

## PUBLIC SESSION

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Board Room on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Mr T Miles Chairman  
Mrs A Lynch  
Mr C Forbes  
Mr I Maule Clerk

1. **Apologies** – Mrs Cox and Mr Lovelady
2. **Conflicts of Interest** – The Chairman read the agreed text. No member present declared any conflict
3. **Visitors** – None.
4. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on November 15<sup>th</sup> 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:
    - 13/07415 – Replacement Roof Tiles on Annexe at 19 Queen Margaret Road, Glen Vine
    - 18/01730 – Extension at rear of 23 St Runius Way, Glen Vine
    - 20/07351 – Agricultural Dwelling at Field 321288; Trollaby Lane, Union Mills
  - 6.2. **Planning Committee** – The following meetings has been notified with no matters in Marown:
    - 6.2.1. November 20<sup>th</sup> 2023
    - 6.2.2. December 4<sup>th</sup> 2023
    - 6.2.3. December 18<sup>th</sup> 2023.
  - 6.3. **Planning Decisions**
    - 6.3.1. Approvals – The following to which no objection had been made were discussed:
      - 23/00509 – Detached Dormer Bungalow to replace Greenhouses at land north of Ballagarey Bungalow, Main Road, Glen Vine.
      - 23/00809 – 2 Detached metal garages at Glion Arragh, Main Road, Glen Vine.
      - 23/00899 – Borehole at Field 324368; Braaid Farm Lane, Top Road, Crosby
    - 6.3.2. Refusals – None notified.
  - 6.4. **Enforcement** – The Clerk reported that he had received no response following the submission of a complaint in respect of the new dwelling adjacent to Ballagarey Lodge where the low sod hedge has been removed.
  - 6.5. **Building Control** – Nothing notified.
  - 6.6. **Planning Conditions** – Nothing to record.

**7. Consultations**

- 7.1. **Built Environment Reform Programme** – It was resolved to make no comment.
- 7.2. **House of Keys Electoral Boundary Review** – Deferred to Private Session.
- 7.3. **Audit Exemption Limit** – It was resolved to make no comment.
- 7.4. **Secondary Legislation under Competition Act** – It was resolved to make no comment.
- 7.5. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – There was no interest in the following:
  - 7.5.1. Essential Worker Housing Options
  - 7.5.2. What will care cost you?
  - 7.5.3. Depositors’ compensation Scheme Review

**8. General Matters and other Correspondence**

- 8.1. **Remembrance Services** – Response from Rev’d Janice Ward has been received.
- 8.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing to report.
- 8.3. **Visit from Lt Governor** – Awaiting draft Itinerary.
- 8.4. **Commissioners & MHK Surgery** – No constituents attended.
- 8.5. **Climate Change Transformation Team** – No interest in offered training.
- 8.6. **Statutory Nuisance Investigations** – Noted that DEFA are again able to conduct investigations.
- 8.7. **Tynwald Commissioner for Administration** – Report not yet received.

**9. Highway Matters**

- 9.1. **Highway Services Agreement** – Discussed in the light of comment from Lezayre and Arbory and Rushen Commissioners. It was suggested that the Municipal Association should take this matter on board. Correspondence to be sent to Mrs Lynch for discussion at next MA meeting.

**10. Any Other Business** – None.

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

Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7pm in the Hall Caine Pavilion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 1910

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date.....

## CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Boardroom on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr T Miles	Chairman	
	Mrs E Cox	Vice Chairman	(Item 4.2 to the end incl. only)
	Mrs A Lynch		
	Mr C Forbes		
	Mr I Maule	Clerk	

