

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at 7pm on
Wednesday 20 November 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 6.3.2 of the Public Session (Crosby Meadows Estate).

12. Visitors

Alan Hardinge, DoI and Sgt Elliot Butler were due to attend the meeting, however they sent their apologies as they had to work due to the weather conditions. They will now attend the meeting on Wednesday 15 January 2025 instead.

13. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2024 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

14. Matters Arising - Not on the agenda

The Clerk spoke with the Rates section regarding residents who have outstanding rates, some from as far back as 2009! The debt is with the Rates section, so they chase those with outstanding rates, though it can be quite a long-winded process from reminders and final notices through to the Attorney General, Summons and Judgment and Execution and finally to the Coroner to enforce the debt. But there is nothing to stop Local Authorities from contacting debtors to encourage them to pay. Clerk to draft letter to send to those with outstanding rates asking them to bring their accounts up to date as they are benefitting from the services the Commissioners provide, without having paid for them. There is currently over £25,000 outstanding to Marown Commissioners!

15. Planning

15.1. Completion Certificates – The following completion certificates received were noted:

- 20/07391/ROOF – Replacement roof & installation of solar panels 18, Keeill Pharick, Glen Vine
- 12/07295/DEX – Two storey extension including first floor extension over garage – 54 King Orry Road, Glen Vine

15.2. Planning Committee – the following were noted:

- 24/00001/B – Fields 321756, 324673 & 324974 Braaid Road, Braaid – New Farmhouse and Agricultural Barn – Discussed at January Commissioners’ meeting – objected. Neighbour objection email received.

Applicant submitted additional information - discussed at September meeting – barn back in original position – objected. Planning Committee meeting held on 30 September 2024 and decided to conduct Site Visit – 10am Thursday 24 October 2024.

Further plans received - discussed at October Commissioners’ meeting – no further comment. To be considered at Planning Committee on 11 November 2024.
Refusal Notice now received.

15.3. Planning Decisions

6.3.1 Approvals – the following were noted:

- 24/91032/B – Erection of summerhouse in rear garden – The Nab, Top Road, Crosby – condition is use to be only incidental to main dwelling and no commercial purposes.
- 24/00785/B – Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension, dormer and replacement windows – Three Acres, Ballafreer Lane, Union Mills

6.3.2 Refusals – the following was noted:

- 22/00475/B – Construction of 18 houses and associated infrastructure, Crosby Meadows Estate, Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby – reasons being overdevelopment of site, adverse impact on residential amenity of existing and proposed houses, sewers would be development outside of land designated for development and external amenity space below provision requirements.

An appeal has been lodged in respect of the above.

6.4 Planning Enforcement – none notified

6.5 Building Control - None notified

6.6 Planning Conditions - None notified

7. Consultations

The following were discussed:

7.1. Consultations notified: none

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

- Commercial Property Survey – closes 9 December 2024
- Trade Union Legislation – closes 6 January 2025
- Castletown Living Streets – closes 25 January 2025

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

8.1. Remembrance Services

8.1.1 **Marown** – 10.45am Sunday 10 November, Marown Church – this went well, with thanks to those who attended.

8.1.2 **National Service** – Sunday 10 November 2024, Royal Chapel of St John

8.2. **Website and Social Media** – Alex Toohey wishes to retire as host of the website by April 2025 but will help with the handover. Clerk is happy to take over the running of the website.

8.3. **Clerk's Forum** - Thursday 7 November 2024 – apologies given as Clerk was away. Items of note discussed included:

- Local Authorities may accept charitable donations or gifts, with the approval of DoI, in order to discharge its functions for the benefit of the residents
- The possibility of local community emergency hubs is being looked into
- The draft Local Economy Strategy – to ensure the Island remains a great place to live by increasing the vibrancy of our retail, leisure and hospitality sectors
- Principles for the Waste Strategy – Consultation feedback to Local Authorities

8.4. **Climate Impact Assessments** - Amending Regulations and Policy Guidance

8.5. Inspector Wendy Barker, the new Inspector for the western area would like to introduce herself. She was not available tonight, but will be invited to attend the next meeting at 6pm on 18 December 2024.

8.6. **German Parish Civic Service** – 11am Sunday 1 December 2024, St Johns Methodist Church – all Commissioners invited

8.7. **Marown Lunch Club** – Coffee & Mince pies, 12.50pm Wednesday 4 December 2024, Crosby Methodist Hall, with carols at 1pm by Marown School – all Commissioners invited

8.8. **Mayor's Christmas drinks reception** – 7pm Friday 6 December 2024, Mayor's Parlour, City Hall, Douglas – invitation for Chairman. Chains of office to be worn.

8.9. **Tynwald Christmas Carol Service** – 1.10pm Thursday 12 December 2024, St Mary's of the Isle, Hill Street, Douglas, with refreshments afterwards – all Commissioners invited

9. Highway Matters

9.1. Glen Vine Road Closure Notice - junction with Ballagarey Road to A3 Top Road for the period 4 - 7 November 2024

9.2. Lhoobs Road Closure Notice – for the period 11 – 22 November 2024

9.3. Parking in Old Church Road, TT & MGP – Alan Hardinge & Sgt Elliot Butler will attend the January meeting.

Mr Lovelady presented his proposal for a permanent car park on land adjacent to the Ellerslie depot which will provide free parking for TT and MGP. This has yet to go through Planning, but all Commissioners agreed that this was a good idea and thanked Mr Lovelady for his kind offer. This will be discussed in January when Alan Hardinge and Sgt Elliot Butler attend.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1. There is a new Planning website – apparently there have been several issues with it and it is just a replication of that in UK.
- 10.2. Apparently at the Remembrance Service there was no wreath allocated for the Commissioners, but fortunately there was a spare that could be used. Clerk to confirm Commissioners’ wreath for future years.
- 10.3. The Department for Enterprise has launched several new schemes and initiatives:
 - The Domestic Event Fund has been enhanced to offer support for hospitality and leisure venues hosting in-house events under the Winter Event Scheme.
 - Manx Menu will run from 14 February to 31 March 2025
 - Visit Isle of Man Marketing Symposium 10am-3pm Wednesday 20 November 2024

