

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 14 March 2019.

In Attendance

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

- 19/088 Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies received.
- 19/089 Declaration of Interest**
Mr Quaye declared an interest in Item 12 on the agenda regarding the sewage farm.
- 19/090 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.
- 19/091 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**
There were no matters deferred to Private.
- 19/092 Questions from the Public**
The Chairman welcomed representatives from IOM Creamery to discuss the recycling of the organisations new organic milk cartons.
 They explained that the cartons were not bio-degradable but were recyclable. This however required going through a two stage process and then being transported to Holland.

 The Board noted that the management of the old cartons had not been planned for by the IOM Creamery, but they were now trialling a scheme with a number of local authorities for the collection of the materials which could in fact but mixed with other tetra packs.

 The representatives advised that they hoped the cartons would be collected at the Civic Amenity sites.

 The Board advised that they would consider the matter and thanked the representatives for their attendance.
- 19/093 Minutes of Recent Meetings**
The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Thursday 21 February 2019 were unanimously approved as a correct record of proceedings.
- 19/094 Matters Arising**
a) Road safety- Braddan Road: Minute 19/071
 The Chairman advised that the meeting with Mr Harmer MHK, the Member for Department of Infrastructure, Mr Shimmins MHK, himself and a number of technical staff from Dol had taken place.

 He advised that there was a degree of resistance from the technical staff to

make any changes to the present system, but eventually they agreed to look at the speed on the road again, and would survey the need of either a pelican or zebra crossing.

The Clerk was asked to determine the anticipated length and timing of the surveys.

At the meeting the width of the pavements had been a matter of concern to the users of the road, and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the owners of the retaining walls to see if there was any scope for expansion.

b) Bus shelters- Cooil Road : Minute 19/077

The Clerk advised that a cheaper quote for the installation had been received from J Clawsons who had subsequently been issued the contract.

c) IOM Construction Federation – Manx Accredited Construction Contractors Scheme (MACCS): Minute 19/079

The Clerk reported that he and the Housing Officer had attended the meeting which was a fact finding exercise, and the report was awaited.

19/095 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.

19/096 Chairman's Announcement

The Chairman wished to announce that, after 2 years, the sale of Cronkbourne Village had been completed on Tuesday 5th March 2019. However he felt that much of the delay had been caused by the poor service provided by the advocate and he asked that they be invited to reflect on the matter and give feedback to the Commissioners.

Section 1

19/097 Invoices for approval

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

4655 - Douglas Borough Council - ECAS
4560 – Douglas Borough Council - Road sweeping
4672 - Silva Consulting (Quantity Surveyors)

19/098 Recycling – Nobles Hospital

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the response from Nobles who thought they were already doing as much recycling as was practicable.

19/099 Climate Change – Chairman to raise

It was **unanimously resolved** to defer the matter to the next meeting

19/100 Manx Utilities – Public Lighting – Changes to charging for maintenance contract

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the new charging regime and sign the new maintenance contract for 2019/20.

19/101 Height Barrier – Union Mills car park

Consideration was given to an approach from Leonard Cheshire Isle of Man in relation to problems being experienced by a person with an adapted vehicle that was taller than the 2.1m limit presently in place.

It was noted that the vehicle was an adapted commercial Mercedes van which is much taller than the Mercedes Vito which the organisation claimed the vehicle was.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise Leonard Cheshire that the height was to remain at 2.1m to stop the commercial vehicles from entering the car park which were either taking up more than one parking space or damaging the road surface and boundary walls.

The Clerk was also to advise that there was a designated Disabled Parking space at the rear of the Memorial Hall on Maitland Terrace should owners of larger vehicles wish to avail themselves.

19/102 Modernisation of the rates – domestic & non domestic

Consideration was given to an invitation to a series of workshops in relation to the proposed modernisation exercise.

It was **unanimously resolved** to that the Chairman, Mr Quaye, Miss Corkill and the Clerk and Deputy Clerk would attend the workshops.

19/103 Cronkbourne Village - Lease

Consideration was given to the lease for the remaining occupied properties and it was **unanimously resolved** that it could be signed by the Chairman.

19/104 Housing Policies

Consideration was given to a request from a tenant, due to their poor mobility, to have the upstairs bath removed and replaced with a level access shower.

The Clerk advised that such work required extensive alterations and it was not the normal practice to undertake such work in houses and that tenants with this type of need were better accommodated in a flat.

Before any further consideration was to be given to the matter it was **unanimously resolved** to seek an assessment from the Occupational Therapy Service.

19/105 Snugborough Farm Development – Contract Documents – for signing

It was **unanimously resolved** to sign the agreement between the contractor and the Commissioners for the construction of the new properties.

19/106 Snugborough Farm Development – ceremonial “turf cutting” – Chairman & Board Members

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Commissioners would attend the “breaking ground” ceremony that was to be held at 2pm on Wednesday 21st March 2019.

19/107 Recycling Trolleys – Allocation policy

It was **unanimously resolved** to purchase 100 trolleys as a trial exercise and these were to be allocated to present users of the service, who could apply to be considered, and for which there would be at no charge.

19/108 Renewal of weed killing contract

The Clerk reported that the contractor had provided an excellent service during his one year contract and asked for a further extension of two years which was usual practice.

It was **unanimously resolved** to extend the contract with Gareth Kelly for a further two years taking it to 2020/21,

19/109 Pavement Clearance

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that, after further discussions with the

Department of Infrastructure, it had been confirmed that the clearance of pavements was part of the transfer of functions from central to local government.

19/110 Expressions of interest – Union Mills Sewage Treatment Works

Mr Quaye left the room prior to the commencement of discussions.

The Board noted the information from Manx Utilities advising that a portion of the former sewage treatment works was now up for sale.

The area shown created a "ransom strip" so it was **unanimously resolved** to seek confirmation of the area in question before any further consideration.

19/111 Contract for valuation of the land and properties belonging to Braddan Commissioners.

It was noted that tender submissions had been submitted from two estate agents, Chrystals and Black Grace Cowley in relation to the valuation of the properties in accordance with the Accounts and Audit regulations.

It was **unanimously resolved** to award the contract to the lowest tender bid which was from Chrystals.

19/112 Workshop for the Council of Ministers Working Party on Libraries

The Commissioners noted the invitation but as it was at the time of the next Board meeting it was **unanimously resolved**, with regret, to decline the offer.

Planning

19/113 Planning Applications

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

- PA19/00041/B – Mr R Kelly T/A Rock Point Investments – Erection of a double garage within grounds of the property – White Lodge, Main Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4LW – AMENDED PLANS.
- PA19/00191/B – Ms F Collier – Erection of log cabin for use as a home studio for arts and crafts business operating from dwelling – Abbotsleigh, Strang Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4NP

19/114 Planning Approvals

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following Planning Approvals:-

- PA18/01173/B - Mrs Trene Kinrade - Alterations erection of extension to replace existing and creation of raised patio and decked area – Cronksyde, 5 Cronk Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4NJ
- PA19/00051/B - Jacksons (Isle Of Man) 2015 Ltd - Erection of an entrance canopy - Jacksons Ltd, Eden Business Park, Cooil Road, Braddan, Isle Of Man IM4 2AZ
- PA19/00052/D - Jacksons (Isle Of Man) 2015 Ltd - Installation of illuminated signage - Jacksons Ltd, Eden Business Park, Cooil Road, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 2AZ
- PA19/00063/B - Manx Gas Ltd - Siting of two storage shipping containers -

- Gas Storage Site, Peel Road Industrial Estate, Braddan, Isle Of Man IM4 4LE
 - PA18/01176/B - Braddan Parish Commissioners - Demolition of property in order to widen existing access road - 10 Snugborough Avenue, Union Mills, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4LR
 - PA18/01214/C - Caroline Etherington Therapies - Additional use of residential property as a therapy treatment business - 38 Ballanawin, Strang, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4NT

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General Matters

1. The Clerk reported that on Monday 11th March their computers had been subject to a significant cyber-attack that their contractor was presently trying to resolve.

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Any Other Business

1. Shared Eastern Housing Waiting List
2. Schedule of Rent Arrears – Weeks 48 –
3. Rates – 1st Supplemental List – 2019/2020
4. Manx National Rally – 10 & 11 May 2019
5. Isle of Man Cycling Association – IOM Youth & Junior Tour 2019 Cycle Event – 3rd – 5th May 2019
6. Year of Our Island 2018 – Closing Events
7. Notice of Intention to Demolish 10 Snugborough Avenue

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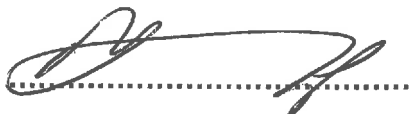
Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set at:-

28th March 2019

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.45 pm.

Signed



Date

28/3/19