

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at 7pm on
Wednesday 18 December 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. Mrs Lynch declare an interest in item 4.1 of the Confidential Session (Former Manx Motor Museum) and Mr Lovelady declared an interest in item 4.3 of the Confidential Session (Crosby Meadows Estate).

12. Visitors

Inspector Wendy Barker attended the meeting to explain about her role and the Policing priorities. She is in charge of everything outside of Douglas, Onchan and Braddan. She has been in the Police for 29 years, starting in the UK, then moving to IOM and is due to retire in about 3 years. She has a passion for Community Policing and getting to the root of problems, not just dealing with the crimes. She explained that they are short staffed, but that the Chief Inspector is addressing the problem and they anticipate an increase in numbers in May 2025. Many issues involve antisocial behaviour and young people and stem from parents and schools - the Police do some work with schools but hope to do more when staff levels increase. Ports have now come under the Police due to increasing issues with drugs. There is now an armed response vehicle on the road and they have a team of negotiators.

Mrs Cox raised a recent safeguarding issue she dealt with at Marown School where workmen had parked their vehicles on school grounds in the car park immediately adjacent to the playground and were extremely reluctant to move them. They did eventually, but then parked them on the road opposite the entrance to the car park which was not most convenient for school pick up times. Mrs Cox and Mrs Lynch both attended the school to address this issue and both contacted the Police who were not particularly helpful in this matter and did not attend the school. Inspector Barker was concerned to hear this and said she would look into it.

The Western Neighbourhood Policing Team is the mechanism to deal with any local issues in the first instance, but if something needs Inspector Barker's attention then it can be passed to her.

The Commissioners told Inspector Barker that they are very happy to do anything to help support her.

13. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2024 were discussed and approved. The

Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

14. **Matters Arising** - Not on the agenda

- 14.1. The Clerk has drafted a letter to be sent to those homeowners with outstanding rates.

15. **Planning**

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

- 20/07765/DOM – Erection of 4 bed dwelling – 1 Penny Lane, Plot 32, Crosby Meadows Estate, Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby
- 24/07484/RES – Installation of solar panels and battery – Field 324071, Garth Road, Crosby

15.2. **Planning Committee** – none notified

15.3. **Planning Decisions**

6.3.1 **Approvals** – the following were noted:

- 24/91069/B – Erection of garden shed and polytunnel – The Elms, Westmead, Glen Vine

6.3.2 **Refusals** – none notified

6.4 **Planning Enforcement** – none notified

6.5 **Building Control** - None notified

6.6 **Planning Conditions** - None notified

7. **Consultations**

The following were discussed and it was resolved to make no comment:

7.1. Consultations notified: Elections (Keys & Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024

7.2. Consultations on Government Website not notified:

- Fire and Rescue Services and Fire Safety Principles

8. **General Matters and other Correspondence**

8.1. **Remembrance Services** - none

8.2. **Website and Social Media** – Clerk to take over managing the website from April

8.3. Marown School – discussed under item 3 above. The school has asked the government for signs to say that it is private school property but they have not yet been received. Clerk to send chasing letter.

9. Highway Matters

- 9.1. Parking in Old Church Road, TT & MGP - Alan Hardinge & Sgt Elliot Butler will attend the January meeting.
- 9.2. Glen Vine Road Closure Notice Application to carry out drainage works - junction with Ballagarey Road to A3 Top Road for the period 27-30 January 2025
- 9.3. A24 Cooil Road Temporary Speed Limit Application to carry out road surface patching - junction with Braaid roundabout to Chibbanagh Plantation for the period 13-14 February 2025.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1. Many thanks to Mrs Lynch for doing the interview with Manx Radio.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Signed

Date

Chairman

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1. Apologies

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2. Minutes of Previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2024 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

3. Matters Arising - None

4. Planning

4.1. New Applications - the following were considered:

- It was resolved to make no objection to the following applications:
 - 24/91249/B - Two store extension - Ash Tree Cottage, Ballavitchel Road, Crosby
 - 24/91360/B - Alterations to existing barn - Ballingan, Braaid

- 24/91306/B - Erection of a new farmhouse and agricultural barn - Foxdale Road, Braaid

It was resolved to object on the basis that there is a presumption against development in the countryside

- 24/91339/B - Construction of 3 dwellings & car parking - former Manx Motor Museum, Main Road, Glen Vine

It was resolved to object due to concerns over access onto the main road and the flooding risk, so a survey is required.

- 24/91312/B - Change of Use of Building for storage - Ballachrink Farm, Ballanicholas, Garth, Crosby

There is no information received or online about this application, so discussion of this will be left till the new year.

4.2. Amendments and Additional Information – it was resolved to make no further comment regarding the additional information received in respect of the following applications:

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

4.3. Appeals – it was resolved to make no further written statement in respect of the following application:

- 22/00475/B – Construction of 18 houses and associated infrastructure – Crosby Meadows Estate

5. Meetings:

10.1. **Peel & Western Housing Committee** – Mr Miles attended the meeting:

10.1.1. £73,000 lottery money has been received which will be put towards the new care phone system, standalone server, new computers and replacement CCTV cameras.

10.2. **Western Civic Amenity Site Board** – Mrs Lynch attended the meeting held on 10 December 2024:

10.2.1. Because of UK DEFRA regulations regarding WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) there will be increased charges for disposing of small electrical equipment, microwave size downwards, which will cost £40-50,000/year. The amenity sites have written to the government and said that their budgets have already been set and other LA's have said they won't increase charges. Mr Lovelady suggested that there should be a central place where people can dispose of their small electrical equipment.

10.2.2. There has been a saving of £101,446.37 in waste charges by recycling from 1 April 2024 to 10 December 2024.

10.2.3. The next meeting is on 14 January 2025.

10.3. **Western Area Swimming Pool Board** – Mrs Cox attended the meeting:

10.3.1. Schools have drastically reduced the number of classes booked, which obviously impacts income, as prices only increase incrementally

10.3.2. Café profits are up

10.3.3. Quarterly meeting 22 January 2025

10.4. **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** – Mr Miles attended the meeting held on 28 November 2024:

10.4.1. There is an ongoing parking issue on Eyreton Road

10.4.2. Discussion re: cyclists dressed in dark clothing

10.5. **Municipal Association** – the next meeting is at the end of January

10.6. **Marown Parish Community Care** – the next meeting is on 18 January 2025

10.7. **LAFOG meeting** – the Clerk attended the meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2024 at Onchan Commissioners – topics discussed included amenity sites, swimming pools, budgets, pensions, housing association, rates and accounts.

6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- Bridsonhalsall – 1 King Orry Close, Glen Vine
- Callin Wild – 4 Eyreton Farm Cottages, Eyreton Road, Crosby
- Carters – Woodlands, Glen Vine Road, Glen Vine
- Humphrey & Helfrich – 8 Cherry Tree Dive, Crosby Meadows, Crosby
- MannBenham – 1 The Crofts, Ballagarey, Glen Vine

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. The Transaction Statement for November 2024 was discussed and approved.
- 7.2. LED Street lighting replacement – the contract has been signed. Awaiting a start date.
- 7.3. Crosby Public Toilet door – another company was contacted but they only deal with upvc and composite and said the door guarantee would be invalidated if the press switch opening mechanism was subsequently fitted.
- 7.4. The draft Internal Audit Report for 2023-24 has been received and circulated. There were no medium or high risk observations noted.
- 7.5. The Clerk proposed updating the accounts system to a package such as Quick Books, Sage or Xero, which was a recommendation of the Internal Audit Report. Mrs Lynch suggested talking with the WCAS's bookkeeper.
- 7.6. The 2025/26 budget needs to be finalised by the end of January. Budget meeting to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 8 January 2025 at the Methodist Church Hall.

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

- 8.1. The employment contract for the Clerk has been signed.
- 8.2. The Isle of Man Post Redirection Service ends on 31-12-24 – the Clerk said it does not need extending as change of address information has been sent out to all relevant contacts.

9. Any other Business

- 9.1. Mrs Lynch said there was a property near Archallagan where the rubbish could not be collected as the car park in which the wagon turns round has fallen trees. She will visit the owners on Saturday.
- 9.2. The Carol Singing round the tree at Ballagarey on Monday 16 December 2024 went well. Many thanks to Mr Forbes for arranging it in liaison with Crosby Silver Band and for providing new carol sheets.
- 9.3. The hedges have been trimmed on Garth Top Road and look good.
- 9.4. Mr Lovelady has been walking round Ballagarey and knocking on doors and talking to homeowners about hedges that are growing over their boundary onto the road or pavement and that need to be trimmed. A standard letter is needed which can then be put through the letterbox of houses with overgrown hedges giving 14 days for the owners to take action and that if this is not done then enforcement action will be taken.

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

Budget meeting - Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Monthly meeting - Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7pm immediately following the Public Session

Signed

Date

Chairman