

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 16 July 2020.

In Attendance

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

20/433 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Dentith.

20/434 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20/435 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.

20/436 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

There were no matters deferred to Private.

20/437 Questions from Members of the Public

At 2pm the Chairman welcomed Blair Acheson from the Department of Infrastructure to the meeting. He had been invited to the meeting to discuss a corporate approach to signage on the Heritage Trail now that the refurbishment work was almost complete.

After a lengthy debate Mr Acheson offered to send more details to the Clerk and left the meeting at 2.20.

The Chairman then welcomed Mr and Mrs Jamieson, residents of Maitland Terrace, to the meeting. They had come to discuss the implications on their ability to park their car at the Memorial Hall car park at Maitland Terrace now that the Parking Restrictions had come into force.

He told the Jamiesons that they would give the matter some further thought, but in the interim penalty notices would not be issued.

Mr Jamiesons also asked about the drainage at the rear of Maitland Terrace and it was suggested that she ring the MUA to discover if it had been adopted.

The Chairman also welcomed Mr Bregazzi to the meeting who wished to speak to the Commissioners about traffic speed through Union Mills village. He accepted that the Commissioners had no control over the speed limits but wondered if they could influence the Highways Section to reconsider the start of of the 30mph speed limit to make cars slow down before getting into the village.

After a discussion on the matter Mr Bregazzi left the meeting.

20/438 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 2 July 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

20/439 Matters Arising**1) Port Soderick Hall**

The Chairman advised that the charity was seeking legal advice on their constitution with a view to updating it.

It was questioned whether the Commissioners needed to continue insuring the building in the light of the fact that it is commercially let on a permanent and regular basis.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would look into the matter with a view to having the cover removed in March 2021.

The Chairman suggested that at some stage in the future, consideration could be given to selling to the charity a small piece of the Commissioners land adjacent to the hall, to provide space for an extension for a second toilet.

20/440 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no items for consideration

20/441 Chairman's announcement

There was no Chairman's announcement.

20/442 Environmental Issues

The Board noted that there had been good feedback from the general public regarding the fact that they had not yet started the annual round of cutting the hedges. However it was agreed there were some areas where the overgrowth was creating a traffic visibility issue or was hampering pedestrians. The lengthy overhang of vegetation was also causing a problem with the road sweeper as it wasn't always able to reach the hedge line. The Community Warden was asked to deal with these issues.

The discussion moved on to detritus left on the road after the road sweeper had passed. It was agreed that this required manual labour to remove the debris which could possibly be a regular problem.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would look at hiring a contractor on an adhoc basis to deal with such issues.

20/443 Lewin – Bankruptcy

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

20/444 Mullen Doway – Update

The Chairman advised that at a meeting the previous day with Corlett Bolton they had received legal opinion on matters relating to the project.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk was to determine from the insurers the amount of cover they provided for litigation for breaches of contract or non-performance.

The Clerk was also asked to arrange a further site meeting at 1pm on Thursday 30th July.

20/445 Strang Corner Field – Update

The Clerk advised that he had received a negative response from the Isle of Man Treasury in relation to a potential subvention to allow the project to continue.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Chairman was to approach Mr Cannan the Treasury Minister to discuss the matter.

20/446 Local Government Reform

The Chairman advised that he had spoken to the Chairman of Santon Commissioners it was **unanimously resolved** that there would be a political meeting between both authorities on Wednesday 21st July 2020.

Section 1**20/447 Invoices for approval**

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

- Manx Utilities x 2
- Kinrade Bros Haulage Ltd
- B&R Consulting Engineers (IOM) Ltd
- D G Wood & Son x 3
- Mullen Consulting Ltd x 2
- Reactive Construction Ltd

20/448 Re: Amendment and Restatement of HSBC Framework Agreement between Treasury (as Guarantor) HSBC Bank PLC (as Lender) and Various Local Authorities (the Borrowers) TREA 30)

It was **unanimously resolved** to accept the principles laid down in the draft document and await the final document for approval and signature.

20/449 Super Manx Bank Holiday – 28-31 August 2020

Consideration was given to an email from Department of Enterprise inviting the Commissioners to get involved in the Supermanx Bank Holiday Weekend Friday 28 August – Monday 31 August 2020, to celebrate the islands resilience during the pandemic period.

Whilst nothing immediately sprang to mind it was **unanimously resolved** to offer the Commissioners services on their Facebook page to persons or bodies wishing to arrange events,

20/450 Complaints Procedure

The Clerk put forward for consideration a revision to the complaints procedure in the light of the letter from Tynwald Commissioner for Administration

It was noted that procedure had been amended to provide a two-tier approach for complaints before matters progressed to the Tynwald Commissioners office.

It was **unanimously resolved** to accept the document.

20/451 Skate Jam 2020 – Application for funding

Consideration was given to a report from the Community Warden relating to an event to be organised by a skate boarding group in Grianagh Park in early August 2020.

It was **unanimously resolved** to assist the club in the organising of the event including the provision of toilets, prizes and food to the total value of £1000. Receipts were to be produced for all items.

20/452 Working from Home Policy – Pool Car

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk in relation to charges that the Community Warden had incurred for private mileage during the COVID19 lockdown period.

It was noted that the deductions had been made in accordance with the existing policy but in the light that the Community Warden was based at home during this period it was

unanimously resolved that the conditions within the policy should be suspended and all charges made for travelling home during this period should be reimbursed.

20/453 Pool Car – Private Mileage

Consideration was given to a further report from the Clerk proposing suitable amendments to the policy to avert any future anomalies caused by a working from home scenario.

It also gave the opportunity for the Commissioners to consider the principle of private mileage and it was agreed that the vehicle could not be used for taking private passengers unrelated to the Commissioners business, and that any private use should be with the prior approval of the Clerk and charged at the rate of 50p per mile.

The Clerk stressed the importance of the need for accurate and detailed vehicle log sheets and the Commissioners agreed with this point.

It was **unanimously resolved** to accept the revised policy.

20/454 Draft Recycling Contract for approval

The Commissioners agreed the content of the draft document and it was **unanimously resolved** to await the substantive document for signature.

Planning

20/455 Planning Approvals

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

PA20/00412/B - Installation of roof solar panels and additional use of warehouse / storage (class 2.4) to allow pet food development - Unit 6 Cooil Smithy, Isle of Man Business Park, Cooil Road, Isle Of Man IM2 2QA

20/456 Section 2

1. Rent Arrears

20/457 Any Other Business

There were no matters for discussion

20/458 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

30 July 2020

There being no further business, the meeting ended at

Signed

Date 30/7/2020