

~~MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS~~

held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 12 November 2020.

In Attendance

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

20/713 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr Dentith and Mr Whiteway that they would be late attending the meeting, as they were attending the Eastern Civic Amenity Site Committee meeting. They joined the meeting at 16:10pm

20/714 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

20/715 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.

20/716 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

It was **unanimously resolved** that Item 10 relating to a Tenancy Agreement for signing should be heard in Private.

20/717 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

20/718 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Public Meeting of 29 October 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

20/719 Matters Arising**i) Area Plan for the East: Minute 20/678**

The Chairman advised that members had been circulated with a draft letter for circulation to Tynwald members. It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the draft document.

ii) Road Traffic Data - Smiley SIDs Main Road, Union Mills: Minute 20/704

The Deputy Clerk sought clarification from the Board as to the statement they wished to release with the Data. It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the following statement: "Data shows examples of irresponsible and antisocial speeding through the village, regardless of the time of day. We have referred the matter onto Bill Shimmins MHK and the Police to consider enforcement action. Although there is resistance to speed cameras, unless there is responsible attitude by the motoring public the advent of cameras is approaching."

iii) Community Garden: Minute 20/689

The Chairman reported that Zero Waste Mann had agreed to accept requests for funding of equipment needed at the Community Garden. It was **unanimously resolved** that the Community Garden Volunteers would be advised of this.

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iv) Skate Park Surface: Minute 20/689

The Chairman reported that following the Community Wardens' emails to members, he would suggest the Board agree to pay the full cost of the hire of a generator which was £300.

It was **unanimously resolved** to pay the full cost of the hire of the generator to enable the works to be completed.

v) Clybane Playground Pathway: Minute 20/698

It was **unanimously resolved** to request the Community Warden to arrange a site visit for the Board on Tuesday 17th November to enable members to gain a better understanding of the issues.

vi) Town and Village Regeneration Fund: Minute 20/699

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Board would investigate projects which could be assisted by this fund, suggestions included art installations and seating area outside the new Toilets in Cronk Grianagh park, interpretation boards in Union Mills explaining the history of the former Mill site and lighting the Heritage Trail.

vii) Isle of Play: Minute 20/711

It was **unanimously resolved** to contact Isle of Play to offer them the use of the area of land between Millennium Close and Snugborough Playground.

20/720 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.

20/721 Chairman's announcement

There was no Chairman's announcement.

20/722 Environmental Issues

It was noted that the planting of bulbs by groups and organisations was continuing.

20/723 Lewin – Bankruptcy

There were no further updates to this matter. It was **unanimously resolved** to request the Clerk report to the next meeting on progress.

20/724 Mullen Doway – Update

The Deputy Clerk reported that they had yet to receive the architect's 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. He confirmed that the architect had been contacted again to request it.

The Deputy Clerk reported that staircase in Block B would be wrapped with plastic sheeting in the near future, to enable the heating to be switched on and allow the next phase of the works to be progressed.

Miss Corkill reported that after discussion with the developer it was decided that a site meeting would be futile, but she was pleased to note that the location of the radiators would be reviewed in the remaining units.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that timber products were being installed in unheated blocks, and to advise the developer that no liability would be accepted should any of the materials, fixtures, fittings or timber items already in situ or installed subsequently, sustain moisture damage.

20/725 Strang Corner Field – Update

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Petition had been submitted to the DOI and the public notice placed in the local press.

Section 1**20/726 Invoices for approval**

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

- Broxap Ltd
- Douglas Borough Council
- Bell Burton Associates
- Cedar
- The Woolly Shepherd Ltd
- Department of Infrastructure – Energy From Waste Plant

20/727 Signing of Financial Accounts

The Deputy Clerk reported that due to prior year adjustments needing to be processed, the Auditors had yet to review the final set of financial statements, but was hopeful that they would be available for signing at the next meeting.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the draft set of accounts and await the report from the Auditors

20/728 Highway Sweeping – Baldwins

Consideration was given to a report from the Community Warden regarding the condition of the roads and drainage in the Baldwin valley.

It was **unanimously resolved** to formally relinquish responsibility for the sweeping of the roads and emptying of the gullies in Baldwin until such times as the necessary remedial works had been undertaken by the DOI.

It was further **unanimously resolved** to request representatives of the DOI, attend the next Board meeting to discuss this in more detail.

20/729 Trees and High Hedges complaint

Mr Horrox joined the meeting. Discussions took place with regards to the works required and it was **unanimously resolved** to note that the steps taken by Mr Horrox to secure a contractor to carry out the works.

20/730 Economic Development Fund

Consideration was given to information collected by the Clerk in relation to 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** that the Board would investigate possible events which could be organised in the Parish and funded by this fund, suggestions included a BBQ and Bike Ride at Cronk Grianagh Park and a Sod Cutting event at Strang Corner Field.

Mr Dentith and Mr Whiteway joined the meeting

20/731 Consultation – Mid Rent Housing

Consideration was given to a consultation requesting input into the possible introduction of affordable Mid rent housing, designed to help people that may not be eligible for Public Sector Housing, to access a property with affordable rent, in order to assist them to save for a deposit to purchase their first home.

It was **unanimously resolved** to support the proposals and the consultation was responded to accordingly.

20/732 Application for a Street Trader's Licence

Consideration was given to report from the Community Warden regarding an application for a Street Trader's Licence

It was **unanimously resolved** to postpone consideration of the application pending clarity on the exact locations they wish to operate from and request the applicant provide evidence that permission has been obtained from the landowners.

20/733 Union Mills Luncheon Club

Consideration was given to an approach from a Union Mills resident offering to provide a community lunch for parishioners on a quarterly basis, based at the Memorial Hall.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Board was fully supportive of the idea and were minded to offer the Memorial Hall free of charge. However, they would extend an invitation to the resident to attend the next meeting to discuss her proposal in more detail.

20/734 Armed Forces Day

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Vice Chairman would attend the event.

Planning**20/735 Planning Applications**

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

- PA20/01207/B – Alterations, erection of extensions to front & rear elevations and alterations to driveway & vehicular access – Blossom Hill, Main Road, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4ND
- PA20/01217/B – Change of use from office to Salvation Army headquarters – Former British Red Cross Building, Isle of Man Business Park, Cooil Road, Braddan, IM2 2QZ
- PA20/01239/B – Erection of single storey extension and patio – 6 Ashlar Drive, Union Mills, Braddan, IM4 4LJ

20/736 Planning Approvals

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

- PA20/00947/B - Erection of single storey extension and installation of a first floor Juliette balcony - 4 The Church View, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM4 4TF
- PA20/00909/C - Additional use of residence as brewery business and distributor to public houses - Lough Ned, Oak Hill, Port Soderick, Isle Of Man, IM4 1AN

20/737 Planning Refusals

- PA20/00944/B - Mr Haydn Simpson - Removal of existing sod bank and replace with fencing or partial removal of existing sod bank and installation of a retaining wall - 59 Clybane Rise, Farmhill, Braddan, Isle of Man, IM2 2LX

20/738 Planning Appeals

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the following Planning Appeal and 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

20/739 Section 2

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

1. Rent Arrears
2. Equality Act 2017 draft Code of Practice for Services, Public Functions and Associations

Private

20/740 Tenancy Agreement for signing

It was **unanimously resolved** that the tenancy agreements could be signed for the following:-
- Property 142 and Tenant 547

Any Other Business

20/741 Parking – Union Mills Car Park

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the correspondence received from a resident of Union Mills in relation to the length of stay permissible at the Car Park, however it should be noted that the car park was created for Memorial Hall users and needed to ensure the parking was sufficient to cover a session booked at the hall which was 3 hours long.

20/742 Christmas Lights

Mr Mellon enquired when the festive lighting would be switched on and the Clerk confirmed that the lights would be switched on 25th November 2020.

20/743 Site Visit Mullen Doway – Douglas Councillors

Mr Dentith asked whether it would be possible to allow representatives from Douglas to carry out a site visit at Mullen Doway, as they had similar projects in progress and it might be helpful for them to visit ours.

Discussion took place and it was **unanimously resolved** that an invitation would be extended to them to arrange a mutually convenient time to attend a site visit.

20/744 Leaves – Saddle Road

Mr Dentith advised that the pavements on Saddle Road and Strang Road were once again covered in leaves and asked that they be cleared. The Clerk advised he would raise the issue with their contractors.

20/745 Brass at Braddan - Manx Concert Brass

Mr Dentith advised that he had spoken to the organiser of the Brass at Braddan event with a view to organising a Christmas event, but was waiting for them to come back to him.

20/746 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

26th November 2020

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:45pm

Signed 

Date ... 26/11/2020

