

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS
Held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills at 2pm
Thursday 12 August 2021

In Attendance

Mr A C R Jessopp Chairman
 Mr J Quaye Vice Chairman
 Mr N Mellon
 Mr A Morgan
 Mr P Scott
 Mr J C Whiteway Clerk
 Miss M J Radcliffe Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer

21/426 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

21/427 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

21/428 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.

21/429 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

It was **unanimously resolved** that Item 6 – Tenancy Agreement for signing – Property 090 & Tenant 562 would be deferred to Private.

21/430 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 29 July 2021 and the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5 August 2021 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

21/431 Matters Arising**i) Marine Drive ASSI – Minute: 21/417**

The Clerk advised that he had been in contact with the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture who informed him that the Area of Special Interest designation on Marine Drive was now in place and all interested parties had been contacted.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the document.

ii) Braddan Commissioners' Badges – Minute: 21/419

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the matter was still under consideration.

iii) Cronk Grianagh Park Toilet – Minute: 21/424

The Clerk advised that no formal tenders had been received but a contractor had advised him that his bid would have been in the region of £320k.

It was **unanimously resolved** that consideration was required of other options including reducing the scheme to its bare minimum or perhaps a mobile cabin.

The Clerk was asked to bring other schemes forward for their consideration

iv) Port Soderick Recreation Hall Trustees – Minute: 21/424

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Chairman was still in the middle of negotiations with the Trustees to find a practical solution to the problem.

21/432 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

21/433 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no Matters for Consideration from Section 2.

21/434 Chairman's announcement

There was no Chairman's announcement.

21/435 Environmental Issues

There were no matters for consideration.

21/436 Mullen Doway – Update

The Clerk advised that a meeting had been held, the day before, to resolve the outstanding Early Warning Notices and any subsequent instructions from the Project Manager.

The Clerk advised that he had asked the contractor if a phased opening was possible and he agreed to consider the matter in the light of any instructions from the Project Manager.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note a spreadsheet prepared by the Finance Officer which showed that the delay in the completion of the work, disregarding the period of three lockdowns, had resulted in a loss to the Commissioners of a sum in the region of £240k.

This related to £205k from Housing and £35k from the General rate fund.

21/437 Strang Corner Field – Update

The Board meeting had been preceded by a presentation by the architect to the Commissioners and staff which was much appreciated.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Clerk intended to place an advert in the media seeking expressions of interest from businesses who wished to lease the available units at the building. These would lead to the signing of Heads of Agreement and give an opportunity to make early plans for any internal changes needed to meet the tenants needs.

21/438 Lewin – Bankruptcy

It was **unanimously resolved** to note there were no further developments.

Section 1**21/439 Invoices for approval**

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

Manx Utilities – Street lighting electricity - £7448

Kinrade Bros Haulage Ltd – External Cleaning Contract - £2448

Kay Associates – Fees – Strang Corner Field - £4374

21/440 Non destructive streetlight column testing – Manx Utilities

Consideration was given to correspondence from Manx Utilities regarding a revised date and estimate for testing the street lighting columns in the ownership of the Authority.

It was **unanimously resolved** to enter into contract with the MUA at a cost of £8635 for the provision of this service.

21/441 Local Government Pension Scheme

The Chairman stated that he had been approached by a number of parties concerned about the environment, who had determined that 5% of the funding for the Scheme was invested in hydrocarbons.

It was questioned whether this should be the investment strategy followed by local authorities, and there was a concern that if the focus in the economy changed quickly away from hydrocarbons, that investment may become stranded and would not provide the return required.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would contact the scheme administrator, Douglas Corporation, to seek their advice on the investment strategy and if consideration had been given to the money being invested in green tech and green power.

21/442 Decommissioning of telephone boxes

The Commissioners had been approached with a proposal from a resident to convert the telephone boxes at Union Mills and the Strang into large flower planters.

A discussion ensued over the opportunities available for the use of both boxes and it was agreed that the box outside the post office should hold a defibrillator but the use of the one at the Strang was uncertain.

It was **unanimously resolved** that before any final decision was made, the Clerk would obtain an estimate for the refurbishment of the boxes, including stripping to bare metal, whilst still in situ.

21/443 Strang Corner Field Contract

The Clerk produced copies of the contract for the project and advised that slight changes had been made to alter the name of the supplier and installer of the roof, who is now Fabrite, and the change in contract price to reflect the increase in price of the roof.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Chairman could sign the document.

21/444 Bank Mandates for signing

It was **unanimously resolved** that the following officers and Commissioners could sign mandates for the HSBC and Isle of Man banks:

Officers:

J C Whiteway Clerk

M J Radcliffe Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer

G R Corlett Research and Development Office

Commissioners:

A C R Jessopp

J Quaye

N Mellon

P Scott

A Morgan

21/445 Future Board Meetings

The Clerk asked, in the light of the fact that not all the Commissioners had the same day time commitments as the previous Board members, if everyone was still comfortable meeting during the afternoon.

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that, at this stage, all members were available for Thursday afternoon meetings starting at 2pm.

Planning**21/446 Planning Applications**

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that there was no objection to any of the following planning applications: -

- PA21/00106/B - Erection of 26 two bed apartments and 6 one bed apartments with associated car parking, vehicle access and landscaping - Land At Snugborough Farm, Cronk Gennal, Union Mills, Isle Of Man – AMENDED PLANS
- PA21/00876/B – Approval in principle for the erection of a detached dwelling addressing means of access – Land to the rear of the Hollies (formerly Thie Ashlish), Mount Rule Road, Braddan, IM4 4HT.

Private**21/447 Tenancy Agreement for signing – Property 090 & Tenant 562**

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the following Tenancy Agreement for signing: Property 095 & Tenant 290.

21/448 Section 2

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

1. Rent Arrears
2. Correspondence re: complaint – Middle Park

21/449 Any other Business

1. Mr Quaye asked if the weeds be removed from Union Mills car park
2. The Board asked if the DoI would install red coloured pedestrian crossings at Ashlar Drive and Union Mills now that the precedent about markings on the TT course has been set by work being done in Kirk Michael.
3. Mr Quaye asked if the DoI could find an engineering solution to the poor visibility splays to the right at the top of the Lhergy Cripperty.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would investigate these matters.

21/450 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting which was set for:-

- 26th August 2021

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5.05pm

Signed

Date 7/9/21