

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

held in Commissioners Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan at 6.45pm on

Tuesday 26th July 2011

In Attendance:

Mrs M Hodge	Chairman
Mr A Jessopp	Vice Chairman
Mrs K Beecroft	
Mr P Halsall	
Mr R Corkhill	
Mr J C Whiteway	Clerk
Miss M Radcliffe	Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer (Part of meeting)

11/200 Meeting with Mr Paul Craine

The Chairman welcomed Mr Craine to the meeting who introduced himself as a candidate for Middle in the forthcoming General Election. A general discussion was held on the Commissioners thoughts and opinions on the issues surrounding Braddan, these included the Southern and proposed Eastern Area Plan. Mr Craine thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak with them and left the meeting at 7.10pm

11/201 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

11/202 Declaration of Interest

The Clerk declared an interest in Minute 11/225 relating to the cost of living wage rise, but his presence was required to put forward the case.

11/203 Issue of Summons / Agenda

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

11/204 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

It was **unanimously resolved** that there were no items requiring deferral to a private meeting.

11/205 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

11/206 Minutes of Recent Meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2011 were **unanimously approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/207 Matters Arising

a) Union Mills traffic Ref : Minute 11/183a

It was noted that despite representations to senior officers there had still been no feedback from the Department in relation to visibility splays.

It was **unanimously resolved** that an urgent letter should be sent to Mr Cregeen MHK to raise the matter and to attempt to elicit a response.

b) Cronkbourne Village Ref: Minute 11/183b

A discussion was held on the problems in the Village that had been highlighted by tenants during a meeting with the Commissioners earlier in the day.

The Clerk reported that a Stage 1/2 report had now been submitted to the Department of Social Care and was now under consideration. He advised that he would be pushing for a presentation by Dalrymples to the Board at the next meeting.

It was **unanimously resolved** to await the presentation by Dalrymples.

c) Replacement doors 1-44 Snugborough Ave Ref: Minute 11/183c

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the price for the non-stock doors was being sought and the tender process would then take place.

d) Anchor Hotel Port Soderick Ref: Minute 11/183d

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the building had not been demolished but had been boarded up more securely.

e) Clybane Rise Ref: Minute 11/183e

It was noted that a quote had been received from Callin Wild to undertake the conveying of the land.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Community Warden would meet the residents to discuss the apportionment of the fee in relation to the size of plot they would be receiving.

f) Douglas Corporation - Proposed Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee Ref : Minute 11/183h

The Clerk reported that the first meeting of the Joint Committee had taken place on 25th July and that Councillor Ashford had been elected as Chairman and Mr Jessopp as Vice Chairman.

Mr Jessopp reported that it had been unanimously agreed by the Committee that the contract with Douglas Corporation to operate the site, which was due to expire on 31st March 2012, was to be extended for a further 12 months. This was to allow time to fully determine the scope of the new partnership arrangement and to decide if any additional services could be incorporated.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the next meeting of the Committee had been arranged for 12th September 2011.

g) Kerbside Extension Ref: Minute 11/183h

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that Onchan had finally confirmed that they would be withdrawing from the scheme on 31st October and that Douglas and Braddan would continue with the project at least for a further 5 months.

11/208 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no items to be brought forward from Section 2 for consideration.

