

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
Meeting held virtually at 2pm on Thursday 22 April 2021.

In Attendance

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

- 21/210 Apologies for absence**
 There were no apologies for absence.
- 21/211 Declaration of Interest**
 There were no Declarations of Interest received.
- 21/212 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.
- 21/213 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private**
 It was **unanimously resolved** to defer Item 9 – “Working from Home” to Private.
- 21/214 Questions from Members of the Public**
 There were no questions from Members of the Public.
- 21/215 Minutes of previous Meeting**
 The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 8 April 2021 was **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.
- 21/216 Matters Arising**
1) Collection of Waste – Injebreck: Minute 21/159
 A lengthy discussion was held on the problems associated with the collection and the potential cost of a solution to the problem of the refuse vehicle not being safely able to access the two properties.
- The quoted price of £1560 from a contractor to visit using a smaller vehicle was noted. The concerns by that contractor over health and safety and manual handling of domestic waste was also taken in to consideration.
- It was noted that the Public Health Act covered matters such as inaccessible areas where cost of collecting was unreasonably high, but also scope for making a reasonable charge.
- The Commissioners also discussed the representations made by the residents of a property in the area who was concerned about losing the weekly collection from the curtilage of their property.
- After a lengthy debate it was to **unanimously resolved** to maintain there previous decision made on the matter, and advise the residents that, taking all matters into consideration that collections from their curtilage would not take place and they should use the communal bins in West Baldwin village.
- The Clerk was to advise the residents accordingly.
- 21/217 Matters for Consideration from Section 2**
 There were no matters to be brought forward from Section 2.



21/218 Chairman's announcement
There was no Chairman's announcement.

21/219 Environmental Issues
There were no matters for consideration.

21/220 Mullen Doway – Update
It was agreed that the Clerk and Deputy Chair would make a site visit to re-assess the matter of emergency lighting and also to gain a better understanding of the problem with the bank.

The Chairman advised that he had met Mr Mark Grace to discuss the potential purchase of the bank, and a sum was put forward which Mr Grace agreed to take back to Mr Walker which was to include ladder rights.

Mr Grace suggested that if the Board wished to proceed with the purchase, rather than waiting for completion and Petition approval, they could agree a licence to access the land.

It was **unanimously resolved** the Clerk was asked to seek an estimate of the costs that Mr Walker would be asking for in addition to the sale price before a final decision was made.

21/221 Strang Corner Field – Update
A discussion was held on the fact that the supplier of steel for the roof was asking for money to be held in a joint account with themselves and the contractor Cedar. The Chairman advised that the QS was looking at ways that this money would be made secure for the Commissioners and not lost if either company went into administration.

Mr Mellon had asked that the contractor made sure that the materials that formed the entrance to the site were not dragged around the hospital roads.

He also asked that the architect consider making sure that the building was made as future proof as possible against any future pandemics.

Matters such as handsfree taps and HEPA filters in the heating system were suggested and it was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would raise the matter.

A breaking ground ceremony was to be arranged.

21/222 Lewin – Bankruptcy
It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Chairman had spoken to Mr Mitchell who agreed to send an email with recent updates on the matter.

Section 1

21/223 Invoices for approval
It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the following invoices in excess of £2k that required the authorisation of the Board:-

31733 – Burroughs Stewart Associates – Mullen Doway - £12,000.00
2128 – Pro-Fab Welding Ltd – 8 Millennium Close – replacement balcony - £3,300.00

21/224 Royal British Legion Centenary – Reception – 14 May 2021
Consideration was given to an invitation from the Royal British Legion to attend a reception to mark their Centenary.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise the Secretary that the Chairman would attend the reception. Mr Mellon stated that if the Chairman was unable to attend he would take his place.

21/225 February Financial Report

Consideration was given to a report from the Finance Officer which was noted.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Finance Officer would check the reasons why the predicted closing balance showed a negative amount of £116k and report back.

21/226 Supply of Bins

Consideration was given to a report from the Finance Officer relating to the requirement for new bins.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the following order should be placed:

1100 x40
360 x 15
32 x 240
100 kerbside recycle trollies

21/227 Proposed withdrawal of public telephone boxes

Consideration was given to an email from Manx Telecom advising that the red telephone boxes at Union Mills and the Strang were to be taken out of service.

The Commissioners felt that there were opportunities to install a defibrillator or a small library in these boxes and it was **unanimously resolved** to seek to adopt both.

21/228 Conister Investment

Consideration was given to a report from the Finance Officer relating to the £256,550 which was held on deposit at Conister and due to mature on 4th May 2021.

It was noted that Conister were now offering 1% on deposits left for 12 months and it was **unanimously resolved** to re-invest the money with Conister on these new terms.

21/229 Eastern Civic Amenity Site – next meeting

The Clerk put forward a report from the Eastern Civic Amenity Site committee seeking availability for the next meeting and whether they felt it necessary to hold an AGM before the July local elections and appoint a new Chairman.

It was **unanimously resolved** to advise that the Commissioners were content to follow the same line as other members.

21/230 Braddan Road Resurfacing

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the scheme for the installation of traffic lights outside Braddan School was to commence on 26th July 2021, would take 5 weeks and a one way system up from Braddan Bridge was to be in place.

Planning

21/231 Planning Approvals

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

- PA20/01463/B - Alteration and erection of extension - Marbeg, Old Castletown Road, Port Soderick, Braddan, IM4 1B
- PA21/00114/B - Alterations and erection of a two storey extension to side elevations and widening of vehicle access - 79 Cronk Grianagh Estate, The Strang, Braddan, Isle Of Man IM4 4RR

- PA20/00324/C - Change of use from storage, distribution, and general industrial use (Classes 2.3 and 2.4) to include additional retail use (class 1.1) - Unit 14, Cooil Smithy, Isle Of Man Business Park, Braddan, Isle Of Man, IM2 2QA - ON APPEAL

Private

21/232 Working from Home

The Commissioners considered a request from a staff member to work from home and it was **unanimously resolved** that a 12 week trial period should be undertaken before a final decision was made.

21/233 Section 2

It was unanimously resolved to note the following item from Section 2:-

- 1. Rent Arrears

21/234 Any Other Business

- 1) The Chairman suggested that the future of the Ard Whallan venture centre following its recent closure should be monitored.

21/235 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

6th May 2021

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.30 pm

Signed 

Date 6/5/21

