

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 14 June 2018.

In Attendance

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

18/215 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

18/216 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

18/217 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.

18/218 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

There were no matters deferred to Private.

18/219 Questions from the Public

The Chairman welcomed Mr Vince Watkins from Union Mills Football Club to the meeting and discussion was held on their plans for the future of the football club.

The Board agreed to keep him updated on Strang Corner Field to avoid any conflict over either parties' plans.

The Chairman thanked Mr Watkins for attending the meeting and he left at 2.30 pm

The Chairman welcomed Mr Bill Shimmins MHK to the meeting.

Discussion points included The Area Plan for the East: brown field sites, compulsory purchase and Braddan Football Club.

The Chairman thanked Mr Shimmins for attending the meeting.

The time being 3.30pm, the Chairman welcomed Mrs Gaffney and Mrs Stewart from the Isle of Man Post Office.

A presentation was given setting out the Post Offices challenges and plans for the future and how these may impact on the community and the work of the local authority.

The Chairman thanked the ladies for attending the meeting and they left at 4.15 pm



18/220 Minutes of Recent Meetings

The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Thursday 17 May 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of proceedings.

18/221 Matters Arising**a) Petition to exchange land at Cronkbourne Village – Minute 18/204 (a)**

The Clerk advised that legal work was continuing for the sale of the village, but the purchaser had accepted that there may be some delay in getting legal title to the land owned by the Architect's Studio.

The purchaser proposed that if the Architect's Studio showed commitment to the transfer of the land in the form of a Deed of Rectification, he would consider completing on the contract.

A suitable document was produced and signed by Mr Cryer on behalf of the Architect's Studio and Mr Jessopp on behalf of the Commissioners.

b) Cronk Grianagh Park – Minute 18/204 (c)

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the report from the Clerk which advised that work had commenced on the refurbishment of the play equipment and the report on the first of the seven stage checking process had been submitted by the Clerk of Works.

c) Memorial Hall – Minute 18/204 (e)

The Clerk confirmed that work had commenced on the repair to the roof and the painting of the exterior.

It was also **unanimously resolved** to note that the first indication of costs to carry out improvements to the drainage in the front garden of the hall were in the region of £10k.

18/222 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.

18/223 Chairman's Announcement

There was no Chairman's Announcement.

Section 1**18/224 Invoices for approval**

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

3679 – B&R Consulting
 3402 - Broxap
 6100 - Salaries
 3657 – Kaye Associates
 3704 – Kaye Associates
 3697 – Maclo
 3695 – D G Wood
 3718 – Marshall Cryer
 3710 - IDG

18/225 Union Mills Football Club - Leases

The Commissioners considered a report from the Clerk regarding the Deeds and Lease on various areas of land at the Football Club, which explained that not all the legal documents had been signed and sealed by all parties.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would if possible identify the relevant

documents, and arrange for them to be brought back to the next meeting.

- 18/226 Amendments to access and eligibility criteria for public sector housing - summary and analysis of consultation responses April 2018**
The Commissioners considered the above document and it was **unanimously resolved** to note the contents.
- 18/227 Douglas Borough Council – Local Government Pension Scheme - Abolition of Contracting Out**
The Commissioners noted a copy of a letter between Douglas Borough Council and the Treasury requesting recompense to cover the increased Employer costs following the abolition by the Isle of Man Government of the system to contract out from the National Insurance scheme, which was to come into operation in April 2019.
- It was **unanimously resolved** to note that Treasury had declined the request.
- 18/228 Staff Salaries**
The Commissioners considered a report from the Clerk advising that, as with other authorities around the island, the annual cost of living pay award for staff had been determined by the better of two indicators, these being Whitley Council for Manual Workers and the Isle of Man Civil Service.
- However following the amalgamation of the Civil Service Commission and Whitley Council a new body, the Public Service Commission, had been created, and the other authorities had decided to select their two comparators, the Public Service Commission and the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.
- The Clerk recommended that the Board followed the same system, but after a debate it was **unanimously resolved** to align the staff to only the Public Service Commission.
- 18/229 Accounts – Year Ended 31 March 2018**
It was **unanimously resolved** to note the draft copy of the accounts.
- 18/230 Area Plan for the East - Consultation**
A copy of the Draft of the Area Plan for the East from 25 May 2018 was handed out to the Board Members.
- It was **unanimously resolved** to hold a special meeting to further consider the matter.
- 18/231 Snugborough Farm – Consideration of change of access**
A discussion was held on different options for access to the proposed development of apartments at Snugborough Farm. The Clerk put forward two proposals, one access by going around the Commissioners' Office and the second, to demolish 10 Snugborough Avenue to allow for a two way system which would avoid building a road through the grassed area outside the Commissioners' Office.
- The Commissioners felt that the option to demolish the house had some merit and it was **unanimously resolved** to invite the architect to the next meeting to discuss the matter.
- 18/232 Housing – Eastern Region – Update**
The Commissioners considered an email from the Department of Infrastructure asking if the Board would like another meeting with the Minister to update them on Housing in the Eastern Region.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure and the eastern housing authorities.

