

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Board Room on Wednesday February 15th 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

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

1. **Apologies** – None

2. **Conflicts of Interest** – The Chairman read the agreed text. Mr Lovelady declared an interest in two matters under 4.3 (Confidential Session) by virtue of being a Director of the Applicant Company in each case. Mr Forbes declared an interest in Planning Application 23/00016 under 4.1 (Confidential Session) by virtue of being the Applicant However he informed the Board that this matter had been withdrawn. The Clerk reported that this fact had not been conveyed.

3. **Visitors**

- 3.1. 7 visitors wished to discuss their concerns over the teaching of a subject at QE2 High School. The Chairman said that this would not be a matter for the Board but allowed them to air their concerns. Mrs Cox began by giving an outline of the issues which related to the inappropriate teaching of P.S.H.E. to 11-year-old children. During the discourse, Jane Poole-Wilson MHK joined the meeting and was able to say that she had received an expression of concern from Mrs Cox and others and had sought information from DEC which had not yet been received. It was stated that the new syllabus was being trialled at Peel with a view to rolling out to all secondary schools in due course. Mrs Poole-Wilson undertook to pursue the concerns raised on behalf of the visitors and report through Mrs Cox. All members shared the concerns raised and offered their support to the parents. Following this, the 7 visitors left the meeting.
- 3.2. Mrs Cox then raised the concern of the Western Swimming Pool Board at the lack of communication from DEC on the future running of the Pool. Members of the WASP Board are intending to resign their positions from April if further information is not given. Mrs Poole-Wilson undertook to pursue this matter also with DEC and revert to Mrs Cox. Mrs Poole-Wilson then left the meeting.
- 3.3. Minister Chris Thomas MHK had been invited pursuant to his stated desire to meet all local authority Boards. The Clerk has received a communication dated February 10th from DoI offering an alternative of June 13th 2023 at 6pm It was noted that this is not a normal meeting night and members agreed that this was not convenient. It was resolved to offer any meeting date at 7pm as being suitable.

4. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on January 18th 2023 were approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None.

6. **Planning**

6.1. **Completion Certificates** – None received

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

6.2.1. January 30th 2023

22/01158 – Stable Block etc. at Field 320471, Garth Road, Crosby. Recommended for approval. The Chairman attended the meeting to make a presentation and the Committee voted unanimously to Refuse the Application.

6.2.2. February 13th 2023

22/00656 – Dwelling to rear of “Burleigh”, Main Road, Glen Vine. Recommended for Refusal on ground of design. The Clerk attended the meeting to make a presentation emphasising the reasons for the Commissioners’ objection and the failure of the Applicant to mitigate the perceived requirement to provide Open Space and First-time buyer housing, The Applicant also made a presentation. The Committee voted 6 to 1 to Approve the Application on the grounds that it would do no harm, the plot is not presently available to the public and, if refused, the owner of “Burleigh” could make a similar application independent of the present Applicant. A discussion took place and it was resolved that Mr Forbes would approach the Applicant seeking mitigation against the provision of public open space before Monday week in default of which an Appeal would be submitted.

6.3. **Planning Decisions**

6.3.1. Approvals – The following, to which no objection had been made were discussed; in the case of the second at 6.2.2 above:

- 22/00483 – Equestrian Building at Close Veg, Glen Darragh Road, Glen Vine
- 22/00656 – Dwelling to rear of “Burleigh”, Main Road, Glen Vine.

6.3.2. Refusals – None notified.

6.4. **Enforcement** – No active matters.

6.5. **Building Control** – Nothing to report

6.6. **Planning Conditions** – Nothing to record.

7. **Consultations**

7.1. **Local Authority Fees Order** – Outcome of consultation noted.

7.2. **Highway Maintenance Charter** – Update discussed.

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

7.3.1. Use of Medicines and Non-medical therapies in Chronic Pain.

8. **General Matters and other Correspondence**

8.1. **Remembrance Services** - Marown Civic Service at 1030 on Sunday February 19th 2023 in the Parish Church. The Chairman asked which Local Authorities were attending and was pleased to note in particular that the Chairman of Onchan District Commissioners and the new Chief Constable intended to be present.

8.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing of consequence to report.

8.3. **Domestic Events Fund** – Discussed in relation to Coronation events. Mrs Cox will raise the possibility of seeking funding after discussion at Marown Primary School PTA.

8.4. **Ballagarey Open Spaces** – Contact received from Heritage Homes wishing to progress Adoption. Following a discussion, it was resolved that there is no encroachment at Bollan Drive and that the apparent encroachment at Ballagarey Crescent would not be an obstacle.

- 8.5. **Planning Office** – Revised opening hours noted.
- 8.6. **Complaint against Planning Office** – Acknowledgement received.
- 8.7. **Consideration of Planning Applications** – Mr Lovelady opened the discussion by expressing concern that there needs to be consistency in the consideration of Planning Applications and Appeals for the greater good of the neighbourhood. A method of examining and considering all Planning Applications. He suggested that one member should be deputed to look at all applications and report to the Board at the next meeting. Following a discussion, it was resolved that Mr Forbes would check all Planning Applications and visit the site taking such photographs as may be helpful and report on the key issues at the next Board meeting when decisions would be made.

9. Highway Matters

9.1. Old Church Road, Street Light – Installed.

9.2. Hedges – The Clerk has verified from members that certain addresses have not trimmed hedges as requested. It was resolved that letters would be sent to all requesting the work be done before bird-nesting season and using the guide-lines in the draft Highway Maintenance Guide.

10. Any Other Business – None.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday March 15th 2023 at 7pm in the Hall Caine Pavilion.

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

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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3. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None

4. Planning Applications

4.1. **New Applications** - The following were considered.

- It was resolved to make no objection to the following
23/00001 – Extensions and other alterations at Modena, Main Road, Glen Vine
23/00020 – Window to side of 4 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine
- 23/00016 – Extension to Stable Block at Upper Garth, Garth Road, Crosby
Mr Forbes, who had declared an interest in this matter as the Applicant informed the Board that the Application had been withdrawn. The Clerk reported that he had not been so informed but a check on Government Website showed the status as Withdrawn.
- 23/00081 – 2-storey Extension replacing porch at 4 Park Close, Glen Vine
It was resolved to comment that a condition requiring both window frames and glass to match the existing in all respects be required.

4.2. Amended Applications and Additional Information

22/01084 – Replacement Sewage Treatment Works at Crosby Pumping Station.

It was noted that there is still no information on capacity of the plant. Following a discussion, it was resolved to oppose the Application until such information is supplied.

4.3. Appeals

- 22/00872 – Detached Garage at 6 Fisher Close, Crosby (Mr Lovelady had declared an interest in this matter. However, since no discussion or decision was required, he remained in the meeting). Decision awaited.
- 22/00876 – Balcony at Coffee Shop + additional parking at Retail Unity, Crosby Meadows. (Mr Lovelady had declared an interest in this matter. However, since no discussion or decision was required, he remained in the meeting). Decision awaited.
- 22/01143 – Raise Roof; First Floor Extension etc. at Suncrest, Main Road, Glen Vine.
Appeal against refusal accepted. No objection had been submitted, but members have since become aware of objections from neighbours, neither of whom had contacted the Board or sent a copy of their objection. On reviewing the Application, it was resolved to support the Objectors and make a submission accordingly.

5. Meetings

5.1 **Peel and Western Housing** – No meeting has taken place.

5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on February 14th 2023 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that Peel Town Commissioners have now agreed to pay their share of the outstanding Dol debt and to approve the Budget for 2023/24.

5.3 Swimming Pool

5.3.1 Minutes of the meeting on November 28th 2022 were noted.

5.3.2 Minutes of the meeting on January 5th 2023 were noted.

5.3.3 Meeting on January 23rd 2023 attended by Mrs Cox whose report was given under 3.2 (Public Session) above.

5.4 **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – No meeting has taken place.

5.5 Municipal Association

5.5.1 Meeting on November 24th 2023 – Minutes noted.

5.5.2 Meeting on January 26th 2023 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that the guest had been Rob Collister MHK who will also be attending the February Meeting of the Association. The AGM has been set for May 28th 2023.

5.6 **Marown Parish Community Care** – Meeting on February 11th 2023 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that Mr Howard Quayle had been appointed Chairman in succession to David North. The Application form and process for allocating the Charity's units are being redesigned in order to place more emphasis on assets and local connections

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

- Carter's – Ballagarey Lodge, Main Road, Glen Vine
- Simcocks – 20 Eyreton Park, Crosby

7. Financial Matters

7.1. Transaction Statement for January 2023 was discussed and approved.

7.2. Contracts for Services. The following were discussed.

7.2.1. Grass Cutting – Advertisement for Tenders with a closing date of March 2nd 2023 has been placed.

8. **Any Other Business** – None.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday March 15th 2023 in the Hall Caine Pavilion immediately after the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2130

Signed:

Chairman

Date: