

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday October 20th 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

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. **Conflicts of Interest** – The Chairman read the agreed text. Mr Lovelady declared an interest in both items under 4.3 in the Confidential session by virtue of being a director of the Applicant Company.
3. **Visitors** – None.
4. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on September 15th 2021 were discussed and approved The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
 - 5.1. Sit and Chat bench – Mr Lovelady reported that a concrete base would be provided at the same time as the stone settings agreed for the estate name.
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1. **Completion Certificates** – The following has been received:
 - 20/01751 – Single-storey extension at 2 Ballaglonney Close, Crosby
 - 6.2. **Planning Committee** – The following have been notified,
 - 6.2.1. September 20th 2021 – Nothing in Marown
 - 6.2.2. October 4th 2021
21/00630 – Change of use at Greeba Nurseries. Noted that DoI Highways see no difficulty with highway safety which was the concern expressed by the Board.
 - 6.2.3. October 18th 2021 – Nothing in Marown
 - 6.3. **Planning Decisions**
 - 6.3.1. **Approvals** – The following were discussed and accepted.
 - 20/00630 – Change of use to Maintenance of heritage vehicles at Greeba Nurseries
 - 21/00544 – Agricultural Building (horse stabling) at Ballacallin, Foxdale Road, Garth
 - 21/00837 – 3 Detached dwellings at Plots 1-3 Ballagarey Nurseries, Glen Vine
 - 21/00895 – Rear Extension at 82 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
 - 6.3.2. **Refusals** – The following were discussed:
 - 20/01407 – Det. Garage with Living Accom at Plot 21 Crosby Meadows, Crosby
 - 21/00497 – Alterations and Extension at The Elms, Main Road, Glen Vine
 - 6.4. **Enforcement** - No active matters
 - 6.5. **Building Control** – No active matters.
 - 6.6. **Planning Conditions** – No matters notified.

7. Consultations – The following were discussed.

- 7.1. **Area Plan for the North and West** – No new information.
- 7.2. **All-Island Weight Limit Order** - It was resolved to make no comment.
- 7.3. **Consultations on Government Website not notified**:- None

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

- 8.1. **Remembrance Services** – The Chairman and Mrs Lynch would attend the National Service of Remembrance.
- 8.2. **Clerk's Office** –. Members adjourned to the proposed office and declared that the carpet tiles being as they were unfixed were not fit for use. It was resolved that no move would take place until members were satisfied that all is as it should be. A telephone extension socket has been installed. A new door has been ordered for security reasons. Mr Lovelady undertook to discuss the move and what is required with MMPF in the Chairman's absence.
- 8.3. **Christmas Trees** – It was resolved to replicate last year's provision.
- 8.4. **Island Life** – Noted.

9. Highway Matters

- 9.1. **Heritage Trail** – Signage not in place.
- 9.2. **King Orry Place** – Complaint from resident about poor road surface condition noted. It was resolved that this should be passed to Dol Highways.
- 9.3. **West Baldwin Road** – Temporary closure noted.
- 9.4. **Ballagarey Grove** – Noted that Hartford Homes Limited have agreed the name Greeba Grove for the second phase which is on the former Greeba Nurseries site but have suggested that the proposed numbering scheme would result in two "no.7"s being adjacent to each other. The Clerk advised that there are other areas on the island where a common number series applies though the street name changes. With this in mind, The proposal to number all the houses in one series was approved.
- 9.5. **Temporary Speed Limit** – Main Road noted.
- 9.6. **Reayrt ny Chrink Hedges** – Mr Lovelady reported discussions with the contractor. It was noted that the final cut is due this month and that the contract expires in February 2022. Mr Lovelady observed that a deal of winter work was available to fettle hedges and bushes. Mr Lovelady suggested meaningful discussions with the contractor around a base price for grass cutting with a price set for other work. This was approved.

10. Community Issues

- 10.1. **Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process** – Mrs Cox reported that the householder adjacent to Bollan Drive area claims to have not encroached on the open space. Mr Lovelady indicated that he has photographs of before and after to show this.
- 10.2. **Website and Social Media** – New members were asked to provide photographs to the Clerk for the website if desired.
- 10.3. **Ballawilleykilley Play Area** – Mr Forbes reported a discussion with the landowner who, with the lack of contact recently, had assumed that the project would not be proceeding. Following a discussion, it was resolved that the project should proceed and that the Clerk should write to both the landowner and Howard Quayle on the matter.
- 10.4. **Public Toilets** – The Chairman undertook to pursue the contractor for an installation of the time-lock.

10.5. **Seagulls** – Further complaints have been received from the original complainant and persons connected. Mrs Lynch suggested that the by-law should be agreed without delay as had been suggested at an earlier meeting. Following a discussion, it was resolved (Mr Lovelady dissenting) to proceed.

11. **Any Other Business** – None

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

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2020

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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3. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

3.1. Planning Application 21/00682 – Correspondence between the Applicant and the Clerk was discussed. Following a discussion, it was resolved that there should be no further communication in this thread. Letter of objections from interested party and IoM Police noted.

4. Planning Applications

4.1. – **New Applications** – The following were discussed:

- 21/01015 – Alterations and Extension at 18 King Orry Road, Glen Vine
It was noted that extension would incorporate a swimming pool and that this would be adjacent to the boundary with the adjacent property. Members resolved to express concern at the possible nuisance created by noise from pumps and possible escaping odours.
- It was resolved to make no comment on the following:
20/01050 – Change of use to dog-walking field at Field 321821 Ballanicholas, Garth
21/01147 – Convert outbuilding to Living at Ashtree Cottage, Ballavitchel Rd, Crosby
21/01163 – Two windows at Bluebell House, Braaid Farm, Braaid Road, Braaid

4.2. Amended Applications

- 20/00861 – Extensions, remodelling etc at Braid Farm, Top Road, Crosby
(*On viewing the Application, Mr Lovelady realised that he knew the Applicant personally and should declare an interest. Mr Lovelady then left the meeting returning only once a decision had been made.*) It was resolved to make no objection.
- It was resolved to make no objection on the following amendment
21/00771 – Many alterations at Ambleside, Main Road, Glen Vine

4.3. **Appeals** (*Mr Lovelady had declared an interest in both matters under this heading and left the meeting before the items were discussed and re-joined once decisions had been made*).

4.3.1. 20/01407 - Detached Garage with Living Accommodation above at Plot 21, Crosby Meadows, Crosby. Appeal against refusal accepted. It was resolved to make a submission using the Planning Officer's report, reasons for refusal and the appeal statement of the Applicant's Agent.

4.3.2. 20/01511 – 4 Dwellings to the north of Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby. Appeal against refusal allowed. The Clerk reported that, following discussions with the Chairman, contact had been made with Advocates with a view to a Petition of Doleance against the error which resulted in the zoning of this land as Residential. At the date of the meeting, advocates had reported that further consideration was required. It was noted that no cost would be incurred in obtaining this advice. Following a discussion, it was resolved to pursue this avenue

5. Meetings

5.1 Peel and Western Housing

5.1.1 Minutes of the meeting held on August 11th 2021 were noted.

5.1.2 Meeting on October 31st 2021 attended by the Chairman who reported that the Boiler Software issues had been resolved. The external accountant attended the meeting and advised that reserves are sufficient for anticipated requirements and that the accounts are in order.

5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on October 19th attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that recycling is running at 65.54%. The repayment scheme proposed by the Board had been accepted by Dol. The budget for the next 5 years has been accepted by the WCAS Board and contributions of £63673.35 from Marown were approved.

5.3 Swimming Pool

5.3.1 Minutes of the meeting on July 6th 2021 were noted.

5.3.2 Accounts for 2020/21 were noted.

5.3.3 Metering on October 18th 2021 attended by Mrs Cox who reported that the pool is doing well although there are concerns that a reduction in footfall may result from the re-opening of the NSC. The latter is due to close for a further two weeks however. The café is doing well and the new cooker has been installed.

5.4 Western Neighbourhood Policing Team

5.4.1 Minutes of the meeting on June 30th 2021 were noted.

5.4.2 Meeting on September 30th 2021 attended by the Chairman and Mrs Cox. Crime detection rate in Marown is running at 33%. Police focus is on speeding with use of PC Flat and Kid Flat increased. IoMC is running 16 officers below establishment and a recruitment drive is under way. Retention can be difficult with the starting salary no better than for office staff who do not work shifts.

5.5 Municipal Association

5.5.1 Minutes of the meeting on July 29th 2021 were noted

5.5.2 Meeting on September 30th 2021 – No attendance.

5.6 **Marown Parish Community Care** – Mrs Lynch reported that the complex is seeking to increase car parking capacity. Mrs Lynch would be discussing the matter with the Planning Office.

6. Advocates Searches – The following were noted:

- Lawrence Vaughan-Williams – 5 Eairy Terrace, Eairy
- Quinn Legal – 4 Eairy Terrace, Eairy
- Quinn Legal – 3 Ballamurphie Park, Glen Vine
- Corlett Bolton – Oddfellow's Cottage, Main Road, Glen Vine
- MannBenham – The Cottage, West Baldwin

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. Transaction Statement for September 2021 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2. Rates – Second Supplemental List discussed. Temporary reductions to a number of properties noted. The Clerk advised that no contact had been received from the rates office before the reduction had been proposed and that he had contacted the office accordingly. Following a discussion, it was resolved that the temporary reductions occasioned by new building work were reasonable.
- 7.3. Draft Accounts for 2020/21 – Approved.
- 7.4. Contracts for Services
 - 7.4.1. Grass cutting – Contract due to expire February 28th 2022. Mr Lovelady to discuss extension terms with present contractor.
 - 7.4.2. Street Light Maintenance – It was resolved to continue with the present arrangement.
 - 7.4.3. Public Toilet Cleaning – No formal contract in place. It was resolved to seek continuation terms from the current provider.
 - 7.4.4. Dog Bin Service - No formal contract in place. It was resolved to seek continuation terms from the current provider
 - 7.4.5. Gulley Cleaning – 2-year extension due to end March 31st 2022. It was resolved to seek terms for a further extension.
 - 7.4.6. Hedge Trimming – 2-year extension due to end March 31st 2022. A discussion took place on requirements. It was noted that certain roads were treated historically before TT and MGP with the rest being done at some other dates. The Clerk advised that a more formal schedule might be beneficial rather than a request at some point in the year that all be done “as soon as possible”. Following a discussion, it was resolved to seek a continuation based on two cuts per year in May and September except MGP diversion routes done in August.
 - 7.4.7. Road-Sweeping - 2-year extension due to end March 31st 2022. It was resolved to seek terms for a further extension.
 - 7.4.8. Grass-cutting Collection Service – Mrs Lynch noted that this service is well used. It was noted that Ballanevin has changed hands and there may be a consequence on disposal costs. Mr Lovelady wondered why this is provided rather than a provision being made at WCAS.
 - 7.4.9. Weed-spraying – 3-year contract in force. Members felt that the work was not intensive enough and it was resolved that three treatments per annum should be sought.
- 7.5. Bank Mandate – New resolution adopted and all members signed the revised Mandate form.

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

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1. Mrs Cox reported that Marown School would like a speed monitoring exercise on the main road at school times.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday November 17th 2021 immediately following the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2215

Signed:
Chairman

Date: