

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

**held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan
at 2pm on Thursday 26 November 2020.**

In Attendance

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

20/747 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Dentith.

20/748 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

20/749 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.

20/750 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

There were no matters deferred to Private.

20/751 Questions from Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jeremy Callin from Callin Wild to the Meeting and explained the Boards concerns in relation to the Area Plan for the East, including zoning of land in the countryside, coalescence of settlements, green gaps, development boundaries and settlement boundaries. They sought advice as to whether they had sufficient grounds to mount a legal challenge against the plan. Mr Callin agreed to review the documentation, and consider the points raised and revert back with his opinion as to whether or not they had a valid legal argument to progress a Petition of Doleance within four weeks. Mr Callin left the meeting at 2:45pm.

20/752 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Public Meeting of 12 November 2020 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

20/753 Matters Arising**i) Road Traffic Data - Smiley SIDs Main Road, Union Mills: Minute 20/719 (ii)**

The Deputy Clerk reported that there was now more recent data available in relation to the speed of traffic travelling on the Main Road in Union Mills.

It was **unanimously resolved** to publish this information online.

ii) Clybane Playground Pathway: Minute 20/719 (v)

The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on their visit to the park with the Community Warden, and advised that they had asked him to obtain quotes for the realignment of the pathways around the edge of the playground. They advised that they'd also agreed to review the cost of painting the playground equipment and fencing.

It was **unanimously resolved** to await a report from the Community Warden for consideration in the 2021-22 estimates.

iii) Highway Sweeping – Baldwins: Minute 20/728

It was **unanimously resolved** that a representative from the Department of Infrastructure would be invited to the next meeting of the Authority to discuss the

implications of formally relinquishing responsibility of road sweeping and gulley emptying in this area, until the roadway and drainage issues had been resolved.

20/754 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no matters for consideration from Section 2.

20/755 Chairman's announcement

There was no Chairman's announcement.

20/756 Environmental Issues

It was noted that a selection of fruit trees were going to be planted in Cronk Grianagh Park shortly as a suitable site had been chosen.

20/757 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.

20/758 Mullen Doway – Update

Consideration was given to a revision suggested for the fencing and paths within the development

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the amendments for the paths and pavements as suggested and request that the Grasscrete chosen for the disabled parking spaces would be replaced with block paving.

**20/759 Strang Corner Field – Update
Draft I3 Report – Bell Burton**

It was **unanimously resolved** to submit the I3 Report from Bell Burton to the Department of Infrastructure for their consideration.

Section 1

20/760 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
- Bell Burton Associates
- Douglas Borough Council

20/761 Task Management – Chairman to raise

The Chairman advised that due to the volume of matters raised during meetings, he thought it might be helpful for members if they had access to a shared method for managing and monitoring important issues.

It was **unanimously resolved** to explore options for members to be allocated a dedicated space within the staff's task management software for this purpose.

20/762 Cronkbourn Village

Consideration was given to a report from the Deputy Clerk regarding the lease of the properties at Cronkbourn Village. It was noted that one property remained occupied and that the lease terminated in March 2021.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Chairman would visit the tenant to discuss possible options for him to move ahead of the completion of the development at Mullen Doway.

- 20/763 Policy and Guidelines on the Management of Self Isolation related to Covid-19**
Consideration was given to a draft staffing Policy in relation to the above.
- It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the draft and implement with immediate effect and circulate a copy to all members of staff.
- 20/764 Toilets – Cronk Grianagh Park**
Consideration was given to email correspondence from the Commissioners' consultants.
- It was **unanimously resolved** to note the correspondence and chase for an update from the consultants.
- 20/765 Signing of Financial Accounts**
Consideration was given to the Financial Statement for the Year Ending 31 March 2020 and after discussion, it was **unanimously resolved** to approve the signature of the document by the Chairman and the Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer.
- 20/766 Woodland Management Plan – Phase 5**
Consideration was given to report from the Research & Development Officer regarding the fifth and final phase of the Woodland Management Plan for Cronk Grianagh Park.
- It was **unanimously resolved** that whilst they were minded to approve the quote from Manx Roots, they requested the Deputy Clerk obtain clarification on the costs of the two contractors, as there was some confusion in the costings outlined in the report.
- 20/767 Union Mills Luncheon Club**
Unfortunately the individual who had approached the Board was unable to attend this meeting, therefore it was **unanimously resolved** to extend an invitation to the resident to attend the next meeting to discuss her proposal in more detail.
- 20/768 CCTV Upgrade**
Consideration was given to a report from the Community Warden regarding upgrading the Authority's CCTV system.
- It was **unanimously resolved** to consider this proposal as part of the estimates for the next financial year.
- 20/769 Area Plan for the East**
Consideration was given to notes from a meeting held with residents and their advocate, Mrs Marina Warwick on Friday 20 November, together with correspondence from Mrs Warwick in relation to their concerns about developing the area known as the Drinkwater Land.
- Following discussions with the Board's advocate, Mr Jeremy Callin, it was **unanimously resolved** to issue him with all the correspondence in relation to this matter, for him to review and advise if there are grounds to bring a Petition of Doleance against the Cabinet Office.
- 20/770 Refurbishment – 1 Jubilee Terrace**
Consideration was given to correspondence, including tender documentation from Robert Graham & Co regarding the refurbishment of 1 Jubilee Terrace.
- It was **unanimously resolved** to note that invitations to tender for the works had now been issued to contractors and they were expected to be returned no later than Wednesday 16 December 2020.

