

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Board Room on Wednesday January 17th 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

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

1. **Apologies** –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 December 20th 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 meeting has been notified with no matters in Marown:
 - 6.2.1. January 16th 2024
 - 6.3. **Planning Decisions**
 - 6.3.1. Approvals – The following to which no objection had been made were discussed:
 - 23/01047 – Rear Extension and Dormer and roof works at 13 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine.
 - 23/01176 – Redevelopment at Sure Mobile site, Ellerslie Farm, Old Church Road, Crosby
 - 23/01203 – Replacement Cricket Nets at Marown Memorial Playing Fields, 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. **Forthcoming Legislative Consultations** – It was resolved to make no comment.
 - 7.2. **Consultations on Government Website not notified** – The following was discussed. It was resolved to make no comment.
 - 7.2.1. Whistle-blowing to prescribed persons.
8. **General Matters and other Correspondence**
 - 8.1. **Remembrance Services** – The Chairman and Mrs Lynch would attend the Malew Civic Service.
 - 8.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing to report.

- 8.3. **Visit from Lt Governor** – The Chairman produced an itinerary which had been compiled with the Captain of the Parish. The visit will take place on Thursday March 21st 2024 from 1300 meeting at St Runius Church followed by visits to the Playing Fields where Mr Clair Gelling would give a talk and members of the Bowling Club would be in attendance and a short visit to Marown Primary School followed by Afternoon Tea at Ballafreer House with approximately 23 invitees. The itinerary was agreed and members resolved that the Commissioners should fund the Afternoon Tea. Mrs Lynch undertook to send invitations to those selected to receive same and all members are invited to attend.
- 8.4. **Tynwald Commissioner for Administration** – Report not yet received.
- 8.5. **Marown Primary School** – The head teacher is leaving his post and will be holding a retirement event in the afternoon February 14th to say goodbye. All members are invited to attend.
- 8.6. **President of Tynwald** – Letter inviting participation in celebration of Tynwald discussed.
- 8.7. **Complaint: Feeding of Seagulls** – Resident complaint discussed and response approved.
- 8.8. **Greased Areas** – Communication from DEFA encouraging the creation of meadows discussed. Mrs Cox proposed that an area be found if available. The public open space at Reayrt ny Chrink was identified and Mrs Lynch and Mrs Cox would visit the site to assess.

9. Highway Matters

- 9.1. **Road Closure of Heritage Trail** – Noted.
- 9.2. **Maintenance of Roadsides Hedges** – Exhortation from DEFA to avoid the bird-nesting season discussed. The Clerk reported that he had enquired of DoI how this squares with the proposal under the Highway Service Level Agreement that the hedges be trimmed twice during the sprouting period. A response has not been received.

10. Any Other Business – None.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday February 21st 2024 at 7pm in the Hall Caine Pavilion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the public session at 1940

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at 6pm in their Boardroom on Wednesday January 17th 2024

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

1. **Apologies** – Mr Lovelady
2. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on December 20th 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:
 - 23/01412 – Flue for woodburning Stove at 8 The Crofts, Glen Vine
 - 23/01463 – Dormer Extension and Window Alterations at 3 Kermode Close, Crosby
 - 23/01441 – Two Agricultural buildings at Field 321916 Cooil Road, Braaid

No justification for the barns could be discerned from the Planning Statement. It was noted that a barn exists already at the location and that there is no other building in the vicinity. It was resolved to object on these grounds adding that the design and size were not in keeping with the area of outstanding natural beauty.
 - 24/00001 – Farmhouse and Barn at Field 32476 etc., Braaid Road, Braaid

Reference was made to an earlier planning application for a dwelling on the same field which had been refused. This application differs in that the proposed dwelling is adjacent to the roadway and is a 2-storey dwelling rather than a bungalow. Members considered that, this apart, the reasons for refusal remained valid and that there was no justification for a new dwelling in the countryside. It was noted that an Agricultural Tie was not proposed and that the Applicant had drawn attention to a number of former Agricultural Dwellings in the areas farmed whose ties had been removed. It was felt that, had this not occurred, one or more of these dwellings might have been suitable. It was noted that the Applicant occupies (though does not own) suitable accommodation presently. Taking all of this into account, it was resolved to oppose the Application on these grounds.
 - 4.2. **Amended Applications and Additional Information**
 - 23/01317 – Additional use for tourism and access arrangements at Stoneycroft, Glen Vine Road, Glen Vine.

Correspondence from a neighbour was discussed. It was resolved that the previous decision to not oppose should remain. The Clerk would inform the neighbour of this decision.
 - 4.3. **Appeals**
 - 23/00346 – Convert barn and stables to Residential at Ballacalin Beg Cottage, Foxdale Road, Garth. Decision awaited.

5. Meetings

- 5.1 Peel and Western Housing** – Meeting on January 16th 2024 attended by the Chairman who reports that discussions are continuing with the builder over snagging. The current waiting list is over 40 applicants.
- 5.2 Civic Amenity Site** – Meeting on January 9th 2024 attended by Mrs Lynch who reported that all is well. Annualised recycling is 75.88% resulting in a saving in excess of £106,707 on EFW charges.
- 5.3 Swimming Pool** - Mrs Cox reported that swimming lessons formerly held at the closed Southern Pool had been transferred to the Western Pool giving a boost to income though it was noted that a greater wear of assets may result. Staff are unwilling to transfer. Investigations are taking place at the NSC following a tile in a pool lifting and it is feared that a closure may prove necessary. The report into regional sports hubs centred on the pools is now in the public domain. The café is profitable.
- 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:

- Corlett Bolton – 15 King Orry Road, Glen Vine.
- Callin Wild – 23 Reayrt ny Chrink, Crosby.
- Carters – Field 1406; Ballahutchin Hill, Union Mills.
- Carters – 19 Glen Vine Park, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1.** Transaction Statement for December 2023 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2.** Estimates for 2024/25 – All expenditure headings were discussed. The Clerk was asked to leave the meeting for a short period when his salary was discussed. On his return, the Chairman announced that members had awarded a 6% increase for which the Clerk thanked the members. Contract process agreed with contractors were included. Mrs Lynch proposed that a provision of £3000 should be included for Recreation. It was noted that £15,000 from reserves had been agreed at the previous meeting for Recreation and that no response from MMPF had been received to date. The provision of £1000 for elections is the estimated cost if an uncontested election which is made in the case of a member retiring or becoming ineligible. On the revenue side, estimated Bank Interest receivable was increased to £3128. Taking these matters into account, the Clerk advised that a rate of £1.95 in the Pound would produce a balanced budget. Following a discussion, it was resolved to set the Rate at £1.95 in the Pound representing an increase of 7.73%.

8. Any other Business – None.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday February 21st 2024 in the Hall Caine Pavilion immediately after the Public Session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1850

Signed:
Chairman

Date: