

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Board Room on Wednesday September 20th 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

In Attendance: Mr T Miles Chairman
Mrs A Lynch
Mr J Lovelady
Mr I Maule Clerk

1. **Apologies** – Mr Forbes and Mrs Cox.
2. **Conflicts of Interest** – The Chairman read the agreed text. Mrs Lynch declared an interest in item 4.1 (Confidential Session) by virtue of being Secretary to an interested party.
3. **Visitors** – Sgt Fielding, Peel Police Station. Sgt Fielding introduced himself by saying he had 19 years' experience as a Police Officer with 5 as Sergeant mostly in ad around Douglas having moved to Peel 2 months ago. The course of action with motorists caught speeding was discussed with the nature being largely at the discretion of the officer concerned who will consider amongst other things by how much the speed limit was being exceeded and local circumstances. There is zero tolerance on illegal substances, but a Caution is likely for a first offence where the amount is small and demonstrably for personal use. A second occasion will result in a prosecution even for the smallest amount.

Sgt Fielding gave his contact details and indicated that he would be happy to assist with any queries within the remit of the Police. With that, the Chairman thanked Sgt Fielding for his time and Sgt Fielding left the meeting.
4. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on August 16th 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** – The following have been received:
 - 03/07420 – Extend Garage and replacement roofs at 8 Ballagarey Close, Glen Vine
 - 04/07609 – Roof Space Conversion, Garage and Roof Extension at Corvonagh Bungalow, Glen Vine Road, Glen Vine.
 - 10/07453 - Convert attached Garage to Kitchen at 8 Ballagarey Close, Glen Vine
 - 15/07332 – Proposed(sic!) rear and side extensions at 56 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
 - 20/07501 – Proposed(sic!) detached 5-bed dwelling at Plot 3; South View, Glen Vine
 - 20/07579 – Proposed! Det5-bed 2-storey Dwelling at Plot 13 Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine
 - 22/00767 – Air Source Heat Pump at Ballacallin Cottage, Foxdale Road, Garth.
 - 6.2. **Planning Committee** – The following meetings have been notified:
 - 6.2.1. August 21st 2023
23/00367 – Agricultural Worker Dwelling at Field 324731; Ballavitchell Road, Crosby
No objection had been made. The Application is recommended for Approval.
 - 6.2.2. September 4th 2023 – Nothing in Marown
 - 6.2.3. September 18th 2023 – Nothing I Marown

6.3. **Planning Decisions**

6.3.1. Approvals – The following were discussed:

- 23/00367 – Agricultural Worker Dwelling at Field 324731; Ballavitchell road, Crosby
- 23/00743 – Replacement windows and Doors at Vaujany, Clanna Road, Braaid

6.3.2. Refusals – None notified.

6.4. **Enforcement** - No active matters

6.5. **Building Control** – Nothing notified.

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

7. **Consultations**

7.1. **Strategic Plan Review** – Extension to deadline for submissions noted..

7.2. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** - It was resolved to make no comment on the following except where stated

7.2.1. Private Member's Bill to modernise Human Fertilisation, Embryology, and Legal Parentage and Surrogacy arrangements in the Isle of Man

7.2.2. DEFA Customer Survey

7.2.3. Land Registry Legislation

7.2.4. Women's Health Strategy – Mrs Lynch indicated that she had made a personal response. Members agreed unanimously that, whilst this Strategy is welcome, there should be a contemporaneous Men's Health Strategy.

7.2.5. Isle of Man Currency Design

7.2.6. Definition of Development Order and Registered Building Regulations.

8. **General Matters and other Correspondence**

8.1. **Remembrance Services** – Invitations to the Civic Service had been sent. The Chairman asked all members to attend if possible.

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

8.3. **Visit from Lt Governor** – The Chairman reported that the Captain of the Parish had prepared a draft itinerary for discussion and approval which would be discussed at the November meeting.

8.4. **Member e-mail addresses** – All members who have provided passwords now have instructions on how to use the accounts. The Chairman has commenced using his address and all future communications on Commissioners' business should be sent to him at t.miles@marown.im.

8.5. **Christmas Trees** – Alternative prices awaited. The Clerk counselled that, it is likely that trees will not be available to the size or standard required, certainly from the Sawmill, if an order is not placed rapidly.

8.6. **Coronation Mugs** – Delivered. Distribution is delegated to Mrs Cox.

8.7. **Fol Request** – A request for all correspondence relating to Crosby Meadows Estate has been received which lacks clarity. A response requesting clarity has been sent and no reply received thus far.

8.8. **Tynwald Commissioner for Administration** – A complaint has been received relating to the handling of a Planning matter by the Board. The Clerk had prepared a response which was approved.

- 8.9. **Feral chickens** – Complaint and response noted.
- 8.10. **QE2HS Annual Prizegiving** – It was resolved to continue support of the Marown Prize for IT in the sum of £75. No member would be able to attend the event as the date is shared with a Board meeting.

