

MINUTES OF BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Held at the Commissioners' Office, Close Corran, Union Mills at 2pm on Thursday 23 March 2023

In Attendance

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

23/130 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

23/131 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/132 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.

23/133 Deferral of Matters on the Agenda to Private

It was **unanimously resolved** to defer Item 2 - Tenancy Agreements for signing and Item 3 – Coronation Community Garden to Private.

23/134 Ratification of decisions made at the meeting of 9th March 2023

In the light of the fact that two of the four Commissioners at the meeting were attending on-line via Teams, it was **unanimously resolved** to ratify all the decisions made at that meeting.

23/135 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 9 March 2023 were **unanimously approved** as a correct record of proceedings.

23/136 Matters Arising

i) Draft Recycling Contract – Minute: 23/109 (ii)

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the contract was yet to be returned by the new contractor.

ii) Street lights – Vehicle Testing Centre, Ballafletcher – Minute: 23/139

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the Clerk was waiting for a response from the Manager at the Test Centre

iii) Street lights – Burn Regime- Minute: 23/113

It was **unanimously resolved** to note that the investigation into reducing the cost of lighting, in the light of the prospective increase cost in electricity charges, was ongoing.

23/137 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no general matters raised.

23/138 Matters for Consideration from Section 2

There were no Matters for Consideration from Section 2.

23/139 Chairman's announcement

The Chairman had no matters to raise.



23/140 Environmental Issues

There were no matters for consideration.

23/141 Mullen Doway – Update

It was **unanimously resolved** to note :

- Investigations were ongoing in relation to the construction of a drying facility for the flats
- All the switches to the boilers had been replaced with the correct item
- Investigations were ongoing in relation to leaking windows
- A representative from a UK company was due on the island to discuss a solution to the leaking undercroft

23/143 The Roundhouse – Update

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

- A planning application to allow the creation of an access road from the Ballaoates Road had been submitted
- Orders had been placed by the contractor for the marking for the sports hall and purchase of the sports equipment
- Discussions were held on how to mark the opening of the facility.

23/144 Lewin – Bankruptcy

There were no matters for consideration.

Section 1**23/145 Invoices for approval**

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

- Mullen Consulting Ltd – The Roundhouse – Billing Periods – Jan – Feb 2023 £11,550
- Jones Services Ltd – Road sweeping – PO10451 - £3227
- Evolution Accounting Ltd – Internal Audit Services 2022/23 – Mullen Doway Snagging - £2580
- Evolution Accounting Ltd – Internal Audit Services 2022/23 – Commissioners' Training £3180

23/146 Transfer of Documentation to Public Record Office – for approval

It was **unanimously resolved** to accept the recommendations of the Research and Development Officer and deposit various files with the Public Records Office in accordance with the Boards policy.

23/147 Formal Consultation Amendments to Public Sector General Needs Housing

The proposal by the Department to raise the income threshold for people wishing to be included on the housing list had previously been debated by the Board and accepted.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Clerk would submit the official response using the decisions made at the previous meeting.

23/148 Cooil Road Pedestrian Crossing

It was **unanimously resolved** to note the Department of Infrastructures plans to install a toucan crossing on Cooil Road adjacent to the entrance to Eden Park.

23/149 Staffing – Internal Audit Report – Outsourcing vs Employment

Careful consideration was given to a report from the internal auditor in relation to the comparison of costs between employing or contracting staff for both external works and maintain the new building.

Whilst noting that the direct employment appeared to be the cheaper option it was **unanimously resolved** to give further consideration to the report after the new building had opened.

23/150 Work Permit Consultation 2023

It was **unanimously resolved** to respond to the consultation advising that the Authority supported the broad principles of the proposed changes including the ability for the Department to "turn on/ turn off" the requirement for non- Isle of Man workers to obtain a work permit prior to taking up employment in certain employments, occupations or economic sectors dependent on prevailing economic conditions.

Planning

23/151 Planning Applications

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Board had no objection to the following planning applications:-

PA23/00075/B – Erection of side extension to provide ground floor additional living space (as an annex) with first floor storage – 25 Clybane Rise, Farmhill, Braddan, IM2 2LY

PA23/00121/D – Replacement of existing non-illuminate signage with new LED illuminated signage at site entrance – Greenhill Data Centre, IOM Business Park, Braddan, IM2 2QZ

PA23/00155/B – Installation of cladding to replace existing shingle on garage roof – North Lodge, Cronkbourne, Braddan, IM4 4QH

23/152 Planning Approvals

It was **unanimously resolved** that the Board would note the following planning approval:-

PA22/01505/B - Demolition of unsympathetic extensions and erection of extension to form kitchen, sitting, day room and decking – Millcroft, East Baldwin, Isle Of Man, IM4 5ER

Private

23/153 Tenancy Agreements for signing

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the following tenancy agreements for signing:-

Property 007 & Tenant 485

Property 170 & Tenant 523

Property 059 & Tenant 615

Property 163 & Tenant 616

23/154 Coronation Community Garden

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ms Edwards from the Community Garden Committee, Mrs Douglas from Manx Aid and Ms Phillips from Manx Wildlife Trust. They had been invited to discuss the future management of the facility as it seemed that, since its inception, it had changed to a less informal ad hoc function.

After a lengthy discussion around the table, the Chairman agreed to discuss the matter further with the Green Centre who had been involved in the start up of the garden.

Ms Edwards, Mrs Douglas and Ms Philips were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

23/155 Section 2

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

- 1. Rent Arrears
- 2. Monthly Report – January 2023
- 3. Housing Quarterly Performance Figures - Qtr 3 - All Island
- 4. Road Sweeping & Gulley emptying

23/156 Any other Business

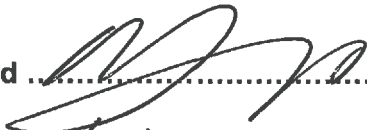
- 1. **Speeding – Ballaoates Road-** Mr Mellon asked if any progress had been made on the reducing the speed limit on the road. The Clerk advised that he would look into the matter, and agreed that the Smiley Sid would be installed on the road as soon as possible.
- 2. **Union Mills Pedestrian Crossing-** sometime ago it had been muted that a new zebra crossing was to be installed in the Village. The Clerk agreed to try and determine if there had been and progress on the matter.
- 3. **Heritage Trail & Union Mills Station-** The poor condition of the trail was noted and the Clerk was to get an update on the cleaning schedule and where the installation of the new top surface had got to.
- 4. **Union Mills Bring Bank-** The general untidiness of the Bring Bank was noted and the Clerk agreed to report this to the Department of Infrastructure who are the owner of the land.

23/157 Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for:-

6 April 2023

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

Signed 

Date 6/4/23