20/771 Business Continuity Plan – Amended – Covid 19

Consideration was given to a report from the Research and Development Officer in relation to a proposal from Argon Continuity Ltd to adopt a revised Business Continuity Plan to take in account the effect of Covid 19 on the Authority.

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the revised Business Continuity Plan together with the increase in cost.

20/772 Christmas Charitable Contributions 2020

Consideration was given to a report from the Research and Development Officer in relation to the annual contributions to local groups and charities to assist with their Christmas party celebrations.

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the following contributions:-

£100 contribution

Braddan School
Ballacottier School
Kewaique School
Ballacottier Youth Club
Crossroads Young Carers

£50 contribution

Union Mills Brownies
Union Mills Rainbows
Braddan Brownies
Santan Scouts
Mooijer Veggey
Braddan Church Playgroup

20/773 Christmas Concerts Invitation – Ballacottier School

Consideration was given to an invitation to attend the Christmas concerts at Ballacottier School on the 8th and 10th December.

It was **unanimously resolved** that Mr Mellon would attend one of the events on behalf of the Board if he was available.

Planning**20/774 Planning Applications**

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

- PA20/01203/B – Erection of single storey home gym/yoga studio and garden store – Ballacaroon, West Baldwin Road, Mount Rule, Braddan, IM 4 4HW
- PA20/01322/B – Variation of Condition 2, to PA20/0909/C – Additional use of residence as a brewery business and the distributor to public houses, to increase the number staff – Lough Ned, Oakhill, Port Soderick, Braddan, IM4 1AN

20/775 Planning Approvals

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

- PA20/01322/B – Replacement of existing conservatory with sun room – Ballachrink, Quines Hill, Port Soderick, Braddan, IM4 1AY

20/776 Any Other Business**Presentation of Hamper to resident**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Vice Chairman would put together a hamper based on local produced goods to the value of £100.00.

20/777 Presentation of cheque to the Mobile Library

Mr Mellon and Mr Quaye confirmed that they would be available to attend the presentation of a cheque to the Mobile Library when it next visited Snugborough Avenue on Wednesday 3rd December.

- 20/778 Replacement Civic Amenity Site**
The cost comparison figures from Cameron Hall in relation to the construction of a replacement Civic Amenity Site were noted.
- 20/779 September Financial Report**
The Deputy Clerk circulated a copy of the September Financial Report for consideration at the next Board meeting.
- 20/780 Ballanawin Roads and Paths**
The Chairman advised that he had been approached by a resident regarding the state of the roads and paths in the Ballanawin housing estate. The Deputy Clerk advised she would ask the Community Warden to raise these issues with the Department of Infrastructure.
- 20/781 Woolly Shepherd – Memorial Hall Acoustics**
Ms Corkill requested an update on the “clouds” made from wool that had been chosen to improve the acoustics in the Memorial Hall. The Deputy Clerk advised that payment had now been made to the company in the UK and the clouds would be dispatched shortly.
- 20/782 Damaged Pavement – The Downs**
Mr Quaye requested an update on the tree that had damaged the pavement in the Downs and if DEFA had completed an assessment. The Deputy Clerk confirmed she would refer the matter to the Community Warden.
- 20/783 Heritage Trail – Mud**
Mr Quaye asked if anything could be done to improve the areas of mud on the Heritage Trail, particularly at the Railway Station. The Deputy Clerk confirmed she would refer the matter to the Community Warden.
- 20/784 Braddan Road pavements**
Mr Quaye requested that the pavements next to the former Mannin Infirmary Site and Cronk Grianagh Bungalows be cleared of a build up of leaves. The Deputy Clerk confirmed she would refer the matter to the Community Warden.
- 20/785 Date of Next Meeting**
The date for the next meeting was set for:-

10th December 2020

The Chairman advised that he would be isolating on that date following a trip to the UK, therefore he would be joining the meeting via Skype.

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

Signed 

Date 10.12.2020

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS

