

**MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS**  
**using internet conferencing**  
**at 2pm on Thursday 21 May 2020.**

**In Attendance**

Mr A Jessopp	Chairman
Miss C Corkill	Vice Chairman
N Mellon	
Mr J Quaye	
Mr J C Whiteway	Clerk
Miss M J Radcliffe	Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer
Mr P Parker	Community Warden

**20/332 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Dentith.

**20/333 Declaration of Interest**

Mr Quaye declared an interest in the Item related to the Sewage Works

**20/334 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.

**20/335 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**

There were no matters deferred to Private.

**20/336 Minutes of previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 14 May 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

**20/337 Matters Arising**

**i) Union Mills Sewage Works Minute: 20/316 (i)**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that there had been no contact with the MUA.

**ii) Heritage Trail fencing: Minute 20/316(iii)**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the quotes were still awaited.

**20/338 Matters for Consideration from Section 2**

There were no items for consideration

**20/339 Questions from Members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public

**20/340 Environmental Issues**

There were no matters for discussion.

**20/342 Lewin – Bankruptcy**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that there were no further developments.

**20/343 Mullen Doway – Update**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that work seemed to be progressing well and the Clerk was now awaiting the reinstatement of the Site Meetings.

**20/344 Strang Corner Field – Update**

The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting feedback from the Department.

The Chairman put forward for further consideration the possibility of selling off some of the Commissioners assets, buildings and land, to help with funding the scheme if necessary.

It was **unanimously resolved** to await a response from the Department.

### **Section 1**

#### **20/345 Invoices for approval**

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

- Voodoo

#### **20/346 Waste – Covid 19**

The Clerk advised that a great deal of interest had been shown in the recycle trolleys and arrangements were being made for their distribution.

The Recycling Calendar and an accompanying leaflet had been sent out earlier in the week giving details of the temporary changes to the recycle service and the Clerk advised that Douglas hoped to have the full service resume within a month.

He reported that an agreement had been made with Kinrade Bros. Haulage Ltd to provide a green collection service fortnightly during the summer commencing on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and details of this were included in the leaflet.

The service would be provided on a Saturday morning during the hours of 9am to 11am in the car park at Braddan School, and the Clerk advised that the service had the support of Mrs Oates the Headteacher.

It was **unanimously resolved** to await feedback on these issues.

#### **20/325 Fee Quote – Close y Lhergy Decking**

It was **unanimously resolved** to accept the fee quote of £4200 from Silva Ltd to act as lead consultant on the replacement of wooden decking project at Close y Lhergy.

#### **20/326 All Island Affordable Housing Strategy**

It was **unanimously resolved** to defer the matter to the next meeting to allow more time to consider the documentation.

#### **20/327 Lease – land at Geary Mooar - Union Mills Football Club**

It was noted that the Clerk, in accordance with the lease agreements, had notified the relevant tenants and sub-tenants at Geary Mooar of the proposed increase in rent for three years from May 2020.

The Chairman suggested, in relation to trying to find land for Braddan Football Club, that the Clerk should contact the owner of the adjacent field, part of Camlork, farm, to ask if land would be available for lease or sale, given that it had been removed from the Strategic Plan as a Reserve Site.

It was **unanimously resolved** to await responses from the tenants and the adjacent land owner.

#### **20/328 Consultation on the Water Bathing Strategy Implementation**

The Commissioners noted that the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture gained Tynwald approval in December 2019 to introduce the 2006 EU Bathing Water Directive Standards to the Isle of Man. The next phase of implementing their strategy was

to seek the views of Local Authorities on the proposed process for the designation of bathing beaches.

The consultation asked if as a Local Authority the Commissioners would be willing to act as the beach controller as recommended by the Bathing Water Strategy.

The role of the beach controller is to ensure the required information is displayed within the vicinity of the designated bathing water, but they do not have any responsibility for water quality. DEFA will undertake the monitoring programme and provide the beach signage, bathing water profiles and investigate any pollution which may be causing a failure at the designated bathing water.

The Boards initial thoughts related to Port Soderick beach, but these would not be relevant as it was a private beach.

However, the Chairman put forward Keristal Beach as an option, but the Clerk advised of the potential health and safety issues and liabilities for the Commissioners given that access was via an unmade grass path with no handrails.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Commissioners would take the opportunity to visit the site to see if it was a viable option.

#### **20/329 Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Local Government) Regulations 2020**

Consideration was given to advice from the Department with regard to Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Local Government) Regulations 2020 which had come into effect on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020

The regulations dealt with the legal status of virtual meetings of local authorities, access to public documents, the provision of public notices, appointments and filling of casual vacancies during the Coronavirus Proclamation Period.

It was noted that all decisions made at Local Authority meetings held in a virtual setting between the State of Emergency declaration on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and the date which these new Regulations issued on 16<sup>th</sup> March, were not covered by the new powers and therefore required ratification.

After discussion it was **unanimously resolved** that any decisions made by the Board between the two dates were officially approved.

The Regulations also gave local authorities powers to defer their Annual General Meeting, as set down in Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 1985, should they so wish.

The new Regulations allow for the AGM to be held over to 2021 and that the positions held by the Commissioners would stand.

The Chairman proposed that the Commissioners should invoke these powers, defer the AGM until May 2021 and the status quo on positions should be maintained.

The matter was put to the vote and it was **unanimously resolved** to support the proposal.

#### **Planning**

#### **20/347 Planning Applications**

There were no Planning Applications to discuss.

**20/348 Planning Approvals**

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

PA20/00277/B – IOM Creamery - Erection of smoking shelter - Land at the Isle Of Man Creamery, Ballafletcher Farm Road, Cronkbourne, Braddan, IM4 4QE

**20/349 Section 2**

- 1. Rent Arrears
- 2. 3.5 tonnes Weight Restriction Signed Order

**20/350 Any Other Business**

The following matters were discussed:

- 1) The Chairman asked if DEFA had any plans for the placement of a natural wood play area in Port Soderick Glen.
- 2) The Chairman asked, in the light of the decision to defer the AGM, the Commissioners took the opportunity to review their Declarations of Interest.

**20/351 Date of Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

4 June 2020

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3pm.

**Signed** .....

**Date** .....