- Section 1:**
- 11/209 Braddan Parish Commissioners – Investments**
 Consideration was given to a report from the Finance Officer regarding the opportunities to deposit money that was being held on reserve.
- After discussion it was unanimously **resolved** that £268,000 would be placed on deposit with Conister Bank for a period of one year at a rate of 3.15%.
- 11/210 Callin Wild – Petition of Doleance of Tel's Limited**
 It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Commissioners had received a payment of £792 from Dougherty Quinn which related to the Commissioners costs when the advocates representing Tels Ltd failed to appear at the Petition Hearing and the case had to be adjourned for two days.
- 11/211 Draft Accounts 2011**
 It was **unanimously resolved** to note the draft accounts for 2010/11 and, subject to some minor changes and clarification of issues, submit them for audit to PKF.
- It was also **unanimously resolved** to agree that the Chairman should sign the Arrangement Letter from PKF whilst noting that the audit fee payable had increased by £500 to £8000.
- Finally it was **unanimously resolved** to note that, subject to confirmation by the auditors, the general reserve had increased by £245,582 to £474,856 as at 31st March 2011.
- Miss Radcliffe left the meeting at 7.30pm.
- 11/212 Strang Corner Field – Action Plan**
 Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk with regard to the commencement of the planning stage for the project. They noted that Treasury Guidelines had been obtained to assist in the preparation of a full Business Case, and work had commenced on collecting the required data and information.
- The Clerk suggested that both political and public opinion should be canvassed for a facility that would not only be an amenity for the Parish but also a leisure facility for all island residents. A discussion was held on the selection of suitable companies to collect this data and a number of options were given.
- It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would approach these agencies to obtain estimates for preparing and undertaking a local survey.
- 11/213 Dept of Infrastructure –Collection and Distribution of Local Authority Fines**
 The Board noted the document from the Department of Infrastructure reminding all Local Authorities of the new powers granted under the Local Government Act 2006 in relation to the collection and distribution of fines.



Whilst the Board accepted the changes were a step forward they noted that the fact that fixed penalty fines could only be issued if the perpetrator was caught in the act, meant that such action was indeed rare.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise the Department that the Authority had only been able to issue one fixed penalty for a dog at large which had been paid without recourse to the Courts.

11/214 Dept. of Infrastructure – Permitted Development Order (2005)

A discussion was held on the recent briefing presentations as part of the consultation process for the Permitted Development Order, which had been attended by the Chairman.

The Chairman advised that she had raised some fundamental problems with the proposals including the lack of records of the changes which she felt would cause problems when people were buying or selling properties.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would respond to the consultation process to enquire if they anticipated a review of the proposals in the light of the response given at the presentations.

11/215 Dept. of Social Care – Local Authorities Managers' Meeting – June 2011

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the brief report about the meeting which related to care phone charges in sheltered housing, the need for careful spending on capital programmes, the completion of the Housing Stock investment documents and the need for prompt submission of quarterly statistics on housing performance.

11/216 Isle of Man Government Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill 2011

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the consultation document but no feedback was given.

11/217 Invoices for Approval

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the authorisation by the Clerk of the following invoices in excess of £2k :

1. 19745- Colas
2. 19804- MEA
3. 19862- 2E2
4. 19879- Dol
5. 19897-19904 Salaries

11/218 Rate Arrears 2011-2012

Careful consideration was given to a report from the Finance Officer regarding rates outstanding on 1st July which totalled £22,608 or 2% of the rate income.

After discussion **unanimously resolved** that the sums not paid due to inappropriately claimed discounts (totalling £168.53) would be allocated to 2012, but the larger debts from Mr Hohmann, Grosvenor Trust, Corina Ltd (Icemann) and The Mallards, should also be progressed via the issuing of a Summons.

11/219 Revisions to Administration of Local Authority Petitioning Process
It was **unanimously resolved** to note the amendment to the process occasioned by the splitting of responsibilities between the Department of Infrastructure and the Department of Social Care.

11/220 Register of Interests
It was **unanimously resolved** to note the revised form which, when completed by the Commissioners, would be available for inspection at the reception counter.

11/221 Petition – Sale of Land at Strang Corner Field to the Department of Health
It was **unanimously resolved** to note the Department of Infrastructure had retrospectively approved the sale of a portion of Strang Corner Field to the Department of Health for a sum of £2600 upon which they had built the new GP surgery.

11/222 Braddan Parish- Strategic Plan
It was **unanimously resolved** to note the Draft Strategic Plan prepared by the Clerk and to discuss the matter further at the next meeting when the Board had had the opportunity to consider it fully.