- 1. Apologies** – Mr Lovelady
- 2. Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on November 15<sup>th</sup> 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** - Mr Forbes presented his report on current Planning Applications and the following were discussed.
    - It was resolved to submit no Objection to the following:
      - 23/01317 – Additional use for tourism and access arrangements at Stoneycroft, Glen Vine Road, Glen Vine.
      - 23/01367 – Domestic Wind Turbine at The Nab, Top Road, Crosby.
  - 4.2. Amended Applications and Additional Information** (*Mrs Cox joined the meeting at this point, the time being 1915*)
    - 21/00724 – Balancing Pond and other sewage / surface water drainage at Crosby Meadows  
Members opined that the number of amendments plus the submission of the same three plans only once for this and the following application were almost designed to obfuscate. It was noted that the question raised in an earlier comment (July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021) had not been addressed. The purpose of a “dry pond” is not fully understood though assumed to be a flood management tool. It was resolved that the pond must be fenced and maintained by the Applicant in perpetuity failing adoption by Manx Utilities. Concern was expressed at the reliability of the outfall pipe given its occasional use and an anticipation of likely use of the pond as flood relief should be considered.
    - 22/00475 – 18 houses etc at Crosby Meadows  
It was noted that the boundary of the Application area extends beyond that listed (erroneously) in the Eastern Area Plan. This provides a further reason for Refusal of the Application. Nothing in the amendments alters the opinion of the Board that the Application should be refused and a suitable letter would be sent.
  - 4.3. Appeals**
    - 23/00346 – Convert barn and stables to Residential at Ballacalin Beg Cottage, Foxdale Road, Garth.  
Appeal submission approved.

## 5. Meetings

- 5.1 **Peel and Western Housing** – Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. The chairman was able to report that the solar panels and associated batteries are installed and working correctly. The handyman is due to retire next year and a replacement is in mind.
- 5.2 **Civic Amenity Site** – Budget discussed. A 10% increase in contributions is being sought. The increase and budget were approved. A saving of over £100,000 has been achieved thus far in current year on waste charges by recycling.
- 5.3 **Swimming Pool** - No meeting has taken place.
- 5.4 **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – No meeting has taken place.
- 5.5 **Municipal Association** – No attendance.
- 5.6 **Marown Parish Community Care** – No meeting has taken place.

## 6. Advocates Searches – The following was noted:

- Kelly Luft Stanley and Ashton – 19 Queen Margaret Road, Glen Vine

## 7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. Transaction Statement for November 2023 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2. Office Rental –No response to the letter sent rejecting the proposed rent increase.
- 7.3. Marown Memorial Playing Fields Request for Support – Accounts and Articles of Association had been circulated by the Chairman who also read a letter he had received from the Chairman of MMPF. Following a discussion, it was resolved to provide up to £15,000 from reserves for identified playground equipment which the Commissioners would purchase and pass to MMPF for operation and maintenance purposes. In consideration of this, the Commissioners would offer to pay an annual rent for the office of £1,500 backdated to the start of the current rental year and fixed for 5 years. Chairman would convey this decision to MMPF.
- 7.4. Contracts for Services
  - 7.4.1. Refuse Collection – Offer of no change for next year and a review in the following year in exchange for a three-year extension was accepted.
  - 7.4.2. Grass-cutting – Noted that there would be no change to the current price.
  - 7.4.3. Sweeping, Hedges and Gulleys – Offer of 5.7% increase discussed. Having regard to current inflation rate and the likelihood of not securing a better price by seeking tenders, it was resolved to not go out to tender and extend the current contracts for one year.
  - 7.4.4. Weed-Spraying – Current contractor had offered no price change for three years unless the cost of consumables rises significantly.
- 7.5. Rateable Value – Noted.
- 7.6. Estimates for 2024/25 – A first draft had been circulated. It was suggested that a special meeting be convened to discuss the budget and rate, but no convenient date could be identified in advance of the next Monthly meeting. It was resolved therefore that the Confidential Session of the next meeting should commence at **6pm** with this item being taken first after apologies and approval of minutes.

- 8. **House of Keys Electoral Boundary Review** (Deferred from Public Session) – Mrs Cox reported on the meeting she and the Chairman had attended to discuss the proposal. There had been concern that the proposal might result in changes to the Parish (Local Authority) boundaries but had been assured that this would not happen.
- 9. **Any other Business** – None.
- 10. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 at **6pm** in the Hall Caine Pavilion continuing, if necessary, immediately after the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2035

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....