

PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marown Parish Commissioners held in their Board Room on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 6.00 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, retiring
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk, new

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Conflicts of Interest** – The Chairman read the agreed text. Mrs Lynch declared an interest in item 4.1 of the Confidential Session (Ballaglonney Farm) by virtue of a family relationship.
3. **Visitors** – None.
4. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2024 were discussed. Item 6.4.2 was amended to show that Mrs Lynch is the representative on the Western Civic Amenity Site Board, with Mr Forbes as Deputy. Item 6.4.5 was amended to show that Mr Miles is the representative on the Western Neighbourhood Policing Team, with Mrs Cox as Deputy. The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda** – There was a discussion regarding the potholes on Ellerslie Road and how dangerous they are, particularly for cyclists. Mr Maule had received a complaint which he passed on to DoI. They replied saying it had been added to their “patching list”, as priority is given to those that are “safety critical”.
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1. **Completion Certificates** - The following have been received:
 - 05/07433 – Alterations & Extension, Tigh Ban, Lhoobs Road, Airy
 - 10/07079 – Single storey extension, Corlea, 22 Keeill Pharick, Glen Vine
 - 20/07502 – Proposed (sic!) 5-bed dwelling at Plot 2, Southview, Glen Vine
 - 20/07577 – Two-storey 5-bed dwelling at Plot 11; Ballabeg Grove, Glen Vine
 - 23/07818 – Air Source Heat Pump at 1 Ballamills, Glen Vine
 - 24/07429 – Bedrooms in roofspace at Fy Yerrey, King Orry Road, Glen Vine

6.2 **Planning Committee** – The following have been notified,

- Meeting on 20 May 2024 – Nothing in Marown.
- Meeting on 10 June 2024 – Nothing in Marown.

6.3 **Planning Decisions**

6.3.1 Approvals – The following to which no objection had been lodged were noted:

- 24/00338 – Extension & chimney removal, 9 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine
- 23/01443 – New field access, Field 324368, Top Road, Crosby
- 23/00356 – Chimney stack removal & tile replacement, Upper Ballagrawe Cottage, West Baldwin
- 24/00300 – Raise roof for additional living space & flue installation, Ambleside, Main Road, Glen Vine
- 24/00096 – Roof, solar panels, extension, Ballagarey Lodge, Main Road, Glen Vine

6.3.2 Refusals – None notified.

6.4 **Enforcement**

6.4.1 Adj. Ballagarey Lodge – no further information has been received.

6.5 **Building Control** – No active matters.

6.6 **Planning Conditions** – No matters notified.

7 **Consultations** – The following was discussed and it was resolved to make no comment:

7.1 **Built Environment Reform Programme – Permitted Development review** – this reduces the applications the Government has to make as it means they won't have to apply for planning permission for TT, kiosks etc, as these will fall into the permitted development category, as will chimney stacks and log burner flues, though those in a conservation area will still need to apply

7.2 **Consultations on Government website not notified**

7.2.1 Call for Input – Family Office type Services

7.2.2 Review of the Bus Service

8 **General Matters and other Correspondence**

8.1 **Remembrance Services** – none

8.2 **Website and Social Media** – Mrs Lynch will take photos of Mrs Cox and Mr Christian for the website

8.3 **Tynwald Commissioner for Administration** – final report received – no further action or comment.

8.4 **FOI request** – regarding spraying on Kissack Lane – this was discussed and the contractor has been asked to supply details of the chemicals used and their risk assessment

8.5 **Clerks' Forum** – Mrs Devereau attended and reported that there was a presentation by Kristian Cowin, the Head of Environmental Health and one by Ranald Caldwell, Chair and Deborah Heather, CEO of Visit Isle of Man regarding Destination First Board. It was good to meet Stephen Willoughby, the Local Government Team's manager and to make contact with the other Clerks and hear some of their issues including whether newspaper advertising is legally required for local elections – to be clarified.

