

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

**In Attendance**

Mr A Jessopp                      Chairman  
Miss C Corkill  
Mr D Dentith  
Mr J Quayle  
Mr J C Whiteway              Clerk  
Miss M J Radcliffe      Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer

- 18/271 Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Mr Neal Mellon.
- 18/272 Declaration of Interest**  
There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 18/273 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.
- 18/274 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**  
There were no matters deferred to Private.
- 18/275 Questions from the Public**  
At 2pm, the Chairman welcomed the Chief Minister, Mr Howard Quayle MHK to the meeting.  
Various issues were discussed including Brexit, the upcoming hose pipe ban on 3 August and the Draft Area Plan for the East.  
  
The time being 2.30pm, the Chairman thanked the Chief Minister for attending and Mr Quayle left the meeting.  
  
The Chairman then welcomed Mr Andrew Bentley to discuss the planning application numbered PA18/00551/B from Mannin Retail Limited for the Spar Shop in Union Mills.  
  
A discussion was held on the proposed alterations to the building. At 3pm the Chairman thanked Mr Bentley for attending and he left the meeting.
- 18/276 Minutes of Recent Meetings**  
The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Thursday 12 July 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of proceedings.
- 18/277 Matters Arising**  
**(a) Leases for Union Mills Football Club – Minute 18/252 (a)**  
The Clerk reported that the leases had now been signed by the then Chairman at the time they were originally issued.
- 18/278 Matters for Consideration from Section 2**  
There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.
- 18/279 Chairman's Announcement**  
There was no Chairman's Announcement.

**Section 1****18/280 Invoices for approval**

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

- 3895 – Norman Cowin Limited
- 3883 – D G Wood & Son
- 3885 – Hanley & Bell Limited
- 3892 – Island Drainage & Groundwork Limited
- 3894 – Manx Utilities
- 3917 – Douglas Borough Council

**18/281 Tynwald Select Committee on Poverty**

The Commissioners considered a letter from the Hon J P Watterson SHK, Chair of the Tynwald Select Committee on Poverty, seeking the Board's views on issues relating to poverty.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise the Select Committee that the Board had no policies in place in relation to the management of poverty in the Parish, but that the Commissioners rather tenuous approach to the matter was that they had a representative on the Braddan Endowment Committee.

**18/282 Department of Health and Social Care – Older People's Housing Needs for the Future**

The Commissioners considered a letter from Mrs Barbara Scott, Director of Infrastructure, Department of Health and Social Care, seeking the Board's views and suggestions regarding the future accommodation needs of older people and any future plans the Authority may have to address this.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise Mrs Scott that the Commissioners' new flats at Snugborough Farm would be designed to meet the needs of all age ranges, but had no other plans with regard to this matter.

**18/283 Draft Area Plan for the East - Land at Braddan Bridge – Mr D Moore**

Careful consideration was given to an approach from Mr Moore, who had intentions of building a single property adjacent to his house at Braddan Bridge. Mr Moore was seeking the Board's support for his proposal and asked if the Board would submit it as part of their Eastern Plan submission.

It was **unanimously resolved** that as long as any development was not over intensive, the Commissioners would support an application and will comment on the Draft Area Plan for the East.

**18/284 Isle of Man Government – Waste Strategy – July 2018**

The Board considered the revised Isle of Man Waste Strategy which had recently been released by the Department of Infrastructure.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the Waste Strategy.

**18/285 Petition – Braddan Parish Commissioners – Proposed Purchase of Unit 12, Middle Park Industrial Estate, Braddan**

The Commissioners noted the Department of Infrastructure's approval of their Petition made under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985, to purchase Unit 12, Middle Park Industrial Estate from Dandara Commercial Limited for the sum of £175,000.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the approval and that subsequently the

purchase contract had been signed and completed.

The Clerk then sought their advice on the stand alone 20 ft storage containers in Unit 41. He suggested that it should be sold rather than taking it to the new building and it was **unanimously resolved** that bids should be sought with offers over £1500 + VAT.

**18/286 Draft Area Plan for the East – Facilitated Local Government Leadership Workshop**

The Commissioners considered an invitation from Mr Will Greenhow, Chief Secretary of the Cabinet Office, inviting two Board members and an Officer to the facilitated leadership workshop on 14 September 2018.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Chairman, Miss Corkill and the Clerk would attend on behalf of the Board.

**18/287 Parish Boundary**

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk, which detailed the nuances surrounding the management of services on the boundary with Douglas. The Clerk advised that Officers from both Authorities had made numerous attempts to resolve the issues of street cleaning and lighting and it was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk should organise a political meeting to seek a formal solution.

**18/288 Douglas Borough Council – Road Sweeping Agreement**

Consideration was given to a legal agreement for the provision of road sweeping services by Douglas Borough Council on behalf of Braddan Commissioners.

It was **unanimously resolved** to sign the agreement.

