

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 25 July 2019.

In Attendance

Mr A Jessopp Chairman
 Mr D Dentith
 Mr J Quaye
 Mr N Mellon (Part of meeting)
 Mr J C Whiteway Clerk

19/290 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Miss Corkill who was off island and Mr Mellon who had advised that he would miss the start of the meeting.

19/291 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19/292 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.

19/293 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

It was agreed that Item 2, Tenancy Agreements for signing – Property 040 and Tenant 445 and Property 081 and Tenant 081 should be deferred to a Private meeting.

19/294 Questions from the Public

At 2.10pm the Chairman welcomed the Chief Minister Mr Quayle to the meeting.

A general discussion was held on various matters, including the Area Plan for the East and future plans for the proposed facility at Mersey Docks.

At 2.35pm the Chief Minister left the meeting.

At 2.36pm, the Chairman welcomed Mr Richard Cranmer from Bus Vannin to the meeting. Mr Cranmer had been invited to discuss the recent planning application regarding parking buses at Braddan School.

Mr Cranmer explained the background to the need park mini buses in school car parks. He explained that Banks Circus was too small to cope with all the vehicles now under their management, and they were initially under the impression that they had the ability to park on any government land.

This transpired to be incorrect and Bus Vannin have been required to apply for planning permission for each specific site.

He did confirm that these were normal transport buses, but it had been planned so that they were not parked during school times and would not impact on the working of the school.

It was explained that alternatives in Braddan had been considered but not found to be suitable. The Vehicle Test Centre had been looked at, but as it was a locked facility outside normal work times, it was not suitable for their needs.

Mr Dentith suggested that the vacant Mannin Infirmary site, owned by the Department of Health, should be considered as an alternative and Mr Cranmer thanked him for this information which he agreed to investigate.

At 2.55pm the Chairman thanked Mr Cranmer for his attendance and he left the meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the matter further and accepted that Bus Vannin had done everything in their power to find alternatives, and **unanimously resolved** to contact the Planning Office and withdraw their objection

19/295 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27 June 2019 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

19/296 Matters Arising

i) Decking Close y Lhergy: Minute 19/260

The Clerk advised that he wished to have a full survey undertaken of the condition of the decking in other houses in the area so that a consistent approach to the management of the situation could be taken

ii) Skatepark stage payments: Minute 19/283

The Clerk advised that, after discussions with the contractor, a staged payment agreement had been negotiated and with the assistance of the Clerk of Works, the contract would be paid at three key stages.

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

19/297 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.

19/298 Chairman's Announcement

There was no Chairman's Announcement.

19/299 Environmental Issues

(i) Local Government Pension Fund – Fossil Fuel Investment

Consideration was given to a local news item regarding a £900k investment in fossil fuels currently held as part of the Local Government Pension Fund

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that an investment review of the fund was due to take place in September 2019.

19/300 Mullen Doway – Update

As discussion was held on the site visit that had taken place prior to the meeting, it was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would bring to the contractors' attention their concerns over the lack of protection of the concrete window cills and the condition of the work around the facing bricks.

Section 1

19/301 Invoices for approval

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

5099 – DOI – EFW

5206 – AON – Insurance

5161 – Cedar – Mullen Doway – Interim valuation no. 4

5177 – J Clawson Ltd

5175 – J Clawson Ltd

5202 – Douglas Borough Council

5207 – Ellis Brown – Mullen Doway

5201 – Douglas Borough Council

5189 – Island Drainage & Groundwork Ltd

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5182 – Manx Utilities

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19/302 Utilisation request – HSBC - Snugborough Farm – Mullen Doway

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Chairman and Clerk would sign the Utilisation request to HSBC to draw down the second instalment on the loan.

19/303 Audit Plan for Braddan Parish Commissioners for the year ended 31 March 2019

The Commissioners considered an Audit Plan received from Grant Thornton for the year ended 31 March 2019.

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

19/304 Local Authority Transition Review

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure regarding Local Authority Transition and the findings of a recent review.

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

19/305 Local Authority Mergers – Rushen & Arbory Commissioners

Consideration was given to a recent article from the Manx Independent regarding a proposed merger between Rushen and Arbory Commissioners.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the newspaper article.

19/306 Rates – 2nd Supplemental List

The Commissioners considered a report from the Finance Officer setting out the various alterations to the rates list for the parish.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the net result of the changes would result in a reduction in the rateable value of the parish by 223, from 550,380 to 550,157.

19/307 Biosphere Vannin Awards 2019

Consideration was given to a report from the R&D Officer regarding the Biosphere Vannin Awards 2019.

It was **unanimously resolved** to investigate opportunities where the Commissioners on either past, present or future projects could be acknowledged for their work.

19/308 Riley's Garden Centre – Community Garden

The Commissioners considered an email from Riley's Garden Centre, requesting their advice about opening a community garden within the Riley's current site.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the document and offer any advice they could give following the inception of their own Community Garden.

Mr Mellon joined the meeting at 3.30pm

19/309 The Area Plan for the East - Submission

The Commissioners noted a letter from the Cabinet Office which had the Inspectors Notes of the Pre-Inquiry meeting held on 18th July 2019 attached.

The Clerk reported that the Cabinet Office had responded to the issues the Commissioners had identified in their written submission and these were listed in the Draft Area Plan for the East PIP2 Cabinet Office Response Table.

The Clerk advised that the Inquiry was to commence on 11th September 2019 and an invite had been offered for anyone wishing to put further evidence who could be forward a written report, or ask to make an oral submission.

If the Commissioners wished to put forward their case orally, the Cabinet Office wished to know in advance; a broad outline of the content of the presentation, and the name of the person making the presentation and the expected time it would take.

The Clerk pointed out that should the Commissioners wish the Planning Consultant to make the presentation, he was at liberty to call supporting witnesses who could assist in responding to any questions from the Cabinet Offices legal representatives.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Planning Consultant from the Pegasus Group would make the verbal presentation and the Chairman would be called as a witness.

The Board **unanimously resolved** agreed that they make an oral presentation in relation to the areas of land at Camlork and Ballafletcher Road, but all other matters that they wished to submit further evidence on, would be done so in a written report.

The Clerk was asked to advise the Cabinet Office accordingly.

19/310 Marown Parish Commissioners Civic Sunday Invitation

Consideration was given to an invitation from Marown Parish Commissioners to their Civic Sunday on 29 September 2019.

It was **unanimously resolved** to thank the Authority for the invite but advise that the Commissioners were unable to attend due to other commitments.

Planning

19/311 Planning Applications

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

PA19/00697/B – Mr M Walmsley & Ms C Fountain – Alterations and erection of two storey rear extension – 18 Clybane Road, Farmhill, Braddan

PA19/00761/B – Mr J Martin – Replacement of existing glazed conservatory roof with tile – 28 Ashlar Drive, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4LL

PA19/00779/B – Mr & Mrs A Freeman – Alterations & erection of extension to

19/312 Planning Approvals

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following Planning Approvals:-
 PA19/00494/B - Mr Douglas & Mrs Susan Jewell - Alterations and erection of an extension to side elevation - Dreemskerry, Ballaoates Road, Castleward, Braddan, Isle Of Man IM4 5EJ

19/00346/B - Mr Illiam Christian - Renovation and extension of two existing cottages for use as a single residential dwelling or as a single unit of tourist accommodation along with creation of associated vehicular access, driveway and parking - Ballerghey Cottages, Lhergy Cripperty, Union Mills, Isle Of Man

PA19/00666/B - Isle Of Man Post Office - Erection of canopy over existing loading bay - Isle Of Man Post Office Headquarters, Spring Valley Industrial Estate, IM2 1AA

19/313 Planning Refusals

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following Planning Refusal:-
 PA19/00550/B - Mrs Lesley Corlett - Alterations, extension and raising of roof to create a second floor to dwelling - The Rowans Quines Hill Port Soderick, Braddan, IM4 1AU

19/314 General Matters

There were no matters put forward.

19/315 Section 2

1. Schedule of Rent Arrears
2. Rates Income Report
3. Recycling bins – Union Mills Industrial Estate
4. Terms of Reference – Local Authority Managers Meeting
5. Tynwald Commissioner for Administration – Stakeholder Consultation
6. Complaint – hedge cutting – Mount Rule Road
7. Shared Housing Waiting List
8. Rate Arrears report – to be issued

Private**19/316 Tenancy Agreements for signing – Property 040 & Tenant 445 & Property 081 & Tenant 081**

The Commissioners considered the following Tenancy Agreements

- Property 040 and Tenant 445
- Property 081 and Tenant 081

It was **unanimously resolved** to execute the Tenancy Agreements on behalf of the Authority.

19/317 Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

15th August 2019
 5th September 2019

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.30pm.

Signed 

Date 15/8/19

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