

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
using internet conferencing
at 2pm on Thursday 26 March 2020.

In Attendance

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

20/146 Chairmans announcement

The Chairman raised the issue that the meeting was being held “virtually” over the internet due to the Coronavirus pandemic that had reached the island.

Government directions had led to residents having to either self-isolate or allow for social distancing which would have made a normal face to face meeting impractical.

In these unprecedented circumstances and having considered Schedule 1 (4) of the Local Government Act 1985 the Chairman determined it was acceptable to meet in this fashion and to proceed with business whilst allowing the authority to function with the Clerk using the delegated powers contained in the Standing Orders.

20/147 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

20/148 Declaration of Interest

Mr Quaye confirmed again his interest in the Item relating to the Sewage Works.

20/149 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.

20/150 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

There were no matters deferred to Private.

20/151 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

20/152 Matters Arising

i) Bid for Sewerage Works: Minute 20/122 (i)

The Clerk advised that he had not had a response from Manx Utilities and was unlikely to in the current circumstances.

It was **unanimously resolved** to seek legal advice regarding the ownership of the land and await a draft copy of the original deed. It was agreed that the onus was with Manx Utilities to prove that they owned the land and this could take some time, therefore this item would be removed from the Agenda until there was an update.

ii) ECAS Committee: Minute 20/122 (ii)

The Clerk advised that due to covid 19, the Eastern Civic Amenity Site would be closed until further notice later today, together with all of the bring banks.

iii) Heritage Trail Ditching: Minute 20/122 (iii)

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the works were now complete.

iv) Highway Clearance: Minute: 20/122 (v)

The Clerk advised that the Contractor was still considering the Board's full and final offer of £25k in total to finish the work.

(v) Licence to Occupy – Port Soderick Recreation Hall – Minute: 20/132

It was **unanimously resolved** to await a response from the Trustees in relation to the draft Licence.

20/153 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no items for consideration

20/154 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from the public.

20/155 Environmental Issues

There were no matters for discussion.

20/156 Lewin – Bankruptcy

There was no further update on this matter as the Clerk was still awaiting advice from Mr Mitchell.

20/157 Mullen Doway – Update

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that approval had been granted for the removal of the trees at the entrance to the site to allow Block C to commence and the work completed.

20/158 Strang Corner Field – Update

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the tender submission date had been moved to 6th April 2020.

Section 1

20/159 Invoices for approval

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

5578 MUA

5610 J Clawsons

5678 J Doyle

6051 Ellis Brown

5870 Jones Services Ltd

5979 Cedar Developments

6004 MUA

6011 SAGE

6012 Manx Business Solutions

6017 Bell Burton

20/160 IOM Civil Legal Aid Consultation

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the document but no further comments were offered about on the document.

20/161 UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man Partnership

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the document prepared by the Research and Development Officer which would replace the Authority's entry on their UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man website

20/162 Cutting of Roadside Hedges, Sod Banks and Verge

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the advice document which had been issued in previous years.

20/162 Area plan for the East

The Clerk reported that the Cabinet Office had advised that at this stage they did not intend to vary the response date to the consultation from 14th April 2020.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Chairman agreed to contact Mrs Brown at the Cabinet Office to discuss the matter further,

20/163 Kerbside Collection Contract

The Authority had been advised that due to the pandemic, Douglas Corporation were not in a position to enter into a contract for the kerbside collection service.

The Clerk advised that he had asked Douglas to notify when they were able to commence a contract and it was **unanimously resolved** to await their advice whilst noting they had still not received approval by the Department to enter into such contract.

20/164 Refuse contract – draft for consideration

It was **unanimously resolved** to note a draft document which could now be issued to the contractor for signature.

20/165 Covid 19 – update

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following matters:

- whilst the play equipment at Cronk Grianagh Park had been cordoned off, if the skatepark or BMX tracks started to become a gathering area, heras fencing would need to be erected to stop the practice
- a discussion was to be had with the gardening contractor regarding the potential delay of his work for the season

20/166 Clerks delegated powers – Standing Orders

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the powers afforded to the Clerk within Standing Orders to allow as much official business as practicable to continue.

20/167 Commercial Refuse Collections

It was **unanimously resolved** to note an exercise was to take place to identify which commercial properties intended to continue to operate during the pandemic to aid the contractors in the refuse collection

20/168 Loans

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the Finance Officers advice that money may need to be drawn down from deposit to assist cashflow to make payments on the authority's loans.

20/169 Accommodation for the homeless

Following a previous discussion in relation to making void local authority properties available to the homeless during the pandemic.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Clerk had spoken to the Department on the matter who had made a proposal that, should there be a need, they would

recommend to the Cabinet Office that hoteliers could be invited to offer spaces in their presently vacant properties paid for by the Government.

Planning

20/170 Planning Applications

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise the Planning Committee that the Board had no objections to the planning applications below:-

- PA20/00250/B – Alterations & erection of a ground floor extension to rear elevation- Korderry Marine Drive Port Soderick
- PA20/00277/B – IOM Creamery – Erection of a smoking shelter – IOM Creamery , Ballafletcher

20/172 Planning Approvals

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

- PA19/01333/B erection of a detached agricultural /industrial storage building – Corlett Sons and Cowley Yard, Main Road Union Mills IM4 4AD
- PA19/01422/C -

20/173 Any Other Business

1. An update on the use of Stephen Christian of the former Mannin Infirmary site was requested.
2. Information of the consequences of the plane crash at Ballamilaghyn Farm was to be sought.
3. The Warden was to be asked to ensure that the Gandy Circus signs be removed now that the circus was not coming to the island.

20/174 Section 2

There were no matters for consideration under Section 2

20/175 Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next meetings was set for:-

2nd April 2020

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3.15pm.

Signed

Date