was seconded by Mrs Cox and approved unanimously. An escape button would be needed. It was noted that a service number in case of failure would be required and that an internet connection is necessary through office wi-fi.
- 11.5. **Sit and Chat bench** – Mrs Lynch has arranged for the bench to be installed adjacent to the former Bowling Club clubroom rather than on Old Church Road hill as had been agreed.. Mr Lovelady suggested that this might not be the best site as there are plenty of benches in the vicinity and that an alternative near the new shopping complex might be welcomed. Following a discussion, it was resolved that the bench should be at the Bowling Club for the time being.

11.6. **Seagulls** – A draft bye-law to control the feeding of wild birds was discussed. It was resolved to defer full consideration to the next meeting.

11.7. **Bring Banks** – Service difficulties noted.

11.8. **Reayrt ny Chrink** – The Clerk reported that he had arranged for shrubs near to the Crosby Hotel to be trimmed following a resident complaint. The same resident then criticised the work done and asked about other bushes. It was resolved that members would visit the area to determine what if anything was required.

12. **Any Other Business** – None

13. **Date and time of next meeting**

Wednesday September 15th 2021 at 7pm in the Hall Caine Pavilion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2045

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday August 18th 2021

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

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on July 21st 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 discussed:
 - 21/00796 – New Vehicle Access at Close Jairst Beg, Old Church Road, Crosby.
(Mr Lovelady had declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting before the item was discussed and re-joined once a decision had been made). It was noted that the planning statement gave no reason for the new access and that the existing access appeared to be adequate. The traffic statistics were noted. Following a discussion, it was resolved to oppose the Application for the former reason and for the loss of parking and poor site lines.
 - 21/00957 – Stable-Block, Paddock and widened access at Field 321618; Garth Rd, Crosby.
(Mr Forbes had declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting before the item was discussed and re-joined once a decision had been made). It was noted that there is a presumption against Equestrian Development in the countryside and that the building would not be close to any other buildings thus creating a prominent eye-sore. Following a discussion, it was resolved to oppose the Application on these grounds noting in particular the unacceptable height and visual impact.
 - It was resolved to make no objection to the following:
21/00834 – Single Storey Extensions at Fairways House, Glen Vine Road, Glen Vine
21/00837 – 3 Detached Dwellings (amendments) at Plots 1-3, Ballagarey Nurseries, Glen Vine
21/00844 – Detached Dwelling at Field 324226; Adj Ballagarey Lodge, Main Road, Glen Vine
21/00884 – Replacement Agricultural Barn at Corvonagh Farm, Top Road, Crosby
5. **Meetings**
 - 5.1 **Peel and Western Housing** – Meetings on August 4th and 11th 2021 attended by The Chairman who reported that problems with the heating systems had been traced to a failure to install a robust system initially. Modifications were being offered at a cost which would be communicated to the Minister.
 - 5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on August 17th 2021 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that a debt notice had been issued by Dol in respect of underpaid EFW gate fees amounting to around £70,000 and had to be paid by March 31st 2022.. This dates to a financial adjustment dating to 2015/6 and not resolved by a former Chairman of the Board. Board has considered a loan repayable over 10 years to settle the account and to ask constituent authorities to pay a share which would amount to £13.986 from Marown. Mrs Lynch suggested that this could be paid from reserves. It was not known what view other Authorities might take on this or whether they could even afford to pay their shares.

The Clerk advised that the Commissioners were under no obligation to fund the losses of the WCAS in this way and that for WCAS to do so may be contrary to the Board Order.

The Clerk suggested that a better approach if the money is indeed due would be to seek a deferral in payment to the next Financial Year on the grounds that WCAS has no money to pay and that the sum could then be included in the next year's budget. If this was not acceptable to Government, it had the option of causing the Board to enter insolvency.

Following a discussion, it was resolved that Mrs Lynch should take this option back to the WCAS Board. Mrs Lynch confirmed that the Board Order would be followed in respect of the budget-setting process for next financial year.

5.3 Swimming Pool - No information available

5.4 Western Neighbourhood Policing Team – No meeting had taken place.

5.5 Municipal Association

5.5.1 Meeting on June 24th 2021 – Minutes noted.

5.5.2 Meeting on July 28th 2021 attended by the Mrs Lynch who reported that the visitors had been Mrs Curphy and Mr Willoughby from DoI Local Government Unit. Training for new members was discussed in some detail. Arrangements for the AGM were discussed and it was resolved that the cost for members to attend would be met from funds.

5.6 Marown Parish Community Care – No meeting has taken place.

6. Advocates Searches – The following were noted:

- Callin Wild – 25 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby
- Callin Wild = Skyline, Willow Lane, Eairy
- Carters – Eyrebrrok, Main Road, Crosby
- Carters – 3 Crosby Terrace, Crosby
- L J Wetherall – 90 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

7.1. Transaction Statement for July 2021 was discussed and approved.

7.2. Rates – Second Supplemental List noted.

7.3. Internal Audit Report – Board Responses had been approved by Auditors.

7.4. Notice Deposit Terms – Noted.

8. Trees and High Hedges Act - No active cases.

9. Any Other Business – None

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday September 15th 2021 immediately following the Public Session. Mrs Lynch gave her apology for that meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2230

Signed:
Chairman

Date: