

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday November 17th 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, and Planning Application 21/01310 by virtue of being a Director of the company which owns the building.
3. **Visitors** – None.
4. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on October 20th 2021 were discussed and approved The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
 - 5.1. Complaints Procedure – Approval of the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration noted.
 - 5.2. Sit and Chat bench – Mr Lovelady reported that the bench has now been located near the Co-op store.
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1. **Completion Certificates** – The following has been received:
 - 18/07178 – Extension to replace Conservatory at Mount View, St Mark’s Road, Braaid
 - 6.2. **Planning Committee** – The following have been notified,
 - 6.2.1. Meeting on November 1st 2021 – Nothing in Marown
 - 6.2.2. Meeting on November 15th 2021 – Nothing in Marown
 - 6.3. **Planning Decisions**
 - 6.3.1. **Approvals** – The following to which no objection had been lodged were discussed:
 - 21/00771 – Extensions at Ambleside, Main Road, Glen Vine
 - 21/00834 – Alterations and Extension at Fairways, Glen Vine Rod, Glen Vine
 - 21/00844 – Dwelling adj. Ballagarey Lodge, Main Road, Glen Vine
 - 21/00884 – Replacement Agricultural Barn at Corvannagh Farm, Top Road, Crosby
 - 6.3.2. **Refusals** – None notified
 - 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. **Climate Change Bill** – Mrs Cox asked whether this would mean that the Board would have to accept the most eco-friendly bid for any future contracts after the bill becomes law. It was resolved to seek clarification on this matter and whether there would be an attendant reporting requirement.
- 7.3. **Consultations on Government Website not notified:-** None

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

- 8.1. **Remembrance Services** – The Chairman confirmed details of the Civic Service on Sunday December 5th 2021 from 1030 at the Marown Parish Church. A list of invitees would be provided for the Clerk to send appropriate specific invitations.
- 8.2. **Clerk's Office** –. The move has taken place. The Clerk thanked Mr Lovelady for the efficient handling of the move. A new door remains to be fitted.
- 8.3. **Tynwald Carol Service** – Mrs Cox would attend.
- 8.4. **Manx Nature** – Receipt of publication noted.
- 8.5. **Memorial Proposal** – The desire of someone with connections with the Parish to locate a memorial bench or other suitable memento of his family was discussed. It was considered that the provision of benches in Crosby is adequate. It was suggested that a tree which could be used as a “permanent” Christmas Tree in season and located near the Sit and Chat bench might fit the bill. It was resolved to make this suggestion to the enquirer.
- 8.6. **Reayrt ny Chrink Hedges** – Mr Lovelady due to meet Garden Contractor.
- 8.7. **Bins at West Baldwin** – Noted that Braddan Commissioners were to replace the large bins provided currently for certain of their properties serviced near the Notice Board with lockable standard bins discussed. The Clerk reported that he had ordered three similar bins for the Marown properties and that these would be delivered when the regime changed by Kinrade Bros.
- 8.8. **Local Democracy Reporter** – Noted.
- 8.9. **Plastic Littering** – Mrs Lynch had reported a complaint from a resident about litter being discarded into the stream alongside the shop units. Following a discussion, it was resolved to ask Dol to place an offered “free” bin at the end of the footpath which will run alongside the store and towards the Heritage Trail.
- 8.10. **Civic Honours Competition** – Noted. Mrs Cox raised the issue of a commemoration for next year's Platinum Jubilee. Members recalled the mugs given to all children of the Parish for the Diamond Jubilee and a discussion took place on how to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Mrs Cox mentioned that the School, had received an offer of commemorative coins and undertook to provide details for discussion at the next meeting.
- 8.11. **Street-Light Burning Regime** – Mr Lovelady had obtained costs for an earlier switch-on from MU but doubted whether these took cognisance of the lesser requirement during the summer months or for how many lights. Clerk to seek clarification.
- 8.12. **Kerbside Collections** – A discussion took place on the extent envisaged to enable outline costings to be obtained. Recycling Boxes are envisaged with collection each alternate week for paper, glass, tins and plastics/ The Clerk would obtain prices for the entire parish and for estate homes only.

9. Highway Matters

- 9.1. **Heritage Trail** – Signage not in place.
- 9.2. **Ballagarey Grove** – A new suggestion of Ballagarey Grove had been received from Hartford Homes. Following a discussion, it was resolved to stick with Greeba Grove.
- 9.3. **Speed Limit: Eairy** – Correspondence between a resident and Dol Director of Highways discussed.

9.4. Speed Limit: Braaid – Request from resident for a reduced limit discussed. The current limit is 40mph. Members agreed that the present limit here and at Eairy should be better enforced and a suitable request would be sent to the Police.

9.5. Road Markings: Bolan Drive – Correspondence with DoI Highways discussed.

10. Community Issues

10.1. Ballagarey Open Spaces Adoption Process – Mr Lovelady undertook to report on encroachments.

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

10.3. Ballawilleykilley Play Area – Mr Forbes recommended writing to the landowner confirming continued interest and explain reasons for delay and to ascertain whether the offer of land remains. It was resolved that the Clerk should write accordingly.

