

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
held in Commissioners Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 20th December 2011

In Attendance:

Mrs M Hodge Chairman
 Mr R Corkhill
 Mr J Cottier
 Mr P Halsall
 Mr J C Whiteway Clerk

- 11/374 Apologies**
 Apologies were received from Mr Jessopp who was off island and Miss Radcliffe who was on annual leave.
- 11/375 Declaration of Interest**
 There were no declarations of interest.
- 11/376 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.
- 11/377 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**
 It was **unanimously resolved** that there were no matters that needed to be considered in a private meeting.
- 11/378 Questions from Members of the Public**
 Mr Wilson from Ashfield Drive was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. He wished to take the opportunity to discuss his concerns over the planning application PA11/ 01629 which related to another property in Ashfield Drive.
- After a brief discussion Mr Wilson thanked the Commissioners for their time and excused himself from the meeting.
- 11/379 Minutes of Recent Meetings**
 The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2011 were **unanimously approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 11/380 Matters Arising**
- a) Union Mills traffic Ref : Minute 11/308a and Minute 11/350a**
 It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the planning application had now been submitted.
- b) Petition of Doleance of Tel's Limited Ref: Minute 11/350b**
 It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the outstanding debt from the company was still in the hands of the Authorities legal advisers.
- c) High Hedges Ref: Minute 11/350c**
 It was **unanimously resolved** to note that a full hearing date in the High Bailiffs Court was to be arranged in the New Year subject to people's availability.
- d) BMX Track Cronk Grianagh Park Braddan Ref: Minute 11/350d**
 It was **unanimously resolved** that the Community Warden had arranged for a meeting with the Planning Department in an attempt to move the matter forward.

e) Estimates 2012 13 Ref: Minute 11/353

It was **unanimously resolved** to defer consideration of the estimates to a special meeting on 10th January 2012.

f) Local Authority Lending Scheme Ref: Minute 11/364

The Clerk reported that the Department of Social Care had advised all local authorities that following on from the change to the Standard and Poors rating to AA+ and Isle of Man Bank's decision to apply an extra 25 basis points to the Local Authority loans with them, Treasury, as guarantors for the Local Authority lending facility, had determined that all new loans which fall within this facility shall be executed under the variable loan terms and conditions.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that this direction from Treasury would apply with immediate effect and will apply to any borrowing petitions or loan agreements entered into with effect from 1st December 2011.

g) The Downs, Union Mills – Public Lighting Ref: Minute 11/365

The Clerk advised that the opinions of the residents in the area had been received. He stated that the residents on the top road were pleased with the plans, but some of the residents on the lower, unadopted, road could not see the need for lighting. There were also two comments about the lack of need for lights on the hill down to the lower road, and the Clerk was asked to investigate a movement sensor light down by the garages.

Subject to the slight amendments it was **unanimously resolved** that the MEA should be asked to finalise the scheme taking into consideration the opinions of the residents.

11/381 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

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

11/382 Chairman's announcement

The Chairman advised that she had attended the Christmas lunch for the Age Concern Friday Lunch club and that the contribution from the Authority had been well received and much appreciated.

Section 1:**11/383 Cronkbourne Village Housing – Dalrymple Associates**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the further correspondence from the Company, and the matter was now being dealt with by the Department of Social Care and the Treasury.

11/384 Dept of Social Care – News Release – Public Sector Rents to Rise by 10% from April 2012

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Department had advised that the Public Sector rent increase for 2012 would 10%.

11/385 Refuse Collection and Cleansing Services- Douglas Corporation

Careful consideration was given to the written bids from both Douglas Corporation and Onchan Commissioners.

The Authority noted that there were two different approaches to the bids, but the common aspect was the waste collection charges. Onchan gave a quote of £139,464 and Douglas £130,000. Douglas also advised that included in their price was the chipping of all bins which would provide accurate figures of the numbers

of bins collected, the weight of the waste, and any changes as a result of the more accurate figures would be passed on.

Onchan offered to investigate the extension of the agency agreement with the Department of Infrastructure for the street sweeping service which would be at no cost to Braddan, but Douglas gave a clear quote of £39 per hour should the Authority wish to have the streets cleaned.

The Authority also noted that Onchan offered no commitment to the Kerbside Collection scheme and favoured the increase in the number of Bring Banks to facilitate recycling of household materials. Douglas who were committed to Kerbside Scheme, advised that should Braddan wish to continue in partnership with Douglas in the scheme, Braddan's contribution would be £45,640 for 2012/13.

After careful consideration of both proposals the Commissioners agreed to accept the proposal from Douglas Corporation which was more in line with their strategic plan, and the Clerk was asked to notify both parties accordingly.

The Clerk was also asked to confirm to Onchan that their contract for waste disposal with Braddan Commissioners would cease on 31st March 2012, which was in line with the notice issued 12 months previous.

He was also asked to advise Onchan that the Commissioners would like to thank their staff for their assistance, co-operation and diligence in performing their duties during the period of the contract with Braddan.

It was **unanimously resolved** to appoint Douglas Corporation for a period to be agreed at the Rates Setting meeting scheduled for 10th January 2012.

11/386 Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would investigate any willing partners in the Parish in celebrations to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

11/387 MEA – Proposed Public Lighting Old Castletown Road Port Soderick

The Commissioners considered the minor lighting scheme designed to facilitate the installation, by the Department of Infrastructure, of the traffic calming measures in Port Soderick on the Old Castletown Road.

It was **unanimously resolved** to accept the quote of £4283 for the installation of two new lights.

11/388 Monthly Financial Reports – November

After discussion it was **unanimously resolved** to accept the Finance Officers report for the period up to November 2011.

The Income and Expenditure report to November 2011 was considered and is shown below:

Income and expenditure to November 2011

General Revenue Account	Actual	Estimate
Total Income for period Actual	978,881	
Total Income Estimated for period		983,964
Total Expenditure for period Actual	427,295	
Total Expenditure Estimated for period		618,715
Surplus/(Deficit) for period Actual	551,586	

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Surplus/(Deficit) for period Estimated **365,250**

Housing Revenue Account

Total Income for period Actual 391,053
Total Income Estimated for period 399,139

Total Expenditure for period Actual 565,074
Total Expenditure Estimated for period 566,560

Surplus (Deficit) for period Actual **(174,022)**
Surplus (Deficit) for period Estimated **(167,421)**

Deficit on Housing Account to be met by Housing Deficiency Payment by Department of Social Care

11/389 Holocaust Memorial Day Service – 29th January 2012

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that Mr Halsall would represent the Authority at the Memorial Service.

11/390 Local Authority Reform

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the extract from the Tynwald Hansard in which the Chief Minister indicated that he was committed to local authority reform within this present term of office.

11/391 Invoices for Approval

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

1. 20434-20441- Salaries
2. 20452- Callin Wild

Planning

11/392 Planning Applications

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

- PA11 01611 - Union Mills Methodist Church - Additional use of Church Hall for a playgroup – Union Mills
- PA11 01620 - Ballashamrock Farm Ltd - Proposed Erection of 2 Agricultural Buildings - Port Soderick
- PA11 01629 - Mr Phillip McArthy - Erection of a first floor extension to dwelling - 3 Ashfield Avenue Union Mills
- PA11 01642 - Mr and Mrs David Pickavance - Single storey extension to form play room, alterations to windows and doors and internal alterations - 139 Fairway Drive Mount Murray
- PA11 01675 - Mr Martin Walters - Installation of replacement windows and doors - Virginia Barn Mount Rule Braddan

11/393 Planning Appeals

It was **unanimously resolved** that the following Planning Appeal against Refusal would be received and noted.

- PA11 01064 B - Communications Dynamics Ltd - Erection of a crossed field radio antenna - Field 524081 Douglas Head

11/394 Planning Approvals

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

- PA11 01314 B - Mr Simon Devereau - Installation of French doors to replace existing rear elevation window - 5 Snugborough Close Union Mills

11/395 Planning Refusals

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

- PA11 01304 B - Mr John Tallon - Erection of an extension to dwelling - 61 Ballanawin Strand Braddan
- PA11 01315 B - Mr Colin Gundry - Erection of conservatory to front elevation - Lossan, 3 The Downs Union Mills

11/396 Planning Correspondence

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

- PA11 01479 B - Cedar Developments - Erection of an industrial building consisting of four bays with officer - Unit 42 Snugborough Trading Estate
- PA11 01642 - Mr and Mrs David Pickavance - Single storey extension to form play room, alterations to windows and doors, and internal alterations - 139 Fairway Drive Santon

Section 2

11/397 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 – 3rd Supplemental List
- iii. Department of Health – Development of Strang Corner Field by Braddan Parish Commissioners
- iv. Department of Social Care – BPC – Boiler Framework Agreement – 100 Dwellings Braddan
- v. RHCC – May 2011 approved Minutes
- vi. CTMLG Meeting 20th September 2011 - Minutes
- vii. Department of Infrastructure – Local Elections Training Workshop – Wednesday 8th February 2012

Private Meeting

11/398 Housing Allocations

The Chairman reported that following her discussion with the Housing Officer after the last meeting she had confirmed that the following changes highlighted in the Housing Officers report should be accepted.

Transfers:

- Property 071 to applicant 309
- Property 021 to applicant 386
- Property 010 to applicant 336

Allocations:

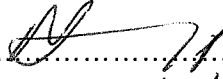
- Property 078 to applicant 1199

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the changes.

11/399 Date for next meeting

It was **unanimously resolved** that the date for the next meeting would be Tuesday 10th January 2012 to consider the estimates followed by a monthly meeting on 24th January.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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..... 24/01/12 **Date**

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