

## MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan  
at 2.05 pm on Thursday 1 October 2020.

**In Attendance**

Miss C Corkill Vice Chairman (part of Meeting)  
Mr D Dentith  
Mr N Mellon  
Mr J Quaye  
Mr J C Whiteway Clerk

**20/599 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Jessopp who was unable to attend to self-isolation requirements. He was able to listen via video link but without powers to vote.

**20/600 Declaration of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**20/601 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.

**20/602 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**

It was **unanimously resolved** that Item 4 relating to Park and Ride should be heard in Private as well as Item 3 from Section 2 relating to Antisocial Behaviour.

At 2.10pm Miss Corkill joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

**20/603 Questions from Members of the Public**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Bill Shimmins MHK to the meeting.

A discussion was held on the Area Plan for the East and it was noted that at the October sitting of Tynwald, Ray Harmer MHK, Minister for Policy and Reform, will move that The Town and Country Planning (Area Plan for the East) Order 2020 be approved.

If successful it will come into operation on 1 December but Mr Shimmins advised that he would be voting against it predominantly because he felt that it should be deferred until after the 2021 Census, and also because it offered no encouragement or incentive to develop brownfield sites in Douglas.

He asked the Commissioners for their views and it was **unanimously resolved** that they would support him on this matter.

Discussions also took place on the offer from the Economic Recovery Group (ERG) who had offered financial assistance to local authorities to run events which would stimulate the local economy and get the community engaged. Mr Shimmins stated that perhaps it was more aimed at the towns but if the Commissioners had a good event in mind over the next 6 months then they could apply for financial support.

The ERG had also allocated more funds to the Town and Village regeneration fund, and again, if the Commissioners had a suitable project then they could apply for a grant. Suggestions from around the table included lighting the Heritage Trail from the Station to the Access Road, or perhaps assistance with the build costs for the toilets.

The Commissioners noted that, on the subject of speed limits, there would be a combined vote and potentially another debate on Mr Shimmins motion at July Tynwald. In the meantime, he was continuing to raise concerns on individual locations with Tim Baker.

**20/604 Minutes of previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Public Meeting of 17 September 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

**20/605 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**20/606 Matters for Consideration from Section 2**

It was **unanimously resolved** that Item 3 on Antisocial Behaviour should be brought forward for consideration, but heard in a Private session.

**20/607 Chairman's announcement**

There was no Chairman's announcement

**20/608 Environmental Issues**

There were no Environmental Issues.

**20/609 Lewin – Bankruptcy**

There were no further updates to this matter.

**20/610 Mullen Doway – Update**

The Clerk reported that a meeting was to be arranged between the owner of the buildings in Snugborough Trading Estate below Mullen Doway, Mr Walker, to discuss the positioning of the gabions at the entrance to the site, the positioning of the fence to stop people going down onto Mr Walkers land and the plans for the restoration of the bank.

A discussion was also held on the inconsistent approach in the design for interior lighting produced by the consultants B&R. It was **unanimously resolved** to note the matter.

The Clerk advised that Manx Telecom wished to start the installation of communication cables to the site as soon as possible, and wished to have details of the numbering system and addresses of each unit.

The Clerk suggested a simple process of naming the Units 1 to 30 Mullen Doway, but a debate was called for at the next meeting on whether each individual Block should also be named.

**20/611 Strang Corner Field – Update**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that over 53 responses to date had been received from the survey, all but one having been positive, and that the Clerk intended to send a draft Business Case to the Department by the end of the following week.

**20/612 Local Government Reform**

There were no further updates to this matter.

**Section 1****20/613 Invoices for approval**

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

- D G Wood & Son
- Joe Doyle Plumbing
- Hanley & Bell Ltd
- Department of Infrastructure
- J Clawson Ltd

**20/614 Municipal Association – Annual Dinner – 26 November 2020**

Consideration was given to an email from the Municipal Association regarding their Annual Dinner, to be held in November.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Chairman and Mr Mellon would attend the dinner.

**20/615 Authorised Officer**

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk, regarding a proposal to formally appoint Authorised Officers of the Authority.

The Clerk advised that Internal Auditor had identified that it was required in various pieces of legislation that the functions of the Authority should be performed by an "Authorised Officer", but the process of nomination and approval had not been undertaken.

The Clerk advised that the matter was covered in Sections 21, 28, 30A and 55 of the Local Government Act 1985 and an officer could be authorised by a Resolution made at a formal meeting of the Board and the Minutes of that meeting would be sufficient evidence to confirm that fact

The report advised that that there were numerous pieces of legislation that identified an Authorised Officer, but probably the main staff involved would be the Clerk the Community Warden and the Housing Officer who would likely be involved in the Housing Byelaws.

After consideration it was **unanimously resolved** that the three members of staff:

- J C Whiteway Clerk,
- P Parker Community Warden
- T Beattie Housing Officer

would be Authorised Officers in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, for the Braddan General Byelaws 2017 and any other legislation that falls within the remit of the Authority.

**Planning****20/616 Planning Applications**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that there were no objections to the following planning applications:-

- PA20/00687/B – Celton Manx Ltd – Erection of a two storey extension to side elevation – 57 Ballacottier Meadow, Braddan, IM2 2QX – AMENDED PLANS
- PA20/01073/B – Mona Developments Limited – Replacement of existing conservatory with sun room – Ballachrink, Quines Hill, Port Soderick, Braddan, IM4 1AY

**20/617 Planning Approvals**

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

- PA20/00806/B – Celton Manx - Installation of roof solar panels - Celton Manx Building, Isle Of Man Business Park, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM2 2QZ
- PA20/00684/B - Installation of two flues - 104 Fairways Drive, Mount Murray, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 2JL

**20/618 Planning Refusals**

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

- PA20/00209/B - Mrs Lesley Corlett - Alterations and extension to property, including widening of existing vehicular access - The Rowans, Quines Hill, Port Soderick, Isle Of Man, IM4 1AU

- PA20/00724/B - Stephen Christian & Son's Ltd - Change of use to civil engineering storage compound - Land At Cronk Grianagh, Strang, Braddan, Isle Of Man.

*It was noted that this application had not been considered and the Clerk was asked to investigate the matter. It was agreed that the Planning Office should be advised that the use of this land as an open air storage compound had a constant source of concern to the Board of Commissioners due to the mud left on the road by the applicant's vehicles and more recently noise from their machinery. The Commissioners had contacted the owners of the land Nobles Hospital, on numerous occasions, in an attempt to have the contractor and his equipment removed and also Planning Enforcement had been informed*

*The Board wished to object to the planning application on the grounds that the site is not zoned for the storage of equipment and building and is therefore contrary to the 1991 Braddan Local Plan and Environment Policy 22 of the Strategic Plan.*

*They have not seen any Environmental Impact Assessment and the application is also in breach of Environment Policy 24.*

*Finally that the land was zoned for residential use in the draft Area Plan for the East.*

**20/619 Section 2**

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

1. Rent Arrears
2. Recycling KPIs & Refuse Graphs

**Private**

**20/620 Park and Ride Proposal**

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk regarding a proposal to operate a Park and Ride facility from the outskirts of the Village.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would enter into discussions with the land owner and make an offer which would be subject to a Petition to the Department of Infrastructure.

**20/621 Antisocial Behaviour**

The Board considered a report from the Community Warden relating to a recent incident in Snugborough Housing estate involving young children.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Community Warden had achieved a satisfactory outcome to the situation and that he hoped that it would be a one-off incident.

**20/622 Any Other Business**

- 1) Mr Quaye advised that he had spoken to the Clerk about the overhanging trees at the entrance to the Snugborough Trading Estate, and the poor visibility for vehicles leaving the estate to travel west. The Clerk advised the matter was in hand.
- 2) Mr Quaye asked that the Clerk investigate the possibility of introducing new features at the paved area in and around the Union Mills bus stop on the southern side of the A1, to reflect the heritage of the Mill. He suggested that a name plaque showing "Flail and Fleece" could be placed which showed the aspects of the original two types of mill on the site.

20/623 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

15 October 2020

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.20pm

Signed ..... 

Date ..... 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

