

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at  
7pm on Wednesday 19 February 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr T Miles	Chairman
	Mrs E Cox	Vice Chairman
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
	Mr C Forbes	
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk

1. **Apologies**

None

2. **Conflicts of Interest**

The Chairman read the agreed text - there were no declarations of interest.

3. **Visitors**

**3.1. Juan Turner, Marown resident and Energy FM owner, Denise Collister and Marilyn Corteen, Marown residents**

There was a discussion regarding the increase in rates for Marown for the 2025/26 year; it was explained that the increase was necessary due to increases in the costs of the services the Commissioners provide - amenity site, waste disposal, contractors etc; for two years the Commissioners didn't increase rates and used reserves; other Local Authorities have bigger reserves so didn't need to increase; other authorities have more commercial rates - Marown only has the Co-op; when we go into Douglas we pay to park and use their shops which gives Douglas more money; Commissioners are all residents and so have to pay the increase too; it's annoying that some people in the parish haven't paid their rates but still get the same service - the bins have to continue to be collected for health and safety reasons - the Commissioners will be putting pressure on the Rates Section of Government to pursue the outstanding rates; Local Authorities are pushing back at Government who are passing costs on / increasing costs at the amenity sites and trying to get Local Authorities to take on more. It was raised that the Swimming Pool made £35k profit and has over £200k in reserves - Mrs Cox explained that those sums are allocated to pay for the replacement of the lighting, roof repairs and major refurbishment of the changing rooms. In addition costs have increased for heating, lighting, chlorine etc.

The visitors raised the issue of overgrown hedges which are a concern - the Commissioners explained that they will be sending out letters to properties with overgrown hedges requiring them to trim them.

### 3.2. Alan Hardinge, DoI, Sgt Lee Wright, Roads Policing and Sgt Scott Fielding, Peel Sergeant

There was a discussion regarding the parking along Old Church Road, particularly during TT and Manx Grand Prix. Sgt Wright said the problem arises as many people park there to watch the races at Crosby, along with people going to the Playing fields, the nursery, Costa and also the residents of Crosby Meadows park there so they can get out when the roads are closed. People also park inconsiderately and you can get cars coming to a standstill. Sgt Wright suggested that the Playing Fields could drop their bollards and allow people with permits to park there - apparently they have previously been asked and will only allow it for their members. Mr Hardinge said that he'd be happy to allow Crosby Meadows residents to park at the DoI Ellerslie depot in the evenings and at weekends - on a permit basis - Mr Lovelady will speak to the residents.

A 30 minute parking limit was suggested along Old Church Road.

Another issue is that the Police put cones on the hill leading down to Old Church Road but people move the cones to park! It was agreed that there should be double yellow lines on both sides of the road and no parking at all (the Isle of Man does not have legislation for red lines).

Sgt Wright and Mr Hardinge will take these matters back to the TT committee.

Mr Lovelady owns some land next to Ellerslie depot and he suggested he could apply for planning permission for parking for 25-30 cars - it would be free and on a first come first served basis - Sgt Wright thought this was a good idea to help alleviate parking issues. The Commissioners also support this proposal, subject to Planning Approval.

There has also been a problem with vehicles being left on Old Church Road. People who live elsewhere park their vans there and some vehicles have been abandoned - Sgt Wright said if they have no tax the Police can remove the vehicles.

## 4. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2025 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

## 5. Matters Arising

None

## 6. Planning

6.1. **Completion Certificates** - The following Completion Certificates were noted:

- 22/07403/ROOF - Replacement roof - Trentham, Eairy, IM4 3HU
- 22/07402/ROOF - Replacement roof - Sedgeley, Eairy, IM4 3HU
- 20/07762/DOM - Erection of 4 bed dwelling - 2 Penny Lane, Plot 29, Crosby Meadows, Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby
- 20/07763/DOM - Erection of 4 bed dwelling - 4 Penny Lane, Plot 30, Crosby Meadows, Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby
- 20/07764/DOM - Erection of 4 bed dwelling - 3 Penny Lane, Plot 31, Crosby Meadows, Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby

**6.2. Planning Committee - 10 February 2025 - The following item was noted:**

- 6.2.1. 24/91306/B - The erection of a new farmhouse and agricultural barn - Fields 321756,324673 and 324674, Foxdale Road, Braaid, IM4 2AN - Recommendation - Approve. This was confirmed as Approved, with conditions including that the barn is only used for agricultural purposes and that the house is limited to occupation by persons engaged solely in agriculture. In conjunction with the fact that the house has been moved down the hill so it will not impinge on the landscape, the Commissioners were content that their concerns have now been addressed, though they understand that the approval of this application will be subject to an appeal.

**6.3. Planning Decisions**

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

- 24/91360/B - Alterations to existing barn including recladding, insulation and PV panels - Ballingan, Braaid, IM4 2AP
- 24/91370/B - Erection of link extension between dwelling and garage, construction of extension and installation of solar panels - Ballaclucas House, Top Road, Crosby, IM4 4HN

**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**

**7.1. Consultations notified: None**

**7.2. Consultations on Government Website not notified:**

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

- Modifications to the Draft Area Plan or the North and West - closing date 27 March 2025
- Extradition Bill - closing date 7 April 2025
- Draft Proceeds of Crime Bills 2025

**8. General Matters and other Correspondence**

**8.1. Remembrance Services - None**

**8.2. Website and Social Media - Clerk to take over the running of the website from April**

**8.3. Land Management Framework - noted**

**8.4. Road Transport Licensing - Variation of Operator Registration**

- R G Teare - application to change operating centre to The Cottage, Ginger Hall, Sulby. If successful he will surrender Seed Lodge, Eyreton Road, Crosby as an operating centre - noted

**8.5. Fencing at Reayrt ny Crink was damaged in storms - Clerk to assess and obtain costs for repair**

**8.6. Timber harvesting at Archallagan Plantation - Archallagan plantation will close on 4 March 2025 for 5-6 weeks.**

**8.7. Local Government Amendment Bill**

- There was much concern about the proposed clauses to this Bill which seem to allow the imposition of new functions on Local Authorities or that they would have to make a financial contribution to someone else performing that function. There has been no consultation on this or offer of extra money to carry out any new functions. It appears to be a backdoor to increasing rates and keeping taxes down. This erodes the powers of Commissioners. Marown Commissioners do not accept this as they were not consulted and they have already had to increase the rates as Government has increased charges for waste disposal etc and this would impose more on them which would have to be passed on to the ratepayers. Clerk to send letter, voicing the Commissioners' opposition, to Chris Thomas, MHK and local MHKs.

8.8. Assessment of Housing Needs – Local Authorities are being asked to submit proposals for the provision of new housing in the area taking into account the housing needs of the parish. There are currently proposals for housing at Crosby Meadows, Trollaby Lane and the old Crosby Wholesalers site.

## 9. Highway Matters

9.1. Parking in Old Church Road during TT & MGP – this was discussed at the start of the meeting

The following items were noted and will be publicised:

- 9.2. Rally in April – Road closures - Glen Vine Road, Top Road, West Baldwin Road – a letter of objection sent to DoI has been received from a resident in Glen Vine Road.
- 9.3. 21 March 2025 – Temporary Speed limit on Ballavitchel Road for tree trimming
- 9.4. 2 - 4 May 2025 – Road Closures for IOM Youth Tour
- 9.5. 23 May 2025 to 9 June 2025 – Temporary closure of Peg Willeys Road for TT
- 9.6. 21 -22 June 2025 – Road closures for Parish Walk
- 9.7. 19 July 2025 – Road Closures for Gran Fondo
- 9.8. 10 March 2025 – 9 May 2025 – Temporary Speed Limits for TT prep. work

## 10. Any Other Business:

- 10.1. Hedgetrimming was discussed as there are many overgrown hedges protruding beyond the property boundary into the pavement causing issues for pedestrians, enveloping streetlights etc. Clerk to draft a standard letter to be given to homeowners with overgrown hedges stating that they have a period of say 14 days to address the issue, otherwise the Commissioners will arrange for the work to be done which will be charged to the homeowner.
- 10.2. Complaint received regarding a site on Garth Road with stacks of building materials and scaffolding. A reply was sent stating this was most likely a planning enforcement issue.
- 10.3. Information received from the Family Library about the Mobile Service - fortnightly on a Wednesday the library bus stops at Ballagarey at 10.30am and Crosby at 11.05am and then monthly on a Friday the bus attends Crosby Nursery at 9.30am. The bus will also make home visits and to visit sheltered housing if requested for those people who are unable to get out.

11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....

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**2. Minutes of Previous meeting**

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**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Planning**

**4.1. New Applications**

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

- 24/90066/B - Erection of equestrian building, containing stables, equestrian facilities and agricultural storage (retrospective) - Land at Ballacallin Beg, Foxdale Road, Garth, Crosby, IM4 2HN
- 25/90159/B - Widen access, increase height of garage, rebuild link, demolish greenhouse, erect single storey extension to rear, replace roof, demolish chimneys and erect new - Overdale, Main Road, Glen Vine

**4.2. Amendments and Additional Information**

Additional information was received in respect of the following application and the Commissioners' previous objections still stand:

- 24/91112/B - Erection of three tourist camping pods, star gazing platform, sauna and associated drainage and car parking - Bridge House, West Baldwin, IM4 5HA

**4.3. Appeals**

- The following was noted: 24/00713/A - Extension of date for submission of appeal statements - Approval in principle for residential development - Land adjacent to Main Road, Trollaby Lane and Residential area of Strang Road

- 22/00475/B - Construction of 18 houses and associated infrastructure, Crosby Meadows Estate, Ballaglonney, Main Road, Crosby - the Appeal Hearing is set for 9.30am Thursday 27 March 2025. Chairman and Clerk to attend.

## 5. Meetings:

### 5.1. Peel & Western Housing Committee

5.1.1. Invitation to Opening of Sheltered Housing Complex, Valkyrs Court, off Albany Road, Peel - 2pm Wednesday 5 March 2025. Chairman and Clerk will attend.

5.1.2. Meeting held on 21 January 2025:

5.1.2.1. Fire inspections were carried out on all three buildings

5.1.2.2. Draft amended CCTV document circulated

5.1.2.3. Changeover of new Carephone system to start shortly

5.1.2.4. Lottery Trust donation to Westlands passed

5.1.2.5. Christmas afternoon tea was enjoyed by all residents

5.1.3. Meeting held on 18 February 2025:

5.1.3.1. Carephone system installation complete in two weeks

5.1.3.2. New path at rear to be completed shortly

5.1.3.3. New parking policy approved

5.1.3.4. All thermostatic radiator valves to be replaced under grant

5.1.3.5. Full evacuation carried out on 13 February 2025 due to small fire

5.1.3.6. Two members of Westlands Committee are retiring

### 5.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board

5.2.1. Meeting held on 11 February 2025

5.2.2. Discussion regarding increases needed for this year and whether Local Authorities would pay or account for them

5.2.3. DONM - 11 March 2025

### 5.3. Western Area Swimming Pool Board

5.3.1 Geoff Chatward has taken over as the Government representative and has visited the pool

5.3.2 The changing rooms will be refurbished - applied to Manx Lottery

5.3.3 The lighting will be replaced over summer

5.3.4 The café is doing well, though needs staff

### 5.4. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team

5.4.1. Meeting held on 30 January 2025

5.4.2. Cyclist collided with pedestrian on Heritage trail - no suspect

- 5.4.3. Reminder posted re: fly tipping against law
- 5.4.4. Drug dog to walk round QEII
- 5.4.5. Police now have three fully trained drone operators – used for missing from home, vulnerable persons etc
- 5.4.6. Vehicle seized in Eyreton Road problem
- 5.4.7. Police now carry drug wipes to indicate presence of cocaine
- 5.4.8. Armed Response Vehicle Officers mainly carry out normal patrols, though can carry firearms when investigating certain incidents
- 5.4.9. Monthly warrants used mainly for misuse of drugs
- 5.4.10. DONM – 27 March 2025

## 5.5. IOM Municipal Association

- 5.5.1 Meeting held on 30 January 2025; Local Authority Enforcement Policies discussed.
- 5.5.2 Speaker Clare Barber, DEFA Minister – discussed hospital and postponement of treatment, as in news; Tesco takeover of Shoprite – regulatory hub needed – producers need stock in Tesco; elections; MLCs; DoI and road closures due to trees down – if a privately owned tree comes down, DoI can take it down and bill owner; DoI can also put a notice on a tree and if no one gets in touch they can cut tree down.

DONM - 27 March 2025

## 5.6. Marown Parish Community Care - Meeting held on 21 January 2025

## 6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- BridsonHalsall – Thie Darragh, Glen Darragh Road, Glen Vine
- Cains Gordon Bell – 54 King Orry Road, Glen Vine
- Humphrey & Helfrich – Homecroft, Ballavitchell Road, Crosby
- MannBenham – Ballagarey Bungalow, Main Road, Glen Vine

## 7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. The Transaction Statement for January 2025 was discussed and approved
- 7.2. LED Street lighting replacement – the work has started and should be complete by Easter
- 7.3. Crosby Public Toilet Door – received quote from Manx Glass and Glazing – agreed. Awaiting timescale for delivery and installation. MMPF contacted the Chairman to enquire about a completion date. Clerk to send letter.
- 7.4. 2025/26 Budget and Rates
  - 7.4.1. A final draft of the Information for Marown Parish Residents re: rate increase for 2025/26 was agreed. To be posted on Facebook and on noticeboards around the Parish. Mrs Lynch thanked the Clerk for all her work in compiling this.
  - 7.4.2. Freedom of Information requests and queries have been received on the subject of the rate increase – Clerk to respond
  - 7.4.3. Letter agreed to send to residents who have outstanding rates – Commissioners to deliver

7.4.4. Clerk to send letter to Rates Section stating the Commissioners are unhappy about the level of outstanding rates and asking them what action is being taken to recover the debt – this letter should be published.

**8. Clerk to the Commissioners**

- 8.1. Data Protection Officer – There will be a new Registration System. Commissioners to renew Data Controller Registration.
- 8.2. Election on 24 April 2025 – The Cabinet Office have sent details of Polling Station staff training. Information not yet received re: Application form for nomination as candidate for Commissioner

**9. Any other Business**

- 9.1. Mr Forbes said he had noticed that the road signs for Marown were looking a little shabby, which does not give a good impression, so he will clean them
- 9.2. Ray Kelly of Manx Utilities has confirmed that the new Crosby Sewage Works will be tested over the next few weeks, and once complete, the Reayrt ny Crink properties will be transferred across to the new system.
- 9.3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Supplemental List 2025 has been received in respect of changes to the rating of properties in the Parish
- 9.4. Email received re: Planning Application 24/91339/B, former Manx Motor Museum, Main Road, Glen Vine objecting to the Commissioners objections to the Application in respect of access and flooding.
- 9.5. Mrs Jane Poole-Wilson MHK emailed to say that she and Stu Peters are planning a surgery on Saturday 5 July 2025 at the Methodist Church Hall and offered the Commissioners the opportunity to join them.
- 9.6. The Clerk has drafted updated contact details, agreed, to be posted on the noticeboards

- 10. **Date and time of next meeting** – Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman