

**MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
using internet conferencing
at 2pm on Thursday 4 June 2020.**

In Attendance

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

Prior to the commencement of proceedings, the Chairman confirmed with all present that they were content that the meeting was being held virtually.

20/352 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

20/353 Declaration of Interest

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

20/354 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.

20/355 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

There were no matters deferred to Private.

20/356 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public

20/357 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 21 May 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

20/358 Matters Arising**(i) Union Mills Sewage Works Minute: 20/337 (i)**

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

ii) Heritage Trail fencing: Minute 20/337 (ii)

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the last remaining quotes was expected the following day and that the Clerk could accept the lowest price.

20/359 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no items for consideration

20/360 Chairman's announcement

With regret the Chairman wished it be noted that a former Vice Chairman Mr Ray Corkhill had recently passed away. He and the Commissioners wished to offer their condolences to his family and friends.

20/361 Environmental Issues

There were no matters for discussion.

20/362 Lewin – Bankruptcy

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

20/363 Mullen Doway – Update

The Commissioners noted the report from the QS detailing the current cashflow of the project and his projected 26 week delay in completing the build.

The Clerk also reported that there with problems relating to the MUA adopting both the surface water and drainage systems.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Chairman would be updated on a daily basis about the drainage issue.

The Clerk was asked to arrange another site visit as soon as possible.

20/364 Strang Corner Field – Update

The Clerk advised that he had been advised by the Department of Infrastructure that they would not be providing any subvention to allow the project to continue.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would make representations to both the Department of Health and the IOM Treasury to determine if they would offer any assistance on the grounds that it would help the recruitment of staff for the hospital and it would be an ideal project that would help kick start the economy after the pandemic.

20/365 Local Government Reform

There were no further developments on the matter but the Chairman felt that a face to face meeting would be more beneficial rather than a telephone conversation.

Section 1**20/366 Invoices for approval**

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

- 6221 – Ellis Brown
- 6242 – Manx Utilities
- 6252 – Douglas Borough Council

20/367 Waste – Covid 19*Green Waste:*

The Clerk advised that the first green waste collection by Kinrade Bros Haulage Ltd had taken place on Saturday 30 May at Braddan School.

The contractor had reported that approximately 15 people had attended to dispose of their green waste, however from his experience in Marown, the number of users would increase over time as people would come to appreciate the convenience of the service.

It was **unanimously resolved** to monitor the numbers making use of the collection.

Recycle Trolleys:

The Clerk confirmed that there had been a lot of interest in the latest batch of 200 recycling trolleys, with the majority had already been allocated and were being issued.

Mr Quaye raised a concern over the quality of the product as one of his containers already experienced a breakage. Mr Mellon reported a similar experience.

The Clerk stated that he had not been contacted by any resident with any broken parts but it was **unanimously resolved** to carefully monitor the situation.

Miss Corkill advised that she had spoken to a resident of Port St Mary who had expressed an interest in the trolleys and she suggested that information be passed to Port St Mary Commissioners in case they wished to purchase some for their residents.

Eastern Civic Amenity Site:

Mr Dentith wish to raise his concerns over the apparent low staffing levels at the Eastern Civic Amenity Site and it was unanimously resolved that he would raise the matter at the next Committee meeting.

20/368 Public Lighting Maintenance Contract – 2020/2021

Consideration was given to the new Public Lighting Maintenance Contract for the current financial year from Manx Utilities.

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the Contract and sign the document.

20/369 All Island Affordable Housing Strategy

A discussion had on the document produced by the Department which the Chairman felt offered nothing new to the previous documents which they had already accepted.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise the Department that had no comment on the document but perhaps it was slightly premature as it was not possible to predict what would happen in the housing market next year as a consequence of the pandemic.

20/370 Consultation on the Water Bathing Strategy Implementation

The Commissioners **unanimously resolved** that they did not wish to include Keristal Beach into the scheme and that DEFA should be advised accordingly.

20/371 Braddan Anti Spitting Byelaw 2020 – Draft for approval

Consideration was given to a report from the Community Warden relating to the potential of producing legislation to help prevent members of public spitting, which was very appropriate whilst the island was experiencing a pandemic as the virus could be spread by this bad habit.

After some discussion it was **unanimously resolved** that the Community Warden would progress this matter with the Attorney General's Chambers

20/372 Rent Increase – Geary Mooar

The Clerk advised that he was still in discussions with the Department of Health on the matter relating to the maintenance grant and would report back as soon as possible. The Department had advised that they were consulting with the Manx Football Association on the issue

It was **unanimously resolved** to await further feedback and that the Clerk would continue to try and make contact with the adjacent landowner in relation to making his land available for a possible extension to the existing playing facilities.

Planning

20/373 Planning Applications

There were no Planning Applications to discuss.

20/374 Planning Approvals

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following Planning Approval:-
PA20/00376/B - Replacement of existing glazed conservatory roof with tiles - 38 Hollin Bank, Tromode Woods, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4TT

20/375 Planning Refusals

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

PA20/00324/C - Change of use from storage, distribution, and general industrial use (Classes 2.3 and 2.4) to include additional retail use (class 1.1) - Unit 14, Cooil Smithy, Isle Of Man Business Park, Braddan, IM2 2QA

20/376 Section 2

1. Rent Arrears
2. Tynwald Day 2020
3. Eastern Shared Housing Waiting List

20/377 Any Other Business

The following matters were discussed:

1. Back to Work Policy
The Clerk advised that he hoped to produce a Working from Home and a Return to Work Policy in relation to the pandemic
2. Toucan crossing at the Quarterbridge
Mr Quaye reported that he had recently made use of the new crossing which was a tremendous assistance to the Active Travel Policy. It was **unanimously resolved** that a letter of appreciation should be
3. Team work from home
The Clerk advised that he hoped to produce for the next meeting a Working from Home Policy in relation to the pandemic.
4. Sign at Mullen Doway
The new business sign outside the property installed by the contractor was acknowledged as eye catching.
5. Lhergy Cripperty Footpaths
Mr Dentith raised his concerns over drainage issues at Cronk Drine and the Community Warden gave the background history to the matter and that it was matter to be dealt with by Manx Utilities.

20/378 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

18 June 2020

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3.45pm.

Signed

Date 18/6/2020