**18/289 Draft Area Plan for the East – Appointment of Planning Consultant**

The Commissioners considered the content of a contract between Pegasus Planning Group Limited and Braddan Parish Commissioners to appoint the company as the Commissioners' Planning Consultants for the Draft Area Plan for the East.

It was **unanimously resolved** to execute the contract and appoint Mr Jim Tarzey of Pegasus Planning Group Limited as the Board's Planning Consultant. A video conference with Mr Tarzey was arranged for Friday 17 August at 1.45pm.

**18/290 Rate Discounts**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report regarding the Commissioners' policy on the deadline for granting rate discounts.

The Clerk asked the Board for clarification of their policy in the light of recent requests from Parishioners.

It was **unanimously resolved** that, where the last day of June fell on a weekend, there should be an extra working day to allow payments to be made. However, it was further **resolved** that payment (cash or cheque) must be actually received in this office before close of business on that day. This meant that payments that were still in the postal system even if dated 30<sup>th</sup>, would not benefit from the discount.

The Finance Officer also advised that following some initial research there appeared to be a difference in the way that Authorities granted exemptions for

charities.

It was **unanimously resolved** to await further research from the Finance Officer.

**18/291 Plastic Recycling**

The Chairman reported on a discussion he had had with Mr Causer, regarding the types of plastic that were currently being rejected by the contractor on the kerbside collection service.

A discussion was held on the service being provided in the light of the volatile recycling markets and it was **unanimously resolved** to raise the matter with their contractor on the types of plastics they would collect.

**Planning**

**18/292 Planning Applications**

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

- PA18/00704/B – Mr & Mrs R Bolton - Erection of single storey garden room on roadside elevation of property – Ellenbrook House, Old Castletown Road, Braddan, IM4 1AQ
- PA18/00721/B – Mr A Winslade – Replacement of existing conservatory with an extension – 105 Fairways Drive, Mount Murray, Braddan, IM4 2JL
- PA18/00379/B – Bodystat Properties Ltd – Erection of building to provide four units for storage (Class 6), commercial industrial, light industrial (Class 5) use with associated parking and access – Site adjacent to Bodystat Ltd (Ballakaap), Ballafletcher Road, Braddan.
- PA18/00769/B – Swagelok Ltd – Erection of an external storage building – Factory, Ballafletcher Farm Road, Tromode, Braddan, IM4 4RA
- PA18/00768 – Mr R Cuthbert – Replacement of existing garage roof in order to create flat roof terrace accessed from sun room – Low Wood, Strang Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4NP

**18/292 Planning Approvals**

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

- PA17/01101/B – Eden Park Developments Limited – Creation of 15 additional parking spaces and landscaping – Site adjacent to Units A1 to A6, B1 to B6, C1 to C6 & D1 to D6, Eden Business Park, Cooil Road, Braddan.
- PA18/00461/D – Mr T George – Installation of signage – Units 3 & 4, Block C, Eden Business Park, Braddan, IM4 2AY
- PA18/00502C – Mr B Griffin & Miss A Quinn – Additional use of residential dwelling as tourist living accommodation – 4 Clybane Close, Braddan, IM2 2LS
- PA18/00227/B - Mr Harry Jones - Erection of a double garage to replace existing single garage - Part Field 524027 Land At Rear Of Oakhill Cottages, Oak Hill, Port Soderick, Braddan

**18/293 Planning Appeals**

- PA18/00117/B – Mr & Mrs J Bentley – Appeal against the refusal of the alterations and the erection of first floor extension to existing studio apartment – Garage, Poyl Breck, East Baldwin, Braddan.

**18/294 General Matters**

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

- Eastern Shared Housing Waiting List
- Water Pollution Act - Discharge Licence Application - Treated sewage effluent from Kilkenny House, Colooneys Lane, Braddan, IM4 2AG

**Any Other Business**

**18/295 Water Fountains/Bottle Fillers – Heritage Trail**

Mr Quaye asked if any progress had been made in relation to siting public water fountains or bottle fillers on the Heritage Trail.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the Clerk's advice that research was ongoing in relation to this matter.

**18/296 CCTV – Strang Stores**

Mr Dentith asked if the CCTV at the Strang Stores belonged to the Commissioners. The Clerk advised that some time ago the equipment had been deemed as outdated and as there was no longer a requirement for a security system in the area for the Commissioners' purposes, the equipment had been handed over to the owner of the shop.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the Clerk's advice.

**18/297 Cronk Grianagh Park – Playground**

Mr Dentith asked for copies of the Clerk of Works' Reports on the renovation of the equipment as he had a concern that the contractor was well behind on the agreed schedule.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would circulate the reports from the Clerk of Works.

**18/298 Weed Spraying**

Mr Dentith asked for an update on the matter. The Clerk advised that the worst areas had already been sprayed and the rest of the areas were expected to be completed soon.

**18/299 Date for Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting was set at:-  
2pm on Thursday 16 August 2018  
2pm on Thursday 6 September 2018

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

Signed .....  
Date ..... 5/9/18