

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BRADDAN PARISH  
COMMISSIONERS**  
held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan  
at 2pm on Monday 22 January 2018.

**In Attendance**

Mr A Jessopp	Chairman
Mr J Quaye	Vice Chairman
Miss C Corkill	
Mr D Dentith	
Mr N Mellon	
Mr J C Whiteway	Clerk
Miss M J Radcliffe	Deputy Clerk

**18/025 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**18/026 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**18/027 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.

**18/028 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**

There were no matters deferred to Private.

**18/029 Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

**Section 1****18/030 To meet with Mr Chris Thomas MHK – Year of our Island 2018**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Chris Thomas MHK and Ms Jennie Wheeler, Change and Reform Programme Lead from the Cabinet Office to the meeting.

They had been invited by the Commissioners to talk about the 2018 Year of Our Island project.

Ms Wheeler explained that the purpose of the project was to help the island's population celebrate all that is good about living on the island, assisting people in giving something back and it was tied into Biosphere Vannin.

A Working Group had been looking at themed months, for example January was "Dark Skies", March "The Great Outdoors", April "Celebrating Community" and May "Innovation and Creativity"

The Chairman wondered if this was a one off approach and if these projects could be permanent fixtures in the island's calendar and Ms Wheeler felt that this could be possible.

Mr Thomas advised that a small budget was available from which people could claim grants to help them but that the project wasn't about Government organising things for everyone, but helping people to celebrate, whether that was old, present or new projects.

He stressed that their aims were:-

- To have a positive impact on the environment
- Encourage people to volunteer to do things
- Maintain the registration for Biosphere Vannin
- Stress the fact that the island is a good place to bring up children

Mr Thomas talked about helping businesses who undertakes corporate responsibility projects to help focus on key aspects. They discussed possible projects such as the Heritage Trail, Cronk Grianagh Park: Art in the Park and Millennium Oakwood.

The time being 3pm, the Chairman thanked their guests for attending and advised that they would forward any suggestions to the Cabinet Office.

**18/031 To consider the Estimates for 2018/19**

The Commissioners considered the Estimates for the following financial year which included the following key points :-

Income:-

- Income based on actual increase in rate income. The Rateable Value of the Parish had increased by 5418 which, if based on the current year's rate of 200p in the £ equated to an additional £11,000 rate income. Further increases in the Rateable Value were expected during the year.
- The administration allowance for housing would increase by £26,000.
- The loss of rent from the garages being demolished would equate to £29,000 at the current rate.

Potential Expenditure or change in past years budget:-

- Small increases in various administration costs were considered and a £4000 decrease in Members' expenses
- The asset valuation of Commissioners' properties would require an increase in the budget by £8000.
- Electricity costs for street lighting had reduced by £5000.
- Not painting the street lighting columns had saved £11,000 from the previous years budget
- An increase in the budget for transferred services of £6000 to increase street cleaning and gulley emptying
- Year of Island 2018 - £5000 towards possible projects
- Schemes that could be undertaken using payment from reserves:-
  - Acquisition of bins - £10,000
  - Cronk Grianagh Park 5 Year Plan - £10,000
  - Playground Matting - £37,000
  - Bus shelter - Cooil Road - £15,000

The matter was adjourned for further consideration at the next meeting. The time being 4.50pm the meeting ended.

Signed .....

Date ..... 25/1/18 .....