

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
 held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
 at 2pm on Thursday 20 September 2018.

In Attendance

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

- 18/329 Apologies for absence**
 Apologies were received from Mr Dentith and Mr Mellon.
- 18/330 Declaration of Interest**
 There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 18/331 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.
- 18/332 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**
 There were no matters deferred to Private.
- 18/333 Questions from the Public**
 2pm - The Chairman welcomed Mr Howard Quayle, Chief Minister, to the meeting. Various topics were discussed, including Housing, Abandoned Vehicles, Public Sector rent, changes in the Town and Country Planning Bill 2018 and Governments change in policy from using CPI and not RPI (J) as a measure of inflation
 The Chairman thanked Mr Quayle for attending and he left at 2.20pm.
- The Chairman then welcomed to the meeting Mr Paul Corteen and Mrs Sarah Maginn from IDG Ltd, the Authority's current kerbside collection contractor.
- Mr Corteen had been invited to discuss the service his company was providing and to discuss the types of materials that would be collected by the kerbside service in the light of recent market changes whilst still being cognisant of the understanding of the terms of the initial contract.
- A lengthy discussion was had on the future of the service and this included the range of other local authorities were presently being collected and their plans for the future.
- The Chairman expressed his desire to have a consistent and cohesive service and felt that the authorities who were expressing a heavy interest in the service, Douglas, Peel, Western Civic Amenity Board, Port Erin and Malew should meet to discuss their plans for the future.
- The Chairman thanked Mr Corteen and Mrs Maginn and then asked the Clerk to urgently arrange a meeting of all the parties.
- 18/334 Minutes of Recent Meetings**
 The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Thursday 6 September 2018 were unanimously approved as a correct record of proceedings.

18/335 Matters Arising**(i) Public Sector Rent Setting**

Following previous discussions at which the Commissioners had advised that the rent increase should be based on RPI, the Clerk had been informed that the indicator for Government was now CPI.

In light of the new information, the Board **unanimously agreed** that their proposal be amended from 3.5% to 1.6% which was the CPI as of July 2018.

It was also suggested that Central Government should look at setting rents for a five year period to avoid the annual rounds of consultation with local authorities.

(ii) Cronkbourne Village Sale/Purchase of Private Road

It was **unanimously agreed** to note the Clerks report which confirmed that the purchase of the portion of Private Road in Cronkbourne Village had now been negotiated at a cost of £7500, together with legal costs, subject to the owner, Mr Moore, proving title.

18/336 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.

18/337 Chairman's Announcement

There was no Chairman's Announcement.

Section 1**18/338 Invoices for approval**

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

4119 – Bell Burton Associates

4111 – Douglas Borough Council

4041 – Manx Utilities Authority

4130 – Burroughs Stewart Associates

4132 – Evolution Accounting

4131 – Evolution Accounting

18/339 Final Consultation – Town and Country Planning Bill 2018

Consideration was given to the Final Consultation of the Town and Country Planning Bill 2018.

It was **unanimously agreed** to invite a member of the Cabinet Office to discuss the rationale behind the proposed changes to the existing legislation.

18/340 Coronation Community Garden – The Strang

The Chairman welcomed Ruth Baldwin-Martin to the meeting at 3pm. The Chairman stated that he wished to thank her on behalf of the Commissioners for her hard work in looking after Coronation Community Garden along with her young son George, over these past two years.

Mrs Baldwin-Martin was then presented with small token of the Commissioners appreciation of the work she had done at the garden.

18/341 Proposed Height Barrier – Union Mills car park

The Commissioners considered a report from the Clerk, detailing the options and costs of installing a height barrier to restrict the size of vehicles using the car park in Union Mills. Large commercial vehicles were using the car park, which had led to the walls and bollards being damaged and reduced the number of parking spaces available to members of the public.

It was **unanimously resolved** to purchase and install an adjustable height restrictor at the entrance to Union Mills car park.

