

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, at 2.30pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr A D Radcliffe (Chairman), Mrs V A Quane (Vice Chairman), Mr J Teare and Mr K Brew. Mrs V Radcliffe could not be contacted as she was teaching at school. Mrs M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Clerk explained a couple of points. Our meeting had been brought forward and on advice given by the Local Government Unit we should explain our reasoning behind this decision in the event of a challenge. A notice had been placed on the notice board which explained the meeting had been brought forward and the clerk had provided to the members the required explanation. A short risk assessment had also been written to show that the meeting was held in a safe manner, with the use of hand gel on entry and members seated at a sensible distance from each other.

Mr Radcliffe added that this meeting held without due notice is due to the latest covid 19 situation and the imminent lock down.

Mrs Quane added that it was lovely to have the clerk back after her period of absence. Mr Radcliffe and the other members echoed this sentiment. The clerk advised she was also glad to be back.

Mr Teare advised the members that Mr Terry Corkill, a past Commissioner had sadly passed away in early February and he asked the members to observe a minutes silence. The members observed a minutes silence as requested. The clerk was asked to write a letter of condolence to Mrs Corkill.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd December 2020, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the December 20 minutes

PC Flat for Sulby Glen Road – contacted Ramsey police station. Waiting to hear from the Roads Policing Sergeant. Not chased up. Not contacted residents to ask for help putting out etc.

Mr Livesey still to undertake work at Cronk Ruagh.

Tim Baker MHK Chickens – Tholt y Wil. Feedback received – MSPCA could help in educating the public regarding the dumping and also feeding of feral poultry. He envisages enforcement action being effective or see the benefit of the byelaw route as it will have a disproportionate cost and doubts other authorities would contribute to this. He had promised to raise this issue with the DEFA Chief Executive and Minister asking them to consider further with their officers and contact us directly. The clerk advised that she had not heard from anyone at DEFA.

Electoral rolls – Cabinet office wish all electoral rolls to be accessed via File Transfer Protocol. The clerk had advised we cannot access them in this manner. The clerk is still waiting to hear if we can continue to receive electoral rolls by password protected emails.

Andreas road – 40mph speed limit extension feedback. The members had asked the clerk to write to DOI to reconsider and extend further this new 40mph extension. DOI had replied - *When carrying out assessments of any changes to speed limits or safety improvements we consider all factors available to us, this includes the Police Accident Database. From this assessment our proposals are then advertised and any comments taken into consideration. As such we will not be*

making any formal changes to that what is in place now; however, we do monitor any new traffic schemes and speed limits for their effectiveness over a 6 month to a year time frame to address any unforeseen issues that may arise.

Carrick Park – bus shelter enquiry – written to DOI advising our support to the residents for a bus shelter at this location, to respond to the residents that have written in and to keep the Commissioners up to date with any progress on this matter.

Refuse resident – refuse collection – feedback Julian Teare advised that this matter was raised and the response was for the resident to bring his refuse down to a determined collection area as the refuse wagon was not able to access directly due to the narrow road. The clerk suggested that we pass this query to the refuse board to deal with directly. The members agreed.

St Stephens Meadow – no feedback from MEA re street light timings etc. To be chased.

Refuse Bin – price increase/copy minutes – The clerk advised she had written to the refuse board as requested but had not yet received a response.

Ramsey Boundary extension – The clerk explained the reply received in relation to our initial enquiry asking the Minister to put a motion forward in Tynwald whereby the financial implications are taken into account when boundary extensions are considered by a public inquiry. The reply received advised that this issue had been raised with officers of the Local Government Unit and was waiting for a response.

The clerk advised she had written to Mr Sutherland to thank him for his efforts collecting litter etc up Sulby Glen. He had replied and thanked the Commissioners for their acknowledgement which was appreciated.

Mr Brew asked if the Northern Young Farmers were using our hall for rehearsals. The clerk advised that they were using the facilities and had been since the last lock down had ended. She advised further that a short meeting had been held with the NYF secretary along with Mrs Arnold and Mr Radcliffe, as a few issues had been raised regarding the use of the hall.

Mr Teare advised he had attended the drop in session in relation to the new Local Government Amendment Bill 2020. Mrs Quane advised the members that this new proposed legislation had been discussed at the Municipal Association meeting last week, where members from Douglas highlighted their concerns as it read that DOI could take over Local Authorities. It was understood that this part is being looked into by the Local Government Unit.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Cabinet Office

Annual Canvas for Electoral registration – registration closes 18th March 2021 – although late, this notice had been placed on the our notice boards for public information.

Department of Infrastructure

Local Government Unit –

Local Government Amendment Bill – Emailed to members when received. A hard copy is in circulation at the moment. Briefing not held due to circuit breaker lock down. Drop in session held

Wednesday 24th February. Mr Teare had attend. Mr Brew was unable to attend.

Update re Public Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 – the clerk advised the members that she needed to read through this and would advise the members as necessary.

Local Authority General Elections – Public Notice and timetable which shows the Election taking place on Thursday 22nd April. The members wondered if the island would be out of lock down in time for any prospective candidates to undertake their canvassing and gather the required signatures etc. The clerk was asked to write to the Local Government Unit to ask if the Election would be postponed this year.

Question for Tynwald – Lampposts for 5G communications. The clerk advised that she had not answered this question. Mr Thomas MHK was asking if lampposts in our parish were able to be made available for use by Mobile phone companies to assist with 5g telecommunications and if so what the terms of any contract are. The clerk advised the members we have 64 columns in our parish and thought that perhaps the only areas where lampposts may/could be used would be on estates. Mr Radcliffe asked for clarification regarding the extent of our responsibility. The MUA are responsible for all poles that carry power, we are responsible for those that carry lights only.

Highways issues

From highways –

Andreas Road – received a request to have road swept 17.12.20 – Road has since been swept with a report from a resident that the operator has done a great job. Mr Radcliffe asked the clerk about the process of sweeping our roads. The clerk replied advising that she does rely on the general public bringing matters to her attention. If necessary she will visit the area prior to instructing the sweep. The budget is checked to make sure we do not over spend. Mr Radcliffe asked the clerk to put an item on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the budget for sweeping.

To Highways –

Blocked drains/ditches Claddagh (banana end) 14.12.20 – advised drainage team will go and look
Reported condition of Glen Auldyn Road 15.12.20
Reported drainage issue up Glen Auldyn 16.12.20 being investigated by site works manager. Mr Radcliffe advised the members that he had visited the site where this problem had arisen. The water needed to be diverted to the correct location so that it could safely drain away. The clerk was asked to check with DOI to see if the problem has been resolved.

Closure of PROW 401 – Bride Road to beach – closed for safety and repair from 6am 2nd March 2021 to 6pm 1st August 2021

Department of Health and Social Security - Public consultation on draft Capacity Bill 2021 closing 8th April 2021. Mrs Quane would like a copy of this consultation. Clerk to organise.

Treasury - 1st Supplemental list for 2021 – one new property

Advised Burial Rate for Lezayre 21/22 0.08p in the pound. Mr Teare enquired if this was an increase on last year. Clerk to check.

Department for Enterprise – Tourism Annual renewal – free of charge this year 2021-22,
Registered

Office of Cyber-security and Information Assurance – invitation to attend training in handling Subject Access Requests – dates advised are now during lock down, so may be rescheduled.

£140.00 per person held over Microsoft Teams.

Road Traffic Licensing Committee – 522, 523 No Lezayre matters
Goods Vehicles – 21 No Lezayre matters

NNPT – next meeting 9th March 2021 9.30-10.30 Ramsey Town Hall. This will be cancelled due to the lock down.

MEA – report of repairs to street light LE049 – opposite Millrace – repair has been authorised. The clerk advised she had contacted Mr Radcliffe to authorise this repair prior to giving authority to MUA.

Alf Cannan Alf has forwarded to us information about a consultation “The public are offered a primary role to shape future Manx Health and Care Services. Closed on 29th January 2021.

Worship Leader – Derek Jones – Invitation for Chairman and fellow members to attend “Thanks and Blessings service for emergency services and volunteer groups during the last lock down in the North of the Island. Sunday 7th March at 10.30 (10.15 seated) Sulby Methodist Church. The clerk advised she had received a call to cancel this event.

Contact from residents

Glen Auldyn – requesting for the road to be swept and also the short road leading to the public right of way to the Crossags. Glen Auldyn Road on the list to be swept but advised by our contractor that this road will be done after lock down. Andrew Livesey (smaller sweeper) has now swept this small section.

St Stephen’s Meadow -

request to deal with tree that is obscuring light from street light at No 2. The Commissioners asked the clerk to check with Hartford Homes if this was their responsibility.

request for grit bin on this estate. - sent request to DOI – estate is being assessed.

Main Road – seeking advice re planning issue. - sent email with relevant advice. Mrs Quane advised the members that this matter had now been resolved.

Refuse – request for second bin to replace one that is broken – sent contact details of NPRCB Clerk

Old Village – report of window sill on village green. Put picture up on Sulby Community facebook page to see if anyone knows about it. This has now been resolved.

Sulby Straight – request for Dog Poo Bins. The members considered the request, but will not be placing any bins along this route. All dog owners should be responsible and take the bags of poo home to their own bins. The clerk was asked to place some of our “poo” signs along this stretch of road.

Beach between Grand Island and Dog Mills – Coastal erosion – exposure of fly tipping? The clerk advised the information received had been forwarded to DOI Waste Management Unit who had sent it on to Simon Renton, the Environmental Protection Unit manager within DEFA.

Memorial Bench – The clerk advised the members of the enquiry to place a memorial bench at the bungalow on the TT course. The members felt the enquiry should be directed elsewhere and suggest that maybe the landowner (DEFA or DOI) should be consulted. Clerk to advise.

General Rates – enquiry forwarded to the rates office to be answered directly.

General enquiry – Island wide dog fouling problem. The clerk advised she would make copies of the information received as it was quite a lengthy document.

Report a problem received via DOI regarding dog fouling on the playing area at Ballabrooie. This had been forwarded to DOI housing.

The clerk advised the members regarding an issue with the refuse vehicle due to a parked car at the turning area up Glen Auldyn. The clerk had prepared a temporary sign to be put up and advised she had contacted DOI for additional signage.

Date for next meeting. The date for the next meeting was provisionally agreed to take place on Thursday 1st April 2021, but subject to the Covid 19 lock down ceasing in time.

Any Other Business

Mr Radcliffe enquired about hedge cutting on the Ballacaley Road. The clerk advised she had instructed our contractor to cut the Alexandria only on a few roads in our parish. This was undertaken prior to the nesting season which started on 1st March 2021.

Mr Radcliffe asked the clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting an item to discuss the Claddagh.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 3.30pm.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....