

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at 7pm on
Wednesday 18 September 2024 in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby

In Attendance:	Mr T Miles	Chairman
	Mrs E Cox	
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
	Mr C Forbes	
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk

10. Apologies

None

11. Conflicts of Interest

The Chairman read the agreed text. Mr Lovelady declared an interest in item 4.2 of the Confidential Session (Crosby Meadows Estate).

12. Visitors

Emma Draper, Local Democracy Reporter, Manx Radio. She explained that she was attending all the Commissioners' meetings and will be covering what the local authorities are doing, ongoing issues in the parishes, any events etc. She is very happy to publicise things we want to make people aware of, areas of concern etc.

13. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2024 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record. These will be sent to Alex tomorrow to be posted on the website.

14. Matters Arising - Not on the agenda

- 14.1. Mount Murray Back Road – the Clerk had contacted Braddan Commissioners who stated they would arrange for it to be trimmed. It appears it has still not been done and the Clerk again contacted Braddan Commissioners who said they would speak to their contractor.

15. Planning

15.1. Completion Certificates – None received

15.2. Planning Committee

The Planning Committee on 16 September 2024 considered the applications:

- 24/00440/B – Relocation of two agricultural buildings, Top Road Crosby – Recommendation: Permitted. Discussed at June Commissioners’ meeting - no objection. This was approved.
- 23/01441/B – Erection of 2 agricultural buildings, Cooil Road – Recommendation: Permitted. Discussed at August Commissioners’ meeting – no objection, agricultural use condition. This was approved.

15.3. Planning Decisions

15.3.1. **Approvals** – the following, to which no objection had been lodged, were noted:

- 24/00879 – 3 Fisher Close, Fisher Meadow, Crosby – Erection of extension to rear elevation

6.3.2 **Refusals** – received today and noted:

- 24/00773/B – Field 320909 Top Road, Crosby – Erection of hobby cabin

6.4 **Planning Enforcement** – the following, to which an objection had been lodged was noted:

- 21/00844/B – Ballagarey Lodge, Main Road, Glen Vine – Removal of sod bank – works not built in accordance with approval. Resolved as approval granted under 24/00096/B

6.5 **Building Control** - None notified

6.6 **Planning Conditions** - None notified

7. Consultations

The following were discussed:

7.1. Consultations notified:

- Waste Strategy Principles – closes 21 October 2024 – now extended to 31 October 2024. Mrs Lynch has responded in a personal capacity. There were various concerns regarding the proposals and the Board agreed to respond along similar lines to those of Mrs Lynch.

7.2. Consultations on Government Website not notified and it was resolved to make no comment:

- Employment Rights – closes 29 October 2024
 - Employment Rights and Status for Agency Workers
 - Annual Leave and Rest Breaks
 - Employment Tribunal Qualifying Periods and Maximum Awards
 - Review of the Minimum Wage Act 2001
 - Review of the Employment Agencies Act 1975
 - Trade Union Legislation

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

- 8.1. Remembrance Services** – the service will be held in Marown Church on Sunday 10 November 2024. All clubs and societies within the parish will be invited to participate and lay a wreath and Royal British Legion re: standard bearer. Clerk to liaise with Chairman regarding invitations.
- 8.2. Website and Social Media** – Clerk to check contact details as someone found landline number on website.
- 8.3. City of Douglas Civic Sunday Church Service** – 11am 22 September 2024 at Cathedral Church of St Mary of the Isle, Douglas – Mr Miles will attend
- 8.4. QEII Prize Giving** – Thursday 12 September 2024. Mr Miles attended – it was very well attended, the music by the band was good and the fiddle and keyboard player were very good.
- 8.5. Training** – Local Authority Elections – request submitted, awaiting details.
- 8.6. Marown Civic Service** – 11.00am Sunday 29 September 2024. All Commissioners asked to arrive by 10.30am in order to welcome guests. Rev Janice Ward, Marown Church, will lead the service, Rev Jo Smart, Crosby Methodist Church, will give the sermon and Rev Werner Alberts, The Free Church of England, will lead the prayers. Alan Jones will be the standard bearer, Marown School will be contributing a musical piece, Karen Elliott will be singing and Lesley Turnbull is doing the catering. There will be three readings – Mr Miles will do one and Mrs Lynch and Mrs Devereau volunteered for the remaining two.
- 8.7. Services / facilities / activities for older people in the parish** – an elderly parishioner enquired about what events there are for older people. These were discussed and include:
- Lunch Club - the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall
 - Bowling Club - you can watch the game, use the clubhouse and sit and chat
 - Knitting Club - 10.30am, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at St John's Chapel, run by Rev Jo Smart (842202)
 - Mobile Library - Wednesday 9 October, and fortnightly
- 10.30 Ballagarey, Marown
- 11.05 Marown Memorial Playing Fields, Crosby
 - Church Services - 11.00am Crosby Methodist Church
- 10.30am Marown Church