- 18/342 Permission for alterations – shared garden – 10/11 Close y Lhergy**
Consideration was given to a report from the Housing Officer, detailing a request from a tenant to replace the decking in the shared rear garden with paving slabs and to either erect a shed or alter the access into the garden.

After a site visit, it was **unanimously resolved** to grant permission to the tenant to slab the garden, but they refused permission to erect a shed due to limited space. Instead, the Commissioners offered a compromise, subject to planning permission and the tenant formally requesting this option, to erect a shed on adjacent waste ground at his own expense,

- 18/343 Off Road Parking Spaces – Close y Lhergy**
The Commissioners considered a report from the Clerk regarding a proposal to formally mark out and allocate parking spaces in Close y Lhergy for tenants.

After discussion, it was **unanimously resolved** to defer a decision until a future meeting of the Authority.

- 18/344 Recycling Boxes**
The Clerk had sourced an example of new recycling boxes, currently being considered by the Western Civic Amenity Site, consisting of 3 stacked boxes on a trolley, roughly equal in size to a domestic wheelie bin.

It was **unanimously resolved** the Board would arrange for a meeting of interested groups to discuss the future of recycling on the island and to formulate a common approach on recycling. Invitees would include Douglas Borough Council and Commissioners from Peel, Malew, Port Erin and the Board members from the Western Civic Amenity Site.

- 18/345 The Parish Commissioners of Braddan Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018**
The Clerk put forward for the Board's consideration, a set of accounts that had been prepared by Grant Thornton under the revised system set down in the Isle of Man Statement of Recommended Practice 2007 [SORP] and the provisions of the Audit Act 2006.

It was noted that as at 31 March 2018 the Year End Balance stood at a surplus of **£92,541** and the General Reserve at a surplus of **£1,082,898**.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Letter of Representation, together with the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2018 would be signed by the Chairman and Finance Officer and forwarded to the Auditors, Grant Thornton, for their final signature.

Planning

- 18/346 Planning Applications**
It was **unanimously resolved** that the Commissioners had no objections to the following Planning Applications:-
- PA18/00942/B – Mr R Kelly – Alterations & additions to property including removal of two chimneys, new porch and widening of existing driveway – White Lodge Main Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4LW
 - PA18/00985/B – Miss J France – Erection of a rear conservatory & raised deck – 10 Ballanawin, The Strang, Braddan, IM4 4NR

- PA18/00986/B – Mr R Ellis – Installation of a 2m high security fencing to the north eastern boundary of the car park - IOM Post Office Headquarters, Spring Valley Industrial Estate, Braddan, IM2 2AA

18/347 Planning Approvals

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

- PA18/00631/B - Mr Alec & Mrs Judith Brook - Alterations and replacement of existing glazed conservatory roof with tiles - 3 River Heights, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4TG
- PA18/00651/B - Vicky Tami James - Widening of existing vehicular access - Wickham House, 106 Fairways Drive, Mount Murray, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 2JL
- PA18/00721/B - Mr Andrew Winslade - Replacement of existing conservatory with an extension - 105 Fairways Drive, Mount Murray, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 2JL
- PA18/00562/B - Mr Ciaran & Mrs Carolyn Lawlor - Installation of a rear dormer window - Ardine Strang Road Union Mills, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4NW

18/348 Planning Appeals

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

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

18/349 General Matters

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

- Rates Income Report – 1 September 2018

Any Other Business**18/350 Use of Unit 12, Middle Park by D G Wood & Son**

The Clerk advised that he had been approached by Mr Harvey Wood enquiring if it would be possible to rent part of the Commissioners' new unit at Middle Park to store his gardening machinery.

It was **unanimously resolved** to refuse Mr Wood's request as it was yet to be determined if the unit was to be used for document storage.

18/351 Energy from Waste Plant

The Chairman advised he had visited the EfW Plant last week and new measuring equipment had been recently fitted. He confirmed he was still seeking a Richmond Hill Consultative Committee Meeting.

18/352 Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set at:-
2pm on Thursday 4 October 2018
2pm on Thursday 18 October 2018

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5.15pm.

Signed

Date 4/10/18