

CONFIRMED AT MAY 5TH 2022 MEETING

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present:, Mrs. V A Quane (Chairman), Mr K Brew (Vice Chairman), Mr J Teare and Mr P Halpin. Miss M Westall sent her apologies to the clerk as she was unable to attend. Mrs. M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the press and no members of the public in attendance at the meeting..

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd March 2022, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

Vermin Sulby Glen The clerk updated the members on progress. DEFA had confirmed that they will not be treating the area and that the Landowner should do this. Information/wording confirmed to LGU regarding the creation of a by law re feeding of birds. We were misinformed regarding the date barriers were to be removed. Advised 22.04.22 but were removed towards the end of March. Wording for our sign was discussed and agreed by the members. The clerk advised she had organised a meeting with Manx Environmental Services (08.04.22) who could assess the volume of vermin in this area and give an idea of the cost to treat the area. The clerk is to write to the landowner advising as above. Press release/education agreed by parties, LPC, DEFA and MSPCA still to be completed.

Hall Car park - wet area outside kitchen window. The clerk advised that prices had now been obtained for the materials required for this work. The clerk was asked to order these and ask our contractor to undertake the work.

Conservation area – The clerk gave a short talk and how and why a conservation area might be created. There was a lot to take into account. The clerk suggested that a pack is produced with the information in which could be circulated for the members to consider and feedback for any action.

Planning enforcement issues – the clerk advised that she had completed the letter and outlined the various points raised. The members agreed that the letter could be sent.

Lottery Funding – potential funding for repairs/improvements to hall. The clerk advised she had prepared a list of potential works, but had not sought any quotes yet. A fine balance would have to be made as to how much work is done as we would have to fund 50% ourselves. Once costs were known we could progress our application.

The clerk advised the members further regarding the re rendering of the office wall. Mr Culshaw had intended to start this work, but the clerk had asked for this to be postponed as we wished to include this work within our potential lottery funding. Mr Culshaw agreed he would call round and assess the work required for the hall windows, so that this could also be included.

Dilapidated Properties The clerk advised a reply had been received from Mr Callister MHK in relation to his question regarding the number of dilapidated properties in our parish. He advised “Local authorities find it difficult to use ratepayers funds when carrying out repairs to privately owned properties and that any legal actions against a property owner can be very costly. He is asking that the new Housing and Communities Board actually looks at this particular issue on behalf of local authorities”.

Fly Tipping Glen Auldyn The clerk advised that IDG had removed from the riverside the drainage pipe and disposed of it appropriately.

Jurby Road – Safety concerns Chased for feedback re pedestrian signs and also suggested solid white line at Garey Road Corner. The clerk also mentioned the lack of white lining on the road from this junction to Ramsey Boundary. DOI promised an assessment and also that the sites works engineer will assess the carriageway surface.

General and refuse rates The clerk had been asked to check the rates for Bride and Santon as they seemed low. The clerk advised she had checked these and they were correct. She had created a list which showed General Rates and Refuse Rates for all authorities for information.

Sulby Giant At the last meeting the clerk was asked to follow up with Mr Scott any progress on this idea for a statue to be placed on Sulby Claddagh. Contact was made and Mr Scott advised the plans were on hold for 12 months due to the lack of funding. A bronze statue is too expensive, so a Lego statue is currently an idea. This could not be displayed outside, so the proposal is for it to be sited at the Wildlife Park in the Cafe. Mr Teare advised he will speak to Mr Scott on this item. The members agreed.

Trees – corner of our land by the PROW (old railway track) The clerk had looked at these trees. Some are in our side of the boundary, others are on the PROW and within the land of the house on St Stephens. The clerk was given permission to have a section of ivy cut from trees on our side and to contact DOI for those on the PROW.

Drain Sulby Glen Road - Mr Teare asked the clerk to speak with DOI regarding the drainage on this road and to advise that there is a culvert under the road which comes out close to Daleveitch. Mr Brew asked for feedback regarding the drain at Glenmoar House.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Cabinet Office –

Anti Bribery and Corruption Consultation – clerk to complete

Consultation on Empty/Derelict Properties – the members answered the various questions. Clerk to complete and submit.

Climate Change – Duties – Reporting requirements for Public Bodies – on line survey to review reporting requirements – Clerk to complete.

Guidance for Local Authorities – The clerk explained briefly where we sit within the guidance and reporting requirements. We are category B as we have less than 150 staff in full time employment. We will create Scope 1 emissions (Direct) and Scope 2 emissions (indirect). We are not required to calculate scope 1 and 2 emissions as we are not category A. Scope 3 emissions. This is to cover indirect greenhouse gas emissions from all other sources associated (for the purpose of this guidance) a Public Bodies activities. The clerk wondered if this was in relation to services we engage to assist us in undertaking our functions? There is also a mention of improving outside space/habitats. Can green spaces be used to offset? Clarification to be sought.

IOM Local Authorities Records Management Workshop Wednesday 20th April 9.45- midday. The clerk advised she had registered to attend.

Department of Environment Food and Agriculture -

Acknowledgement of enforcement for Sky Hill – categorised as a type C – low priority.

Land at Bride Road – reported as enforcement – now closed

Environmental Protection Officer - Coastal erosion exposing landfill – last year we were contacted regarding this matter, which was passed onto DEFA. This was raised again by the person who reported it to us, so the clerk has chased up for a response. Simon Renton sent officers to investigate this matter. They had advised that there is not a significant environmental impact from the waste due to the small amount and there does not appear to be any more waste buried. Clerk to report back.

Department of Infrastructure –

Highways Application temporary speed restriction A1 A3 11th April to 14th May 2022 - TT

course right through to Ramsey for TT preparation work

Local Government Unit

Consultation – Northern Swimming Pool Board (Amendment) Order 2022. All members agreed that we should not support any increase in the rates paid to the swimming pool board. All regional pools should be funded by Central Government and Local Authority contributions should be scrapped. It was noted that Julie Edge the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture had requested a review of the three regional pools. It was also noted that the National Sports Centre, which includes the Eastern Pool, is wholly funded by the tax payer. Mr Brew agreed to write a piece to include with our response around the setting up of the pools and the financing/ support at that time. Need to respond by Monday 25th April 2022.

Highway Maintenance Charter March 2022 – Comments welcome by Friday 27th May 2022 – to be circulated

Manx Care – Public Consultation Drop in events March 22 – posters put out

Manx Utilities – increase in Electricity and sewerage rates – 15% and 30% for electricity - the clerk advised the members that the increase to electricity would have a small impact on our budget for street lighting as we only allowed for a 10% increase. MUA were unable to advise what the increase would be when we set the rate at the end of January.

RTLC – 534, 535 and 536 – no Lezayre issues
30 Goods Vehicles – no Lezayre issues

Isle of Man Youth Tour Team – Advising road closures for this event -
1st May 16.15 to 17.30 – Clenagh Road and 16.30 to 18.30 – Tholt y Wil Road – to be put on notice board.

Sulby Primary School – invite to production “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory -
Tuesday 5th April 1.45 - Wednesday 6th April and Thursday 7th April 6pm

Mann Vend – Water Font

Pooil Vaaish – Stonework

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – funding available – are we organising an event and when will it take place. The clerk asked the members to bring any ideas to the next meeting. Applications for funding will close on Tuesday 31st May 2022.

Trailer on car park – needs to be removed – The clerk suggested that photos are taken and put on Facebook (Sulby Community) asking if anyone knows who this belongs to. The members agreed to this suggestion.

Accident Book

Claddagh Road – Piece of land by Allandale Farm – Unsightly – The piece of land was sold as a compound – private land. Used for the storage of vehicles.

Smiley SIDS Sulby Village – collection of data The members agreed with the comments in the email in relation to the speed of vehicles through the village. The clerk was asked to contact the Police and see if they could provide a presence in the village to observe the traffic and feedback. Also to contact DOI to see if double yellow lines could be changed to allow parking on both sides which may create traffic calming.

Ramsey Boundary Extension Potential borrowing in the future for legal costs. The clerk outlined the process re borrowing money to defend the boundary extension. The members agreed unanimously that we should sign up to the Loan facility agreement between Treasury as Guarantor and HSBC as the lender for the purpose of borrowing money for Legal Fees to defend the Boundary extension by Ramsey Town Commissioners. The members asked the

clerk to ascertain with the Local Government Unit, the position with Ramsey Town Commissioners on this subject. Had they submitted the requested information and also would it be a favourable route to meet and agree an area for the extension to avoid large legal fees for both authorities.

Items from Clerk Forum –

Climate Change (single use plastic) regulations 2022 - The clerk advised she had attended a recent clerk forum meeting where information had been shared regarding single use plastic advising that the sale of such items would be banned (end supply date November 2022) there are certain exemptions.

Tynwald Commissioner for Administration – talk given by the Commissioner explaining the responsibilities of the Local Authority.

Loan of tug of War Rope – The members agreed that if the rope could be found it could be loaned out.

Adam Beighton – Ramsey Commissioner – use RTC to undertake some of our local services. The members are happy with the contractors currently engaged to undertake these services.

Milntown Fields on Planning agenda for Monday 11th April. The clerk advised the members that the planning application by Dandara for Milntown Fields was on the planning committee agenda for Monday 11th April. Mr Teare advised that he would attend and speak on our behalf. Clerk to organise attendance and advise Mr Teare of the rules etc.

Buildings - Close ny Ellan road off St Judes Road – Mrs Quane advised the members that she had been advised of new properties at the above locations. The members asked that those advising should report their findings directly to the Commissioners.

Any other business

The clerk advised the members that she had a small table top freezer that could be used in the hall, which would be particularly useful when used as a hostel. The member agreed to accept this donation.

Mr Teare advised a car had gone through crash barriers on the Tholt y Wil Road. Mr Halpin advised that this vehicle had been reported and the police are aware.

Mr Teare spoke about rate arrears and in particular water rates, which is the largest part of the rates bill. We are aware of our own arrears and therefore water rates are also in arrears for a much larger sum of money. The clerk was asked to submit a freedom of information request to the MUA to establish what this amount was.

Mr Halpin advised the members that email addresses of Commissioners should not be shared email accounts and need to be separate. The members confirmed that their emails were not shared.

Date for next meeting - The next meeting will take place on Thursday 5th May at 7pm.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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