8.6 **Hall Caine Office** – this will be closed when Mr Maule leaves and will be cleared, with Mrs Devereau taking the office furniture and boxes of relevant documents.

8.7 **Area plan for North and West** – no further information

8.8 **Memorial Bench for David Corlett** – Mrs Lynch reported that the suggested site was not suitable and so the matter has been left in Mr Corlett's hands with the suggestion of asking German Commissioners.

9 Highway Matters

9.1 **Heritage Trail – glass on track** – Mrs Lynch reported that she had emailed DoI three times saying a digger had been left abandoned, the glass had been smashed and was lying everywhere, and that they didn’t want to be paying vets’ bills, but all with no joy. Mr Lovelady suggested contacting Careys directly – he will speak with Aaron Carey.

9.2 **Parish Walk road closure** 22-23 June – noted

9.3 **Hedge trimming** – a request was received from a member of the public not to undertake hedge trimming on Eyreton Road. It was confirmed to them that hedge trimming is carried out pre-TT and GP for the safety of road users. The matter was escalated by the member of the public to DEFA and the Police, who both confirmed their agreement with the Commissioners’ stance. The Police closed the matter.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Glen Vine Park - the dog bin is being lost in the hedge

10.2 Parking on Church Road – this is chaotic in TT. The Police put cones out and issue tickets, to little effect.

10.3 Abandoned vehicles – There is a white van and an estate car with no road tax which have been there for at least 4 months – this was highlighted to the Police during TT but apparently they cannot do anything. Mr Maule said that we do have the power to remove abandoned vehicles. It was agreed that the Clerk would formally contact the Police and ask them to contact the owners to request that they move the vehicles, failing which, we will.

10.4 Mr Miles formally welcomed Mrs Devereau to the role of Clerk and then gave a farewell speech to Mr Maule, thanking him for his invaluable help over many years of service. Mr Maule was presented with a card and presents by the Commissioners as a token of their appreciation.

10.5 It was confirmed that a Post office re-direction had been arranged for a period of six months.

10.6 The bank mandate was signed to add Mrs Devereau as a signatory.

10.7 The cheques for the invoices due were signed by Mr Miles and Mrs Cox.

11 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 18 July 2024 at 7pm in the Crosby Methodist Church Hall.

Signed

Date

Chairman

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4. Planning Applications

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

- It was resolved to make no objection to the following:

24/00495 – Stoneycroft Glen Vine Road- Change of Use to tourist accommodation

24/00511 – Close Mooar, Glen Darragh Road, Glen Vine – First floor extension

24/00518 - East Lodge, Main Road, Crosby – Motorcycle garage and widen access

24/00556 – 51 King Orry Road, Glen Vine – New window and additional living accommodation in garage

24/00565 – Ballaglonney Farm, Main Road, Crosby – Erection of replacement side extension (*Mrs Lynch had declared an interest in this matter by virtue of familial relationship and so stepped out of the room while the matter was discussed*)

24/00580 – Kerrowmoar, 5 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine – Removal of chimney stacks & window

4.2. **Amended Applications and Additional Information**

- 24/00440 – Field 324368, Top Road, Crosby – Relocation of two agricultural buildings – no objection. It was noted that Peter Longworth, Energy and Minerals Manager took an interest in this application due to the quantity of minerals moved due to alteration of site levels.

4.3. **Appeals**

None

5. Meetings

5.1 Peel and Western Housing Committee – A meeting took place on 18 June 2024, though it was online due to COVID.

5.1.1 The accounts are in dispute due to various problems encountered causing a six-week delay.

5.1.2 The Bank Wardens will need further training.

5.1.3 When fibre is installed, the emergency call button system will need to be updated, which will be costly – prices are awaited.

5.1.4 There will be no staff on duty at weekends.

5.1.5 DONM 16 July 2024.

5.2 Western Civic Amenity Site Board – A meeting was held on 11 June 2024.

5.2.1 Mrs Lynch confirmed there was a saving of £31,640.36 in waste charges due to recycling.

5.2.2 WCAS will provide bins on Tynwald Day at no extra cost. Clara Isaac, Recycle Collect is providing the staff. It was suggested that next year Mike submits the actual costs to Government and if they won't cover them, then he doesn't provide the service.

5.2.3 Accounts – employee costs are up by 10% due to increases in salary and pension.

5.2.4 The Commissioners suggested that as the Northern site has closed, or reduced its hours, more people from outside the area may try and use the WCAS and it could end up costing us more. The Commissioners suggested they could provide each house in their Parish with a card to go in the window of their car to allow them access to WCAS – this could be done through the Clerks. Mr Forbes will attend the next meeting and put this agreed proposal forward. DONM 7.15pm 9 July 2024.

5.3 Western Area Swimming Pool Board – A meeting was held on 17 June 2024.

5.3.1 Fiona has stepped down due to ill health and Mrs Cox has taken over as Chairman. Diane, from Kirk Michael, is Vice Chairman.

5.3.2 The pool is running fine. It will close at the end of summer for repairs before school starts back in September.

5.4 Western Neighbourhood Policing Team – Mr Miles will attend the next meeting.

5.5 Municipal Association – Mr Maule has attended in the past. The next meetings are on 28 June and 25 July 2024.

5.6 Marown Parish Community Care – The next meeting is on 27 July 2024 which Mrs Lynch will attend.

5.7 LAFOG – this is a Finance Officers' group. DONM 9.30am Thursday 12 September 2024, Braddan Commissioners.

6. Advocates Searches – The following were noted:

- MannBenham – 5 King Orry Road, Glen Vine
- Carters – 19 Queen Margaret Road, Glen Vine
- Carters – 32 Reayrt Ny Chrink, Crosby
- Wetherill - Upper Ballagrawe, West Baldwin
- Humphrey & Helfrich – 11 Greeba Grove, Main Road, Glen Vine
- Humphrey & Helfrich – 10, Keeil Pharrick Park, Glen Vine
- Callin Wild – Dreemlang, Foxdale Road, Garth, Crosby
- Callin Wild – 5 Kermode Road, Eyreton Lea, Crosby

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. Transaction Statement for May 2024 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2. Year-end Statement was discussed and approved.
- 7.3. Bank Mandate to be kept as is – any two Commissioners plus Clerk. Mrs Devereau to find out information about online banking.
- 7.4. Street Lighting LED replacement cost – Mr Lovelady met with Nick Exton, MUA, to discuss the project. The cost would be £33k, plus VAT, for 12 lamp posts, replacing old wooden ones, which would provide the minimum lighting requirement, and Nick has been asked for a full quotation. There followed much discussion amongst the Commissioners. Crosby is a true village with a large footfall and the Commissioners have a duty of care to ensure it is lit properly. This proposed lighting would be of benefit to everyone and the main road is a feature. It was proposed that the money be taken out of the reserves in order to fund this – MUA require payment up front. Mr Miles, Mrs Cox, Mrs Lynch and Mr Forbes all agreed. Mr Lovelady abstained.
- 7.5. Clock Maintenance – Smith of Derby - it was agreed to continue with them for another three-year period.

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

- 8.1. Mrs Devereau was congratulated on the confirmation of her appointment to the position of Clerk.
- 8.2. Mr Maule will finish on Friday 21 June and Mrs Devereau will be the Clerk wef Monday 24 June 2024 but the office will effectively be closed from Thursday 20 June. Mr Maule has sorted much of the documentation, but the rest of the boxes and furniture etc still needs to be cleared - all who are able should meet at the office at 7pm on Wednesday 26 June. Lorraine Quayle has confirmed that it is OK if we take a few more days to clear the office. Mrs Lynch will put the new details on Facebook and let Alex know for the website.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting –

Wednesday 18 July 2024, immediately following the public session.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.45

Signed:
Chairman

Date: