

**MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS**  
held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan  
at 2pm on Thursday 22 February 2018.

**In Attendance**

Mr A Jessopp	Chairman
Mr J Quaye	Vice Chairman (joined part way through the meeting)
Miss C Corkill	
Mr D Dentith	
Mr N Mellon	
Mr J C Whiteway	Clerk
Miss M J Radcliffe	Deputy Clerk

**18/073 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**18/074 Declaration of Interest**

Mr Dentith declared an interest in Planning Application PA18/0142/B and Item 2, Section 2.

**18/075 Issue of Summons / Agenda**

It was noted that all members had received the Summons/Agenda at least three clear days before the date of the meeting.

**18/076 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**

There were no matters deferred to Private.

**18/077 Questions from the Public**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Shimmins MHK to the meeting at 3pm.

Various topics were discussed, including Feedback on the recent Budget, the Area Plan for the East, Active Travel Funding and the Road Safety Strategy which is to be released shortly.

The Chairman thanked Mr Shimmins for attending the meeting and the time being 3.45pm he left

**18/078 Minutes of Recent Meetings**

The Minutes of the Public Meetings held on Thursday 8 February 2018 and were unanimously approved as a correct record of proceedings.

**18/079 Matters Arising****a) Strang Road: Minute 18/059**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with the Department of Infrastructure and residents on at 2.30pm on 28 February at the Memorial Hall in Union Mills.

**b) Cronk Grianagh Park Master Plan: Minute 18/015**

The Clerk reported that a draft document had been prepared to be discussed by Miss Corkill and Mr Mellon who would bring it back to a later meeting.

**c) Cronkbourne Village Land Ownership: Minute 18/061 c)**

The Clerk advised that the matter was still in the hands of the Authority's advocate.

**d) Refuse Contract: Minute 18/061 d)**

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been forwarded to the Company and a

response had been received that day. The Commissioners agreed to consider the document prior to a meeting with the Company.

**e) Unit 41**

The Clerk advised that he had visited the Middle Park site and the price quoted was £195,000 for a 1500 square foot unit. A price of £225,000 was quoted for a slightly larger unit at Cooil Smithy.

It was agreed to defer any decision on the future of Unit 41 and any potential replacement until later in the year.

**18/080 Matters for Consideration from Section 2**

There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.

**18/081 Chairman's Announcement**

There was no Chairman's Announcement.

**Section 1**

**18/082 Invoices for approval**

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the following invoices in excess of £2k that required the authorisation of the Board:-

3290 – D G Wood

6100 – February Salaries

**18/083 Heritage Open Days 2018**

The Board considered an email from Manx National Heritage regarding this years' Heritage Open Days.

The Clerk asked the Board if they had any ideas for the October dates given. After discussion, it was **unanimously resolved** to investigate the possibility of holding another Heritage Open Day, similar to those held in 2015.

**18/084 EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – Consultation Paper 2018**

The Commissioners considered the above Consultation Paper.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the contents of the document.

**18/085 Select Committee of Tynwald on Library Provision**

The Commissioners considered several questions in an email from Francisca Gale, Assistant Clerk to the Committee, Office of the Clerk of Tynwald in respect of the above.

It was **unanimously resolved** to respond to the questions as follows:-

1. The Committee would like to ask for your Commissioners' views on library provision in the Isle of Man. Are they content with the current arrangements, or do they have any proposals for reform?

Response: Library services for Braddan residents are provided by the Henry Bloom Noble Library and the School Library service. The Board are content with the service presently provided.

2. What support do you provide for local library provision?

Response: The Commissioners have contributed toward the Henry Bloom Noble Library, to enable Braddan rate payers to access the service.

3. Do you provide any financial support to the Mobile Library? If not, why not?

Response: In both 2016/17 and 2017/18 the Commissioners paid a sum of

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£5000 as a payment for the service they were providing to the Parish. This payment has been reduced for 2018/19 to £500 to approximately match the amount paid to the Henry Bloom Noble Library in 2017/18.

4. Are you aware of the extent to which local residents make use of the Mobile Library's facilities?

Response: The Mobile Library sees around 7 individual borrowers in Braddan, 2 of who are housebound and have one-to-one visits. There are 109 members (children and their families) from Braddan in the Family Library.

**18/086 TT Races/Festival of Motorcycling – Road Closures for Postponed Practice**

Consideration was given to the proposal that additional emergency use road closures for practice/qualifying for the afternoons of Sunday 27 May and Friday 1 June.

The Board considered the conditions under which the emergency powers can be invoked.

It was **unanimously resolved** to support the proposal, provided that the people affected are consulted at an early stage.

**18/087 Housing Customer Satisfaction Survey**

The Clerk advised the survey had been undertaken as part of the preparatory work for taking over the management of properties at Cronk Grianagh from the Department of Infrastructure in April 2018.

The Commissioners noted the Customer Satisfaction Survey results and the 46.7% response rate.

1. Generally, how satisfied are you with the way Braddan Commissioners deal with your housing related queries?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 88.6%
2. Taking everything into account, how satisfied are you with the housing service provided by Braddan Commissioners?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 92.8%
3. How satisfied are you with the condition of your home?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 94.2%
4. How satisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 94.3%
5. How satisfied are you that your rent provides value for money?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 91.4%
6. How satisfied are you that we listen to your views and act upon them?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 80%
7. How satisfied are you that Braddan Commissioners keep you informed about things that might affect you as a tenant?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 90%
8. Considering occasions when you needed to contact Braddan Commissioners for any reason, how satisfied were you that you could contact us easily?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 98%

9. How satisfied were you with the friendliness of Braddan Commissioners' Staff?  
Very satisfied or Fairly Satisfied – 95%

**18/088 Millennium Close Bathroom Tenders**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the selection of the plumbing contractor to undertake the bathroom refurbishment at Millennium Close.

The successful contractor was Scrabo Limited.

The Clerk advised that work was due to commence on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

The Commissioners requested that photographs be taken at the different stages as work progressed.

**18/089 Potential Planning Application for Burnside Cottage, Union Mills**

The Chairman welcomed the applicant, Mrs Turner to the meeting and a discussion was held on her proposal to demolish Burnside Cottage, Union Mills and replace it with 4, 1 bedroom flats.

The Board advised her that they had no objection to the proposed planning application but asked that Mr & Mrs Turner did not put forward the Commissioners' car park as a solution to the potential requirement for additional parking.

**18/090 NatWest One Card Account Changes**

The Clerk advised that the Commissioners' credit card account, currently held with RBS, was being moved to RBS International.

It was **unanimously resolved** to move the account as per the letter and the Chairman and Clerk duly signed the mandate.

**Planning**

**18/091 Planning Applications**

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Commissioners had no objections to the following Planning Applications:-

PA18/00117/B – Mr & Mrs J N Bentley – Alterations and erection of first floor extension to existing studio apartment – Poyl Breck, East Baldwin, Braddan.

PA18/0019/B – Mrs S H Bateson – Creation of an outdoor riding arena – Land associated with Cronkbane House, Oakhill, Port Soderick, Braddan.

PA18/00142/B – Mr & Mrs A Greenhalgh – Erection of a detached three car garage – Ballaveare, Old Castletown Road, Port Soderick, Braddan, IM4 1BB – The Commissioners did however comment that they felt the proposed garage was located too close to the property boundary.

PA18/00151/B – Mr & Mrs P Shorrocks – Installation of a flue for a log burner (retrospective) – 21 River Walk, Braddan Hills, IM4 4TJ

**18/092 Planning Approvals**

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Commissioners would note the following Planning Approvals:-

PA17/01257/B - Mr William Saxon - Alterations and extension to rear of property Rowan Garth, 2 Braddan Bridge, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4TL

PA17/01141/B - Mr Illiam Christian - Renovation and extension of two existing dilapidated cottages for use as residential dwellings and additional use as tourist accommodation along with creation of associated vehicular access, driveway and parking - Ballerghey Cottages, Lhergy Cripperty, Union Mills, Braddan.

**18/093 General Matters**

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It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following items in Section 2:-

1. Shared Eastern Housing Waiting List
2. Complaint re: dog fouling
3. Rates Income Reports – January & February 2018
4. Notice of Temporary Road Closure – Lhergy Cripperty
5. Ballagarey Sewerage Treatment Works

**Any Other Business****18/094 Area Plan for the East**

The Chairman asked for a special meeting of to consider contracting a Town and Country Planning Specialist to advise the Board on the Area Plan.

It was **unanimously resolved** to hold a meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10am.

**18/095 Meeting re: Sewerage Plant, Union Mills**

It was **unanimously resolved** to hold a site meeting after the above meeting to discuss the future of the now redundant Sewerage Plant in Union Mills

**18/096 DEFA – Burning Waste at Port Soderick**

The Chairman advised that he would be writing to the Minister for DEFA, Mr Boot MHK, seeking a full response to the matter of burning building materials at Port Soderick, and a clear statement on the future of the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee.

**18/097 Date for Next Meeting**

The dates for the next meetings were set at:-

- 2pm on Thursday 8 March 2018
- 2pm on Thursday 29 March 2018
- 2pm on Monday 9 April 2018

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5.30pm

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