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18 December 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 was considered:

- 24/91112/B - Bridge House, West Baldwin - Erection of 3 tourist camping pods, star gazing platform, sauna and associated drainage and car parking

They are no longer applying to convert the big barn, or have any therapy, just applying for 3 pods. However they are not little pods as the name would suggest, they are actually large, two storey cabins, over 24' x 24', about the size of a new 2-bed house, and likely to cost £100k each. In the previous application Highways were concerned about splays and traffic, but now there are only three pods rather than five, so less traffic. Drainage, grey water, run-off and flooding are major concerns.

It was resolved to object due to their size, their possible future use as residential accommodation, the overdevelopment of the site in the countryside and the flooding risk.

4.2. Amendments and Additional Information

- 24/00713/A - Land adjacent to Main Road, Trollaby Lane and residential area of Strang Road, Union Mills - Application for approval in principle for residential development with access from main road - discussed at August meeting and responded. Site Notices were insufficiently displayed, so the application has been re-published.

4.3. Appeals - None

5. Meetings:

- 10.1. **Peel & Western Housing Committee** – Mr Miles attended the meeting held on 18 November 2024:
 - 10.1.1. The electric charging station for mobility scooters is now locked to prevent misuse
 - 10.1.2. CCTV policy is being reviewed
 - 10.1.3. Need new care phone system due to impending fibre installation which will render existing system inoperable – investigating funding options
 - 10.1.4. New server needed for in-house computer system
 - 10.1.5. Heating system needs some maintenance
 - 10.1.6. Lights have been “painted” and need to be cleaned – who will pay?
 - 10.1.7. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will open Valkaries Court at 2pm on Wednesday 5 March 2025.
- 10.2. **Western Civic Amenity Site Board** – Mrs Lynch attended the meeting held on 19 November 2024:
 - 10.2.1. Members were reminded about attending meetings to ensure they are quorate.
 - 10.2.2. Savings in waste charges of £93,800.77 since 1 April 2024; 2014 tonnes of waste.
 - 10.2.3. They may have to stop taking electrical items as they are not receiving anything back
 - 10.2.4. The next meeting is on 10 December 2024.
- 10.3. **Western Area Swimming Pool Board** – Mrs Cox attended the meeting
 - 10.3.1. Discussion re: lighting replacement – likely to be done in Easter holidays
 - 10.3.2. Service Level Agreements have been finalised
 - 10.3.3. Group lessons are up 14% - school funding has gone down so schools are grouping more classes together.
 - 10.3.4. Gas and electricity costs have increased
 - 10.3.5. Looking to upgrade the toilets, possibly next March
 - 10.3.6. DONM WASPB 25 November 2024 and quarterly meeting 22 January 2025
- 10.4. **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – there has been no meeting - DONM 2pm Wednesday 28 November 2024
- 10.5. **Municipal Association** – at the next meeting on 28 November 2024, Rob Collister will be the guest speaker.
- 10.6. **Marown Parish Community Care** – Mrs Lynch attended the AGM of Azimuth Ltd, the company that owns the property which MPCC runs:
 - 10.6.1. The windows and doors are being replaced.
 - 10.6.2. DONM 18 January 2025, which is a Residents’ AGM.
- 10.7. **LAFOG meeting** – DONM - Thursday 5 December 2024 at Port Erin Commissioners

6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- Callin Wild – The Cottage, West Baldwin Road, Baldwin
- Carters – Greenbank, Glen Vine Drive, Glen Vine

- Carters – 8 The Crofts, Ballagarey, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. The Transaction Statement for October 2024 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2. LED Street lighting replacement – MUA has confirmed that the work can be completed in two phases – probably in January and April, with payment being made over two financial periods, but at a fixed cost.
- 7.3. Crosby Public Toilet door – the suggestion of a sliding door is not feasible as the available width is inadequate. There has been difficulty in obtaining a second quote, so yet another company will be asked. Clerk to draft letter regarding MMPF taking over responsibility for the toilet..

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

- 8.1. There was discussion regarding the Clerk’s contract of employment and agreement reached.
- 8.2. Election training for Deputy Returning Officers was attended by the Clerk on 17 October 2024. There will be further training in the new year.

9. Any other Business

- 9.1. Hedge trimming was discussed with the contractor and he will be asked to continue with the rest of the hedges. It is suggested that Road Sweeping and Gulley Clearing is carried out once the leaves have fallen, from mid-December onwards. His contract finishes on 31 March 2025 and it was agreed to extend it for a further year if he is able to maintain his prices at the current level.
- 9.2. Carol Singing round the tree at 6pm on Monday 16 December 2024. Crosby Silver Band is not happy to play outside the Co-op again as they had a bad experience last year. But they are happy to play at Ballagarey. Christian Forbes offered to print new carol sheets as his contribution.
- 9.3. Mrs Lynch has booked the Commissioners’ Christmas meal at The Crosby for 8pm.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 6pm immediately preceding the Public Session

Signed

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Date

Chairman