10.4. Public Toilets – The Clerk reported that representatives from Eye-Spy Security had visited to ascertain what was required. It was reported that the necessary unit would be ordered and installed when received.

10.5. Seagulls – It is necessary to go out to Consultation for 6 weeks to which end a clean copy of the proposed bye-law had been received and a notice would be placed on the notice Boards, on the website and on Facebook.

11. Any Other Business – None

12. Date and time of next meeting

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2015

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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3. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

3.1. Planning Application 21/00682 – The Applicant has written to all members enclosing various correspondence previously sent to the Clerk. During a discussion, members noted the relevant parts of the Strategic Plan, objections received and discussed last month and the earlier response of the Clerk. It was resolved to maintain the objection.

4. Planning Applications

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

- 21/01310 – Illuminated and other signs at Costa Coffee, Crosby Meadows
(Mr Lovelady had declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting before the items were discussed and re-joined once decisions had been made).
It was resolved to make no comment.
- It was resolved to make no comment on the following:
21/01312 – Certificate of Lawful use for Conservatory at Trollaby House, Troallby Lane, Union Mills

4.2. Amended Applications

- 21/00844 – Detached dwelling adj. Ballagarey Lodge, Main Road, Glen Vine
It was resolved to make no comment.

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 Statement approved.

4.3.2. 20/01511 – 4 Dwellings to the north of Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby. Appeal against refusal allowed. The Clerk reported that he had received no opinion from Advocates. It was resolved to pursue the matter.

5. Meetings

5.1 Peel and Western Housing

5.1.1 Minutes of the meeting held on September 8th 2021 were noted.

5.1.2 Meeting on November 13th 2021 attended by the Chairman who reported that the hours worked by the Clerk are under review by an HR specialist. Use of the Communal lounge for outside events has brought adverse comment. All usage of the lounge is to be suspended. Arrangements are in hand to contact those on the waiting list with Phase C expected to be completed in June 2022.

5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on November 16th 2021 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that EFW charges are rumoured to be increasing by 1.95% Recycling is running at 70%. The site will be closed on November 19th for staff training. Four of the Five constituent authorities have agreed the RPI budget (excluding debt repayment); so the budget is agreed. The Clerk advised that a letter should be sent to Peel Town Commissioners in an attempt to resolve the remaining issues on finance.

5.3 Swimming Pool

5.3.1 Minutes of the meeting on September 30th 2021 were noted.

5.3.2 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 Mrs Cox had been unable to attend the more recent meeting but was able to report that the changing tables are in poor condition and require repair or replacement. A/C units to be overhauled. Staff are to be offered 30 hour contracts in place of the current 25 hour contracts. The refrigerators and hob in the kitchen require replacement. The gas price increase will add around £20,000 to running costs and it is expected that Government will fund this. The pool will close in April to replace heating units and filters. The fire doors failed a recent test and will cost up to £8000 to replace.

5.5 Municipal Association

5.5.1 Minutes of the meeting on September 30th 2021 were noted

5.5.2 Meeting on October 28th 2021 – attended by Mrs Lynch. Jo Overy had been the guest speaker.

5.6 **Marown Parish Community Care** – Meeting on November 13th 2021 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that Eyreton Park is in a good state of repair. Windows have been replaced and gas boilers serviced. One rental property is being prepared for re-letting.

6. **Advocates Searches** – The following were noted:

- Cains Gordon Bell – Braaid Farm, Top Road, Crosby
- Paterson Property Law – 5 Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

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

7.2. Half-Year Statement was discussed.

7.3. Contracts for Services

7.3.1. Grass cutting – Mr Lovelady to discuss extension terms with present contractor.

7.3.2. Public Toilet Cleaning – The current provider has expressed willingness to continue for a further year at the same price. It was resolved to accept this offer.

- 7.3.3. Dog Bin Service - The current provider has expressed willingness to continue for a further year at the same price. It was resolved to accept this offer.
- 7.3.4. Gulley Cleaning – Price received from present contractor was discussed. It was resolved to go out to Tender to ensure best value.
- 7.3.5. Hedge Trimming – Price received from present contractor was discussed. It was resolved to go out to Tender to ensure best value.
- 7.3.6. Road-Sweeping - Price received from present contractor was discussed. It was resolved to go out to Tender to ensure best value.
- 7.3.7. Grass-cutting Collection Service – No information on new charges. A decision on this can be deferred to early in 2022.
- 7.3.8. Weed-spraying – Contractor amenable to a thrice-yearly treatment charged pro rata.

7.4. Isle of Man Bank – Revised Terms noted

7.5. Superannuation Scheme – Noted.

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

9. Any Other Business

9.1. A discussion took place on overgrown hedges at private properties. Mrs Lynch and Mr Lovelady undertook to provide information to the Clerk to enable letters to be sent..

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday December 15th 2021 immediately following the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2135

Signed:
Chairman

Date: