

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2021, at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mrs. V A Quane (Chairman), Mr K Brew (Vice Chairman) and Mr J Teare. Mrs M Westall was unable to attend. Mrs. M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5th August , having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

DEFA Future Management of Sulby Claddagh – The clerk explained she had drafted a response to DEFA, but sought clarification of its contents. Mr Teare proposed that we add a sentence asking for a copy of the question asked to the AG's office. All agreed

Booking forms The clerk advised she had emailed the members the additional conditions for our booking form but did not circulate hard copies for two members. To be circulated again.

Kella Road – resurfacing As requested the clerk had enquired when this road would be completed. Reply from DOI advised that the rest of the road did not feature in the current programme of resurfacing work, but it would be inspected and repaired as necessary in the future.

Vermin – Sulby Glen The clerk advised that DEFA and MSPCA were willing to engage with us to seek a solution but still waiting to hear back from DOI with regard to a joined up approach.

PC Flat Sulby Glen Road – The clerk advised she had replied to the police asking for the PC Flat to be Free of Charge and explained that we would have to engage someone to put it out and take it in on each occasion. No response yet.

Hall Car park - wet area outside kitchen window. The clerk advised that she had not yet spoken to the contactor to undertake this work. The members asked for this to be undertaken prior to the wet weather arriving.

At the last meeting the Clerk had been asked to report some enforcement issues in our parish. These were discussed. The clerk is to seek more information regarding the Curragh Road item (Mr Teare could not find any shed) and the Kella Road item is not to be reported.

OFT Investigation The clerk advised she had chased for the outcome of this investigation.. OFT advised that this should be completed by the end of September with the report being laid before October Tynwald. (provision of Demand Responsive Services by Bus Vannin).

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Cabinet Office - Consultations

Proposed Changes to the Broadcasting Act 1993 – Closing 21.09.21

Opportunity to comment on reforms to health and care complaints closing 18.10.21. The clerk was asked to circulate this email to the members.

Department for Enterprise

Launch of the Isle of Man Visitor Experience Survey. We have not had any visitors to comment on this survey.

Department of Infrastructure

Highway Services

Glen Auldyn – resurfacing work - 2 sections of work completed – will return to complete work after release from other time bound tasks (Promenade and Braddan Road Schemes)

Mountain Road – Micro asphaltting work - Hairpin to Waterworks – work postponed contractor unable to send team - Other maintenance works may be scheduled but will be advised as soon as possible.

Local Government Unit

Welcome to New Members and Invite to Drop in Session - 14th September 2021 between midday and 7pm

Filling of Vacant Seats following Local Authority General Elections – When do we hold our by election? The members discussed when we might hold an Election. The clerk explained that proxy and postal votes would not come into legislation until January 2022 and could not be used for a Local Election. They agreed that following the outcome of the General Election we should get on with a by election to fill our vacant seat/s. The clerk was instructed to progress this on 27th September. If an election were to take place, this would be somewhere near the first week of November 2021.

Email from Bride and Ballaugh re by election. Noted

Treasury

HSBC lender services expires July 2022 – What are our borrowing requirements for the next 5 years to ensure sufficient funding for any new borrowing contract? The members discussed this matter and agreed to an amount of 10k as a contingency. (only to be used in the event of an emergency)

Road Traffic Licensing Committee

Goods Vehicles 25 – no Lezayre issues
Other (Taxis Buses) No 527 – No Lezayre issues.

Information Commissioners – New registration documents for Madeleine Westall

Douglas Borough Council – Civic Sunday 12th September 2021 St Georges Church. Mrs Quane advised that she was unable to attend.

Royal Air Forces Association – Battle of Britain Service - 81st Anniversary – Sunday 19th September 2021 at 11.00hours at St George's Church, Douglas.

Age Concern - Advising new address

Letters/emails from members of the Public

Advising blocked road drains on Sulby Claddagh. The clerk advised the members that she had thanked the correspondent for the information. Our contractor has cleared these as part of the annual maintenance contract who had advised that the outlet pipes to the ditch required clearing and also maintenance of the ditching in that area.

Trees to rear of Car park – Sulby Community Hall. The clerk was asked to speak with the person and explain the position regarding the trees not being on our land according to a plan we hold on file.

Glen Auldyn – Flooding – land between Fern Ne Cregga and Drakes. The clerk updated the members on this matter from March this year. DOI Flood Risk Management have investigated and advised that they are unable to assist and this may be a civil matter. The clerk advised further that enforcement were still investigating the matter from a planning perspective and had chased up the matter on several occasions. The owner of Fern Ne Cregga also reported bats in land to the north side of the property. The presence of the bats is to be reported to Bat Society

Brian Parmenter – advising submitting plans based on those sent to Commissioners previously

Rural Broadband – comment on radio by one member – The main reason for raising this matter is in relation to speaking as an individual or as a member of the authority. It is important to remember that you can only speak as a member of the authority when the person speaking has sought the opinion of the subject of the other members. The clerk suggested we write to Manx Radio outlining the rules that the authority operates under so that this does not happen in the future. The members agreed to this action.

Village to Claddagh public footpath – Latch needs to be replaced. Mr Brew advised he would go and have a look.

Andreas Road – clearing of pavement required. The clerk showed the members some photographs she had taken of this area, which showed a large amount of debris on the pavement just outside the property entrance (appears to be unused) to Cronk Mooar – Cronk Aust along with trees hanging quite low over the pavement. The members discussed this issue and agreed that the clerk should write to the owner of the property asking them to check the wall to their property behind the debris (to see if collapsed) and for the overhanging branches to be cut back.

Vehicles on land opposite Ellan Bane on Lezayre Road. The clerk was asked to find out who owns this land, known as Nappin Fields before reporting.

Attendance Allowance – this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Date for next meeting - The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th October at 7pm.

Any other business

Chains of office – The clerk explained that several years of chairman's names were missing. Could this be brought up to date please. The members agreed.

The clerk showed the members a newspaper item, which explained a proposed planning application for land on Ballachrink Farm to include mixed residential, light industrial and commercial use (may include a shop, nursery and a pub) and also a central spine road linking Poyll Dooey Road to Gardeners Lane. The clerk advised further that part of this was similar to a recent planning application submitted by Dandara to complete Auldyn Walk which is to the east of the Glen Auldyn River.

The clerk advised a survey received today from IOM Government and KPMG - Our Big Picture: Development of an Economic Strategy for the Isle of Man which closes on 13th September 2021, not giving any time to read and respond. She advised that she had raised the short period to the IOM Government Consultation Hub, within the Cabinet Office.

We also seem to have dropped off the mailing list for consultations for some reason. The clerk had re-joined again. There were several live consultations as listed below.

Using Bus Vannin Services if you have a disability – closing 27.09.21 - copy for Mrs Quane
Cyber Security – closing 13.09.21
Should Douglas Head be considered for Conservation Area Status? - closing 17.09.21
Joint Consultation on the IOM King Scallop Fishery – closing 29.10.21

HSBC – advising changes to some pricing and services. Noted.

Northern Civic Amenity Site – poster to advise new opening hours from 1st October 2021.

Mr Brew asked the members if we could write to the owner of Fernleigh to ask for tree branches and overhanging bushes to be cut back. All agreed.

Mrs Quane thought the recent hedge cutting undertaken by DOI on the Lezayre Road from the Ginger towards Ramsey could be improved, many areas still have branches into the pavement making walking, especially with a pram difficult.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

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