18/233 Cutting of grass – 6 Close y Locker

The Commissioners considered a report from the Housing Officer setting out a request from a tenant to take over part of the communal garden that is currently maintained by the Commissioners' contractor.

It was **unanimously resolved** to grant the tenant's request, with the relevant increase in rent, on the understanding that access to the garden would not be denied to the adjacent tenant.

18/234 Permissions for alterations – shared garden – 10/11 Close y Lhergy

It was **unanimously resolved** to defer consideration until Item 18/240 had been considered.

18/235 Approval to Petition for the sale of Unit 41

After discussion it was agreed to sell Unit 41, Snugborough Trading Estate and to use the funds to purchase a secure enclosed storage unit.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advertise the Unit with offers in excess of £150,000 and it was agreed a Petition would be submitted to the Department.

18/236 Approval to Petition to purchase Unit 12 Middle Park Industrial Estate

The Clerk advised that a price of £175,000 had been negotiated providing that the purchase could be completed by 30th June.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advertise in the paper that the Authority would be Petitioning the Department of Infrastructure for permission to purchase the Unit.

18/237 Gambling Commission – Application for Amusement with Prize machine – Vagabonds Rugby Club

The Commissioners considered a letter from the Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission, requesting the Commissioners' views on an Amusement with Prize Machine, within Vagabonds Rugby Club.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise the Commission that the Board had no objection to such a machine.

18/238 Memorial Hall Collection Boxes – TT 2018

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that £443.99 had been collected in the donation buckets during TT Practice and Race Weeks.

18/239 New Electricity Supply – Christmas Tree, Nobles Hospital

The Commissioners considered a quotation from the Manx Utilities Authority to install a new electricity supply at the entrance to the Nobles Hospital driveway, which would allow the Commissioners to site an LED Christmas tree there.

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the expenditure of £3052 + VAT, on the proviso that no visibility issues were identified prior to installation.

18/240 Car parking complaint – Close y Lhergy

The Commissioners considered a report from the Community Warden regarding car parking in Close y Lhergy but it was **unanimously resolved** to consider the matter at the next meeting.

Planning**18/241 Planning Applications**

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

- PA18/00497/A – Mr P Doyle – Approval in principle for the construction of five dwellings to replace existing workshop and two existing dwellings addressing means of access – Woodstock, Vicarage Road, Braddan, IM4 2QP.
- PA18/00227/B – Mr H Jones – Erection of a double garage to replace existing single garage – Part of Field 524027, Land at rear of Oakhill Cottages, Oak Hill, Port Soderick, Isle of Man – AMENDED PLANS
- PA18/00176/B – Braddan Parish Commissioners – Proposed construction of 24 two bedroom apartments & 6 one bedroom apartments with associated car parking and landscaping – Snugborough House, Main Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4LW – AMENDED PLANS
- PA18/00562/B – Mr & Mrs C Lawlor – Installation of a rear dormer window – Ardine, Strang Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4NW
- PA18/00551B – Mannin Retail Ltd – Demolition of garages, front bay window & single storey extensions & erection of single storey shop extension to rear, alterations to front elevation & formation of three parking spaces – Central Stores, Main Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4AD
- PA18/00548/B – Progress Shaving Brush (Vulfix) Ltd – Erection of an industrial unit – Cronkbourne Business Park, Ballafletcher Farm Road, Braddan, IM 4 4QE
- PA18/00573/B – Mr D McGreevy – Alterations, erection of two storey extension and alterations to vehicular access – Riversdale, Strang Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4NP

18/242 Planning Approvals

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

- PA18/00151/B - Mr Paul & Mrs Beatrix Shorrock - Installation of flue from a log burner (retrospective) - 21 River Walk, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4TJ
- PA18/00189/B - Heron & Brearley Ltd - Removal of conditions 1 & 2 of 14/01078/B, Installation of timber fencing (retrospective), regarding Northern boundary fencing and addition planting of hedge - Horse And Plough, Isle Of Man Business Park, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM2 2QZ
- PA18/00222/B - Hospice Isle Of Man - Amendments to car park to provide 22 additional spaces for staff and visitor parking - Hospice Isle Of Man, Strang, Isle Of Man, IM4 4RP.
- PA18/00223/B - Hospice Isle Of Man - Alterations and enhancements to new entrance and reception area to in-patient unit - Hospice Isle Of Man, Strang, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4RP

18/243 General Matters

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

- Eastern Shared Housing Waiting List
- Garage rent – 2018/19 – Letter to tenant and supporting documentation

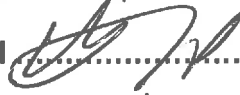
18/244 Any Other Business

- a) **Height Barrier**- It was agreed to defer the matter to a later date.

18/245 Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next meetings were set at:-
2pm on Thursday 28 June 2018
2pm on Thursday 19 July 2018
2pm on Thursday 2 August 2018

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

Signed 

Date 12/7/18

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