9. Highway Matters

- 9.1. **Temporary Road Closures** at Garth Road, Lhoobs Road, Foxdale Road and Glen Vine Road were noted.
- 9.2. **Hedges** – (*Mrs Cox joined the meeting at this point, the time being 2000*) Mr Lovelady reported having received two complaints of overhanging hedges and felt there was a need for consistency rather than simply reacting to complaints. Following a discussion, it was resolved that a leaflet should be drafted for circulation to include a picture of what the Highways Act demands and the Highway Service Level Agreement suggests being included. A time limit of 4 weeks would be given to correct any over-hanging.
- 9.3. **Roadside Hedges** – Work underway, It was resolved that all gulleys should receive attention during October and that a third weed-spraying is due.
- 9.4. **Eyreton Road** – The Clerk reported a complaint received from a motorist that he had suffered tyre damage after running over a stone apparently dislodged from a sod hedge. He suggested that this had been dislodged by the hedge-trimmer. The complainant had moved the stone back into the hedge and, having done so, found that Dol were not interested. The Clerk reported the unstable hedge to DI who are similarly uninterested.
- 9.5. **Highways Service Level Agreement** – Attention was drawn to a communication to the Municipal Association from Dol saying that it is open to Local Authorities to hand back the delegated functions. A discussion took place with the feeling of the meeting being that this should be done. The matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting for full consideration.

10. Any Other Business – None.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday October 18th 2023 at 7pm in the Hall Caine Pavilion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 2010

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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| | Mrs E Cox | Vice Chairman |
| | Mrs A Lynch | |
| | Mr J Lovelady | |
| | Mr I Maule | Clerk |

1. **Apologies** – Mr Forbes.
2. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on August 16th 2023 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – None.
4. **Planning Applications**
 - 4.1. **New Applications** - The Chairman presented Mr Forbes' report on current Planning Applications and the following was discussed.
 - It was resolved to make no comment to the following
 - 23/00899 – Borehole at Field 324368: Braaid Farm Lane, Top Road, Crosby
 - 23/00925 – Single Storey Extension at Ballastowell, Glenlough Circle, Glen Vine
 - 23/00995 – External Flue at 11 Bollan Way, Glen Vine
 - 23/00924 – Replacement Industrial Units (10 of) at Crosby Wholesalers, Main Rd, Crosby (*Mrs Lynch had declared an interest by virtue of being Secretary to the Methodist Chapel who are an interested party and left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed only returning after a decision had been made*) The Applicant claims a right of access on a lane apparently owned by the Methodist Chapel. This invalidates the Transport Statement. A similar claim was made and refuted at an earlier Planning Application on the site. It was felt also that providing 10 units represents an over-development of the site with particular concern over manoeuvring in and access and egress to and from the site. It was resolved to object on these grounds.
 - 4.2. **Amended Applications and Additional Information** – None received.
 - 4.3. **Appeals**
 - 22/01158 – Stable Block etc at Field 320471, Garth Road, Crosby.
Appeal allowed.
5. **Meetings**
 - 5.1 **Peel and Western Housing** – Meeting on September 19th 2023 attended by the Chairman who reported that full pat testing has been completed. Contract for a Hairdresser has been let. A staff Handbook has been prepared. Various rent arrears of £2670.00 have been written off.
 - 5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on September 12th 2023 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that everything is running as it should.

- 5.3 Swimming Pool** – Mrs Cox reported that the Pool Board will be seeking contributions at the maximum of 6.1% for the next Financial Year billed monthly so that payments can cease when the Pool is handed to Government. Admission prices and lesson charges have been increased and the pool temperature reduced to assist. Gas costs have increased from £13,000 to £42,000. There is no indication when the take-over by Government might occur. Members felt that, given the uncertainty, there was no justification in seeking a rate increase.
- 5.4 Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – No meeting has taken place.
- 5.5 Municipal Association** – No meeting has taken place.
- 5.6 Marown Parish Community Care** – No meeting has taken place.
- 6. Advocates Searches** – The following were noted:
- Carters – Garey Beg, Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine
 - Kelly Luft Stanley and Ashton – 13 Greeba Grove, Glen Vine
 - Callin Wild – 56 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine
 - Callin Wild – Shed and Yards at Ballacallin, Garth
 - Callin Wild – 5 Ballaglonney Close, Crosby
 - Paterson Property Law – 26 Glen Vine Park, Glen Vine
- 7. Financial Matters**
- 7.1.** Transaction Statement for August 2023 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2.** Marown Memorial Playing Fields Request for Support – The requested information has not been received.
- 7.3.** Internal Audit Report – Final version including Management Comments and Auditor responses noted. Awaiting input from Mr Forbes.
- 7.4.** Contracts for Services – The following were discussed. It was resolved to invite extensions at current rates.
- 7.4.1. Dog Bin Service
 - 7.4.2. Toilet Cleaning and Maintenance
 - 7.4.3. Weed-spraying
 - 7.4.4. Refuse Collection
 - 7.4.5. Grass-cuttings Collection
 - 7.4.6. Street Light Maintenance
- 8. Any Other Business** – None.
- 9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Wednesday October 18th 2023 in the Hall Caine Pavilion immediately after the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2105

Signed:
Chairman

Date: