

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 29 October 2020.

In Attendance

Mr A C R Jessopp Chairman
Miss C Corkill Vice Chairman
Mr N Mellon (part of meeting)
Mr J Quaye
Mr J C Whiteway Clerk
Miss M J Radcliffe Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer

20/683 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Dentith.

20/684 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

20/685 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.

20/686 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

It was **unanimously resolved** that Item 8 relating to Tenancy Agreements for signing and Item 5 Land at Union Mills should be heard in Private.

20/687 Questions from Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed Mr Shimmins MHK to the meeting and a discussion was held on the Area Plan for the East which had been deferred to the November sitting of Tynwald.

He said he was promoting a pause in the process as it was so close to the census. He suggested that Cabinet Office could "un-adopt" the plan to allow it to stall.

The Chairman stated that elements were inconsistent and unequal in Braddan compared to other parts of the east. He said it was not a good plan for Braddan and it killed off the growth of small communities but allowed hundreds of houses to be build where they were not attached to any recognised settlements, or was productive farmland and prone to flooding.

The Commissioners felt that there were countless brownfield sites in Douglas that were not being developed.

Mr Shimmins said he would now be looking for some concessions or commitments from the Council of Ministers at the November sitting.

The Chairman advised that he intended to write to Tynwald members seeking their assistance in having the matter voted out.

Finally Mr Shimmins thanked the Commissioners for providing the data downloaded from the Smiley SID that was indicating the speed of vehicles driving into the Village from the west.

20/688 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Public Meeting of 15 October 2020 and the Extraordinary Meeting of 20 October 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

CHAIRMAN'S
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20/689 Matters Arising**i) Community Garden: Minute 20/639**

The Clerk advised that he had looked into the possibility of the group registering as a charity, and whilst they would certainly qualify, the requirements placed upon them such as approved accounts, seemed far too onerous simply to deal with a small amount of money.

It was **unanimously resolved** to suggest to the group that they ask ZeroWasteMan, who gave them the cheque, to purchase items for them instead.

ii) Skate Park Surface: Minute 20/641

Following the Community Wardens report, the contractor who was going to apply the new surface asked for a £150 contribution towards the hire of a generator.

It was **unanimously resolved** to offer £75.

iii) Archibald Knox Forum: Minute 20/634

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that Mr Hobdell had a need for a more secure facility for his exhibition rather than the hall, but would be happy to discuss the future of the Hall as a heritage centre if it ever became free.

20/690 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

It was **unanimously resolved** to bring forward for consideration the matter relating to Road Traffic Data.

20/691 Chairman's announcement

There was no Chairman's announcement.

20/692 Environmental Issues

It was noted that work on the hedge cutting in the Parish was almost complete, and the planting of bulbs by groups and organisations was continuing.

20/693 Lewin – Bankruptcy

There were no further updates to this matter.

20/694 Mullen Doway – Update

The Clerk reported that the architect would be submitting a proposal on how a barrier could be installed at the top of the ramp down to the building to stop vehicles or people falling down the embankment.

Also the Clerk advised that he had spoken to the Site Supervisor who advised that in his opinion sufficient vents had been installed in the flats.

Miss Corkill expressed a concern over the positioning of the wall heaters in some of the master bedrooms and the Clerk agreed to arrange a site meeting to discuss the matter with the contractor.

20/695 Strang Corner Field – Update

The final version of the Business Case to be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure was noted.

Aspects of the build that were identified during the value engineering exercise that could be removed totalled £185,500.

This sum was removed from the construction cost of £6,709,883 and it was **unanimously resolved** that the Petition for the sum of £6,524,383 would be submitted.

At this stage, and without any further work to identify savings in the Authorities other work, it was noted that the Strang Corner project could increase the rates by 29p.

Section 1

20/696 Invoices for approval

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

- Hanley & Bell
- Manx Utilities – Street lights – electricity consumed
- Manx Utilities – Public Lighting Maintenance
- Department of Infrastructure – Energy From Waste Plant

Mr Mellon joined the meeting at 3.20pm

20/697 Conister Investment Account

After discussion it was **unanimously resolved** to re-affirm their decision made at the extra-ordinary meeting on 20th October 2020, that 50% of the maturing sum, £512,579.25, should be re-invested with Conister bank at a rate of 0.4% for a further 6 months, and the remainder being invested with the Isle of Man Bank in the Commissioners 35 day notice account.

20/698 Clybane Playground Pathway

Consideration was given to a report from the Community Warden on options for the provision of a walkway through the park that would keep dogs away from the play areas.

After a lengthy discussion it was **unanimously resolved** to arrange a meeting on site so the Commissioners could gain a better appreciation of the situation.

20/699 Economic Recovery Group – Domestic Event Fund

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk, regarding the work of the Economic Recovery Group, but the Commissioners were unable to put forward any events that could attract grant assistance.

The Clerk agreed to collect more information on the Town and Village Regeneration fund to see if any funding could be obtained for example for, a lighting scheme on the Heritage Trail or assistance with the public toilets.

It was **unanimously resolved** to wait for further feedback.

20/700 Memorial Hall Acoustics

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk, regarding the options available for a scheme to resolve the problem with the acoustics in the Hall.

The Clerk produced a report from a company in the UK who had undertaken a desk top exercise based on the plans for the Hall, and their recommendation for hanging materials from the ceiling.

The previously considered solution of attaching acoustic boards to the walls was also noted.

The price for both solutions supply and fit, was put forward. The acoustic boards attached to the wall was £12,339, and the woolly cloud shaped material hangings were £3570.

It was **unanimously resolved** to place the order for the woolly clouds.

20/701 National Service of Remembrance – Sunday 8 November 2020

Consideration was given to an invitation from the Chief Minister to the National Service of Remembrance on Sunday 8 November 2020 at the Royal Chapel of St John and the National War Memorial.

It was **unanimously resolved** that Miss Corkill would represent the Commissioners at the occasion.

20/702 Invitation to Tynwald Christmas Service – 17 December 2020

Consideration was given to an invitation from the President of Tynwald to the Tynwald Christmas Carol Service on 17 December 2020 at St George's Church, Douglas.

It was **unanimously resolved** that Mr Mellon would represent the Commissioners at the occasion.

20/703 Replacement Wheelie Bins

A report from the Finance Officer in relation to the need for more bins was noted.

The report advised that the sum of £6350 had been identified in saving to purchase the required fifty 1100ltr bins and it was **unanimously resolved** that the order should be placed.

20/704 Road Traffic Data – Smiley SIDS – Main Road, Union Mills

The Commissioners considered the data extracted from the Smiley SID speed camera that was positioned westerly facing at the Memorial Hall during the period and passed a copy to Mr Shimmins.

It was **unanimously resolved** that copies should be forwarded to the Police asking for more speed monitoring in the area and also published on the Commissioners Facebook page.

Planning**20/705 Planning Applications**

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

- PA20/00922/B – Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture – Extension to existing car park to increase number of parking spaces – Millennium Oak Wood, Ballafletcher Farm Road, Tromode, Braddan – AMENDED PLANS
- PA20/01141/B - - Extension at first floor level to provide additional living accommodation - 103 Fairways Drive, Mount Murray, Braddan, Isle of Man, IM4 2JL
- PA20/01164/B - Installation of front and rear dormers and widening of vehicle access
- Grianane, 21 Ballamillaghyn Estate, Mount Rule, Braddan, Isle of Man, IM4 4HX

20/706 Planning Approvals

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

- PA20/00722/D - Installation of information sign - Land Between The Smithy And New Access Road, Isle Of Man Business Park, Braddan, Isle Of Man

20/707 Planning Appeals

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following Planning Appeal at that the Chairman would attend the Appeal Hearing:-

- PA19/00984/B – Appeal against the refusal for alterations, erection of three dwellings for tourist accommodation, erection of storage shed and creation of driveway – Hampton Court, Quines Hill, Port Soderick, IM4 1AZ

Section 2

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

- 1. Rent Arrears
- 2. 3rd Supplemental List Report
- 3. Consultation - Administration of Justice and Other Amendments Bill 2020
- 4. Application for closure - B23 Port Soderick Road 23.11.20
- 5. Road Traffic Data – Smiley SIDS – Main Road, Union Mills

Private

20/709 Tenancy Agreement for signing

It was **unanimously resolved** that the tenancy agreements could be signed for the following:-

- Property 032 and Tenant 222
- Property 140 and Tenant 551
- Property 209 and Tenant 550

20/710 Land at Union Mills

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk, regarding what opportunities they had for the use of the land on the outskirts of the Village.

After consideration it was **unanimously resolved** to defer any decision regarding purchasing the land until the future of the Strang Corner Field project had been determined.

20/711 Any Other Business

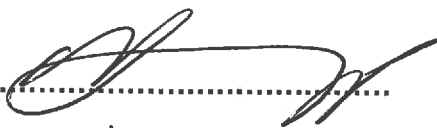
- 1. The Chairman advised he had been contacted by the "Isle of Play" who were looking for suitable sites for their rustic play areas.
- 2. Mr Quaye asked that the roadway at the rear of Millennium Close be looked at because it seemed to be eroding away.
- 3. Mr Quaye advised that he had been advised by a user of the Marine Drive that it had been suffering from more dog mess recently.

20/712 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

12th November 2020

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5.30pm

Signed 

Date 12/11/2020