

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 28 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

- 19/118 Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies received.
- 19/119 Declaration of Interest**
Mr Quaye declared an interest in the Clerk's Matters Arising from the previous meeting relating to Snugborough Sewage Works.
- 19/120 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.
- 19/121 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**
Item 15 relating to Mr Lewin was deferred to a Private session.
- 19/122 Questions from the Public**
There were no questions from any members of the public.
- 19/123 Minutes of previous Meeting**
The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2019 were unanimously approved as a correct record of proceedings.
- 19/124 Matters Arising**
- a) Union Mills Sewage Treatment Works**
The Chairman agreed that Mr Quaye could remain in the room but not vote on the matter.
- The Clerk advised that he had been able to confirm with Central Government that all the site, not just one portion originally identified in their plan, was for sale.
- After a brief discussion the remaining four Commissioners **unanimously resolved** to express an interest in the site.
- b) Demolition of No. 10 Snugborough Avenue**
It was **unanimously resolved** to note the approval of the demolition of the property. The Clerk advised that a meeting between the contractor, the Chairman and the tenant had been arranged for the following week to address any concerns they had about the demolition.
- 19/125 Matters for Consideration from Section 2**
There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.
- 19/126 Chairman's Announcement**
There was no Chairman's Announcement.

Section 1**19/127 Invoices for approval**

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

- 4686 – B&C Energy Solutions Ltd – Bus shelters
- 4761 – Department of Infrastructure – Tipping charges @ EfW Plant
- 4759 – Douglas Borough Council – Eastern Civic Amenity Site Costs
- 4762 – Manx Utilities – Public Lighting Maintenance – Jan-Mar 2019
- 4747 – Bell Burton Associates – Snugborough Farm Fees
- 4737 – Callin Wild – Sale of Cronkbourne Village
- 4641 – Douglas Borough Council – Road sweeping
- 4683 – JRB Enterprises Ltd – Economy dog waste bags
- 4729 – Manx Business Solutions – Laserfiche
- 4463 – Prescott Associates Ltd - Woodland Management – Cronk Grianagh Park
- 4730 – Sage UK
- 4754 – Voodoo Ltd – Ratemann
- 4546 – Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd – Woodland Management - Cronk Grianagh Park

19/128 Insurance Renewals 2019

The Commissioners considered a Renewal Report from Aon for the next financial year 2019/20.

It was **unanimously resolved** to renew the policies with Zurich, Tower and pay the brokers fee to AON plc.

19/129 Isle of Man Creameries – Bring Bank at the Eastern Civic Amenity Site

Consideration was given to an email from Douglas Borough Council setting out a proposal from the Isle of Man Creamery to carry out a three-month trial of keeping a Bring Bank at the Eastern Civic Amenity Site for 'plant based' milk cartons and tetra packs.

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the proposal and advise Douglas Borough Council.

19/130 Abandoned Vehicles

The Commissioners considered a report from the Community Warden advising that a process for dealing with abandoned vehicles in the parish had now been agreed with the Department of Infrastructure.

The new method would allow the Authority to place a Seven Day Notice on any vehicle suspected of being abandoned and inform Parking Control that a Notice had been issued.

If after seven days the vehicle had not been moved, Parking Control would be notified and the vehicle removed to the Department of Infrastructure's compound. The responsibility to notify the last registered owner rests with the Department, not the Commissioners.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the report.

19/131 Ballachrink House, West Baldwin Road

Consideration was given to a report from the Community Warden in relation to an anonymous complaint he had received regarding the grounds at Ballachrink House, West Baldwin.

The complainant was concerned that the property was an eyesore due to the large amount of makeshift livestock and storage shelters and poly tunnels, some of which are located close to the roadway.

It was **unanimously resolved** to ask the Community Warden to discuss the matter with the land owner.

19/132 Nuisance Complaint – Feeding the birds

The Commissioners considered a report from the Community Warden setting out the history of a complaint of feeding birds in the street against a tenant in Snugborough estate.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the matter had been resolved by virtue of the fact that no substantial evidence had been produced and statements from the original complainants had been withdrawn

19/133 Climate Change Mitigation Strategy 2020 - 2030

The Chairman suggested that the next item on the agenda, Climate Emergency Declaration, should be merged with this matter.

A discussion was held on the lack of activity that had been taken by Central Government on this matter and the Chairman felt that work should be going ahead for many years rather than now issuing a consultation document.

The Chairman suggested that the Authority should also look at the ways performs its business, with environmental concerns not cost, being the most important consideration when issuing contracts.

He asked for ideas to be brought back to the meeting for consideration and it was **unanimously resolved** that the matter should be deferred to the next meeting where the questionnaire could be complete.

19/134 Street Traders Licence Application – Mexi-Mann

Consideration was given to a report from the Community Warden, setting out the details of an application for a mobile Street Traders Licence in the Parish.

It was **unanimously resolved** to defer the matter pending further discussions with the Community Warden as there was a concern that the areas proposed where already adequately covered by businesses in the area who paid rates.

19/135 Public Sector Housing (General Needs) (Allocation) Policy 2019

The Commissioners considered the content of an amended allocation policy for Public Sector Housing.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the new policy.

19/136 Selection of Contractors – Expressions of Interest:-

The Clerk advised that he had now received expressions of interest for the following schemes:-

- (i) Clearance of Roadway edges
- (ii) BMX (Pump Track) Refurbishment
- (iii) Replacement Rubber Safety Matting – Clybane, Cronk Grianagh & Snugborough Playgrounds
- (iv) Skate Park Refurbishment

It was **unanimously resolved** that all the contractors who had expressed an interest in the work could be invited to submit a tender bid.



19/137 STEP Student

The Clerk advised that he had received information from the Department for Enterprise regarding the STEP Student programme and wondered if this was an opportunity to audit the recycling service.

He suggested that the person could examine the present service, make recommendations on how it could be improved and possibly undertake an education programme.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk should obtain further details of the scheme.

19/138 PA18/01248/B – Corlett Sons & Cowley Depot, Main Road, Union Mills – Erection of detached single storey timber clad office building for use in conjunction with site – Permission to work in Burnside Lane

The Clerk advised that he had received a letter from Corlett Sons and Cowley Limited seeking the approval of the Commissioners to lay drains for their new building through the Commissioners car park at Maitland Terrace.

It was **unanimously resolved** to seek further information from the Manx Utilities Authority and enquire why Building Control had not been involved as work had already started.

19/139 Tenant rent/rate rebate

The Clerk advised that he had been contacted by the son of a tenant affected by the building works at Snugborough Farm, regarding the disruption the family were experiencing.

The Clerk advised that he had agreed to make amendments to the housing pointing scheme which reduced their rent as both the car park and garden had been removed. However, the tenant had enquired if the Commissioners could offer any further compensation due to the disruption.

The Clerk advised there was an opportunity for the Treasury to offer some discount on the rating scheme in such circumstances.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would seek advice from the Treasury.

19/140 Modernisation of rates

Consideration was given to the document and questionnaire produced by Mr Thomas the Minister for Policy and Reform entitled Isle of Man- rates Review and Modernisation.

There was a concern that the questions asked were written in such a way that the response made the assumption that the changes were acceptable and it was therefore how they should be implemented.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the document required a written response rather than answering the questionnaire and the Clerk was asked to draft a document for their consideration.



19/141 Planning**Planning Applications**

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

- PA19/00218/B – Mr D Hampton – Erection of a porch extension – 19 Clybane Rise, Farmhill, Braddan, IM2 2LY
- PA19/00238/B – IOM Vagabonds RUFC Ltd – Variation of condition five of PA16/00912/B, variation of condition five of planning approval granted under 15/01302/C to allow 60 temporary camping pitches at any one time, to increase the number of camping pitches to 120 – Ballafletcher Sports Centre, Braddan, IM4 4RA
- PA18/00551/B – Mannin Retail Ltd – Demolition of garages, front bay window & single storey extensions and erection of single storey shop extension to rear, alterations to front elevation and formation of three parking spaces – Central Stores, Main Road, Union Mills – AMENDED PLANS

19/142 Planning Approvals

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

- PA19/00010/B - SES Satellite Leasing Ltd - Extension of existing site including the erection of additional telecommunications equipment, erection of small office and welfare facility for maintenance staff, all with associated ground works, landscaping, fencing and video surveillance poles - Carnane Radio Site, Area Of Land Adjacent To Upper Howe Farm, Old Castletown Road, Braddan, Isle Of Man

19/143 Planning Correspondence

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

- PA19/00551/B - Mannin Retail Ltd – Demolition of garages, front bay window and single storey extensions and erection of single storey shop extension to rear, alterations to front elevation and formation of three parking spaces – Central Stores, Main Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4AD.

Private**19/144 CS Lewin – In Bankruptcy**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the advice of the Trustee in Bankruptcy regarding further action to recover money from Mr Lewin

19/145 General Matters

1. Mr Quaye asked why the bollards from the pavement opposite the Union Mills Post Office had been removed. The Clerk agreed to investigate the matter.
2. The Board sought an update on the Strang Corner Field project from the architect.
3. The Deputy Clerk advised the Board of potential collaborative work with Manx Telecom to allow a defibrillator and telephone to be housed inside the telephone box outside Union Mills Post Office.

19/146 Any Other Business


1. Shared Eastern Housing Waiting List
2. Schedule of Rent Arrears
3. Demolition of 10 Snugborough Avenue
4. Changes to Planning Application Fees & Process

19/147 **Date for Next Meeting**

The date for the next meetings were set at:-

- 11th April 2019
- 2nd May 2019 AGM
- 16th May 2019

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

Signed 

Date 11/4/19