11/223 Replacement Lights – Snugborough Playground
Consideration was given to a proposal for the replacement of lighting poles leading down to the playground that had been vandalised. Concern was expressed that the glass on the present units could not simply be replaced with Perspex rather than incurring the full cost for a full column or head.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would further investigate other more economic options.

11/224 Dept. of Infrastructure – Rural Roads (Speed Limits)
It was **unanimously resolved** to note the proposed revised speed limits on certain roads in the Parish which had been discussed at a previous meeting with Mr Almond from the Department.

11/225 Local Authority Wage Increase
Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk in relation to the cost of living wage increase for all staff.

It was noted that all staff were tied into contracts that were awarded increases based on the best of two indicators, the Whitely Council or Manx Civil Service, or analogous to the Manx Civil Service.

In the light of this fact and the notification from the Personnel Office that all Civil Servants were to receive a 1.5% pay award dated from 1st April 2010 it **unanimously resolved** that this should be paid to all the staff.

Planning

11/226 Planning Applications
It was **unanimously resolved** that the Commissioners had no objections to the following Planning Applications

- PA11 00968 - Mr M Freestone - Proposed first floor extensions to provide additional living accommodation - "Rosehill Farm" Richmond Hill Braddan

- PA11 00918 B - Mr John Bentley - Window alterations to dwelling - Poylbreck East Baldwin
- PA11 00916 - Love Lighting Ltd - Alterations to frontage window/door openings and fitting of 4 new glazed sliding doors - IoM Development Co Ltd
- PA11 00915 C - Jack Frost (Foodservice) Ltd - Change of use of two parking spaces to allow the operation of a catering unit (Retrospective) - Area within the parking curtilage Springham Park Braddan
- PA11 00898 - Mr A McGee - Erection of a stable block - Field 524789 Ballamona Farm Oak Hill
- PA11 00871 - Mr T Keig - Proposed construction of replacement dwelling with integral garaging including creation of improved vehicular access - Bay View Old Castletown Road Port Soderick
- PA11 00829 - Mr J Bentley - Construction of a new access from B21 East Baldwin Road and driveway to the dwelling house - Poyl Breck East Baldwin

It was unanimously **resolved** that the Commissioners would object to the following Planning Applications

- PA11 00850 - Mr R Brown - Erection of a dwelling with integral garage associated parking and landscaping - Mount Rule Nursery Mount Rule

11/227 Planning Approvals

It was **unanimously resolved** that the following Planning Approvals would be received and noted.

- PA11 00707 B - Mr J Martin - Window and door alterations to dwelling - 28 Ashlar Drive Union Mills

11/228 Planning Correspondence

It was **unanimously resolved** that the following correspondence would be received and noted:

- PA11 00850 B - Erection of a dwelling with integral garage, associated parking and landscaping - Mount Rule Nursery

Section 2

11/229 General Matters

It was unanimously resolved that the content of the correspondence detailed in the Agenda relating to the following issues would be noted:

- i) Rent Arrears Reports
- ii) Rates – Completion Certificates
- iii) Department of Community Health – Close Y Lhergy Union Mills
- iv) Previous Tenant – Snugborough Avenue
- v) Summary of Responses to Consultation
- vi) Residents of Hollin Bank Tromode – High Hedges Trees Complaint
- vii) Resident River Walk – Mannifest 2011
- viii) Road Transport Licensing Committee

**11/230 Private Meeting
Housing Allocations**

Careful consideration was given to a report from the Housing Officer in relation to the allocation of houses.

After discussion it was unanimously resolved that
Property 001 to be allocated to transfer applicant 2222
Property 022 to be allocated to transfer applicant 392

Property 062 to be allocated to transfer applicant 303
Property 203 to be allocated from waiting list to applicant 1210
Property 207 to be allocated from waiting list to applicant 1145
Property 007 to be allocated to transfer applicant 377

11/231

Date for next meeting

It was **unanimously resolved** that the date for the next meeting would be Tuesday 6th September 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

.....*J. A. Edge*.....Signed
.....6th September 2011.....Date