9. Highway Matters

- 9.1.** Parking in Old Church Road, TT & MGP – Alan Hardinge & Sgt Elliot Butler were invited but Alan Hardinge was unable to attend. They have been invited to the October or November meeting and confirmation is awaited.
- 9.2.** Heritage Trail temporary closure order – phased closure of the PROW 360 Heritage Trail between 8.30am and 4.30pm from 23-27 September 2024

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1.** There were two vehicles that had been abandoned on Church Road – Mr Lovelady spoke to the Police at MGP and they arranged to have them towed away.
- 10.2.** Hedges – there have been many issues with overgrown hedges, particularly beside pavements where they block the passage of pedestrians, children etc and often cause them to walk in the road, which is a safety issue. There was a radio item about making sure your hedges are trimmed now it's 1 September, possibly following Mrs Lynch's post on fb reminding people. When there is an issue, Mr Lovelady has drafted a letter to be sent to home owners requiring them to trim their hedges within a set timescale and reminding them of the fine involved if they fail to do so.

- 10.3. Mr Forbes raised the issue that Garth Road and Ellerslie Road were not trimmed – all feeder roads re supposed to be trimmed before TT. Clerk to follow up and check not being charged if it was in contract.
- 10.4. Marown Memorial Playing Fields have posted on their Facebook page that they have office space available to rent in the Hall Caine Pavilion in the sum of £5000 through Dean Wood. If this is going to be let commercially, then this could be a change of use from use as a civic amenity and may need planning consent for change of use, with resultant commercial rates etc. Clerk to contact Mrs Quayle to suggest she check with planning re: change of use.
- 10.5. Emma Draper, Manx Radio, reminded everyone that if we need to publicise an event or make people aware of an issue then she will be happy to write a piece about it.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Signed

Date

Chairman

Confidential Session

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1. Apologies

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2. Minutes of Previous meeting

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3. Matters Arising - None

4. Planning

4.1. New Applications - the following were considered:

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

24/90999/B - 37 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine - Installation of additional rooflight to front elevation

24/91032/B - The Nab Top Road, Crosby - Erection of Summerhouse in rear garden

- 24/90941/C - Field 324035 Foxdale Road, Garth, Crosby - Additional use of land for dog walking

It was resolved to object on the grounds that this appears to be a change of use of the land, not an additional use. The Commissioners are not against using land for dog walking with friends etc, but this appears to be a commercial venture and as such would require the relevant planning approval.

4.2. Amendments and Additional Information

- 24/00001/B - Fields 321756, 324673 & 324974 Braaid Road, Braaid - New Farmhouse and Agricultural Barn - the Applicant has submitted additional information and the application was published again in the 30 August list, with further comments to be received by 20 September 2024. Discussed at January Commissioners' meeting - objected. Neighbour objection email received.

In this additional information, it is noted that the barn appears to have been moved back to its original position when planning permission was refused. Our objections are still the same

as those in our earlier objection of 18-1-24, and that of 17-2-22 to the original application 21/01444/B.

- 22/00475 - Crosby Meadows Estate Ballaglonney Main Road, Crosby - Construction of 18 houses & associated infrastructure - Following the Planning Committee meeting on 22 July 2024, the Applicant has submitted amended plans and the application is to be published again in the 13 September list, with further comments to be received by 4 October 2024.

Mr Lovelady left the room whilst this item was discussed. The Commissioners' original concerns were that the land was not zoned for residential use. In the original documentation it was stated that the houses cannot be occupied until sewerage system is linked up to the mains - Commissioners reply to be on this basis.

4.3. Appeals - None

5. Meetings:

10.1. **Peel & Western Housing Committee** - Mr Miles attended the meeting held on 17 September 2024

10.1.1. Adorn Care phone company gave a presentation on the new system required to work with the new Fibre. The system is expensive, but it works on a sim card and mains electricity, will last over 20 years and is superior.

10.1.2. Ian Begley, accountant confirmed the accounts are underway for the necessary audits.

10.1.3. There have been some issues with the server which the computer engineers are investigating.

10.1.4. The items highlighted in the Fire Officer's report have been completed - labelling and register of fire doors and a new distribution board to the laundry room.

10.1.5. Kelly Domingo, a QEII A level student, who hopes to become a doctor, has asked to undertake voluntary work to count towards her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the arrangements for this are in hand.

10.2. **Western Civic Amenity Site Board** meeting - Mrs Lynch attended

10.2.1. The savings from Energy from Waste were £67,928 for the four-month period between 1-4-24 and 6-8-24

10.2.2. There have been machinery issues - the grabber broke so the site had to be closed and there was a weighbridge malfunction - which have been resolved.

10.2.3. Most of the discussion centred on the budget and the increase likely for next year - 22.1% and the budget does not include a contingency. It was suggested that instead of increasing each parish's contribution further to 30%, the parish would hold on to their contingency until it was needed - the contingency hasn't been required for a number of years.

10.2.4. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners regarding tracking / recording where the waste is coming from. The suggestion was made that there are different coloured cards for each parish and householders apply annually to the Clerk of the

parish - they could register and pay online (maybe £5) and when it was confirmed that their rates had been paid, they would be sent a card with their rates number on it, which would be valid for 12 months. Mrs Lynch will take this proposal back to the WCASB.

10.3. **Western Area Swimming Pool Board** - no WASPB meeting as summer holidays. Mrs Cox gave a brief overview of the quarterly meeting held on 23 July 2024.

- 10.4. **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – there has been no meeting
- 10.5. **Municipal Association** – there has been no meeting
- 10.6. **Marown Parish Community Care** – there has been no meeting
- 10.7. **LAFOG meeting** – Mrs Devereau attended the meeting held on Thursday 12 September 2024 at Braddan Commissioners
 - 10.7.1. The discussions included Isle of Man Energy (Manx Gas) tariff for LA housing; Domestic / Commercial refuse collection charges for schools; Pension Scheme reform; Pay awards; Audits; Capital Projects; Interest Rates; Asset valuations; Waste Management consultation; Central Housing Authority proposal; Insurance and LA Websites.

6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- Simcocks – Plot of land, Lhoobs Road, Foxdale
- Carters – 22 Keeill Pharick Park, Glen Vine
- Carters – Woodside, 23 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. The Transaction Statement for August 2024 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2. Online access for banking – this was chased as it hadn't progressed - the information sent to the bank hadn't been forwarded. A couple of extra actions are required, but we have now been given a business relationship manager, so things should move forward.
- 7.3. LED Street lighting replacement – the revised quote had increased the second quote by a further 25% due to reinstatement costs and Mr Lovelady had a meeting with DoI to discuss this. Manx Telecom, a private company, is given special dispensation to replace only 300mm width of tarmac whereas Marown, a Local Authority, has been told it must reinstate 600mm. However, the surface is in poor condition and so DoI will provide free tarmac. Mr Lovelady will write to DoI on this matter.

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

- 8.1. The Clerk left the room whilst the Commissioners briefly discussed the Clerk's role and remuneration. It was decided to hold a sub-committee of Commissioners at 7pm on 25 September to discuss this further. It was also agreed that a contract of employment should be put in place.
- 8.2. Election training for the Clerk as Deputy Returning Officer has been set for 17 October 2024

9. Any other Business

- 9.1. It was noted that MU are aware of the light out at Ballagarey Road junction. They hope it will be repaired next week.
- 9.2. Quotes to replace the broken public toilet door at Crosby are being obtained. Aluminium to be considered instead of UPVC as stronger. Also an insurance claim will be investigated.
- 9.3. It is the Commissioners' right to name the new road of four houses at Crosby Meadows, which is off Cherry Tree Drive. There were several suggestions and it was decided to choose Penny Lane, named after Mr Lovelady's new granddaughter.
- 9.4. Clerk to check with Rates officer regarding the re-rating of properties once extensions etc have been completed following planning approval. The rates system should be equitable and the money for the parish raised fairly.

- 9.5. Carols round the Christmas tree at the Co-op with the Crosby Silver Band will be on Monday 16 December at 6pm.
- 9.6. Commissioners' Christmas meal - this was set for Wednesday 18 December 2024 at The Crosby after the meeting. The Confidential Session will start at 6pm to accommodate.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 16 October 2024 immediately following the Public Session

Signed

Date

Chairman