

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Public meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr K Brew (Chairman), Mr J Teare (Vice Chairman), Mr P Halpin and Miss Westall. Mrs V A Quane did not attend and had given her apologies to the clerk earlier in the day. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

**Pedestrian crossing in the village.** The clerk advised she had chased up DOI again on this matter. Out of office received from DOI and resent to Mr K Almond. The members agreed we should wait to hear back.

**Minor Improvements Committee** The clerk advised that no response had been received regarding our request for the speed straps to be put out as soon as possible in the village.

**Car park – under window** – The clerk advised she had managed to obtain one quote for concreting work. The clerk was asked to obtain a further quote for comparison.

**Flag Pole** – Not progressed. The clerk explained that although she had information regarding underground/overhead services, the information is only good for a short period. Maybe when we have sourced a contractor to undertake the work, we should seek confirmation again. The members agreed and the clerk was asked to see if this work could be included with the concrete work above.

**Manx Telecom – phone box in village** – The clerk updated the members regarding the defibrillator. We have received confirmation that there is power to the phone box. Electrician is contacting Manx Telecom and MUA regarding this supply and to check if sufficient for a defibrillator to work from. MT are asking us to sign for the kiosk. The members agreed we would sign once everything was in order.

**Narradale – passing places** – The clerk suggested to the members that this item could be added to our list to discuss when the DOI Minister attends a meeting with the Commissioners next month. The members agreed.

**Lane at Ramsey/Lezayre boundary** Miss Westhall advised that the lane has been cut back.

**GTS Corporate Gazetteer** – This was in relation to Lezayre not appearing on addresses even though they are in the parish. The clerk read out the reply received from the IOM Post Office. “We have also been in touch with the Government Address Custodian who sees no need to include the parish name either.”

**Web Site** – Mr Halpin advised he had been working on a new replacement site but required photographs. Our parish sign should be included, which the clerk agreed to forward along with some photographs of our Hall etc, which would be good to give identity to where we are located.

**Public meeting for the proposed Ramsey Town Boundary Extension** – The clerk advised the last contact from the Local Government Unit 24.3.23, which advised they were close to appointing a chairman.

The Commissioners press release regarding the Boundary Extension created some interest, particularly from the residents in Glen Auldyn.

**Petition to borrow money to defend the boundary extension** The clerk advised we were waiting for a response to our request.

**Fibre Broadband into the building** – The clerk is still to explore purchasing a booster for the hall, which hopefully, would improve Wifi for our users.

**Insurance Claim** – The clerk advised she had received further questions in relation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party damage to the vehicle damaged from the fallen roof slates. Weather conditions during the period were requested. The member advised the clerk the response to be sent to them.

**Building plot to the rear of the Ginger Hall** – The Clerk advised the members that an email had been sent to planning department outlining the discussion that took place on site at the meeting held 03.02.23. Drawing requested to show the topography of the site. Any applicant on this site should pay for all improvements to the discharge of water safely away from the site to prevent flooding to the neighbouring properties.

**Items in relation to the Community Hall** – The clerk presented pictures of a ladder and step ladder to the members from B&Q. Mr Halpin agreed to collect/purchase these as he was visiting the store.

**Visit by Governor to the Parish** The clerk updated the members on the progress of these plans. The members agreed for the clerk to organise the following itinerary. Walk up Cronk Summark – Visit to Grest Home – Visit to Grasshoppers Nursery at MVIC. Light lunch at MVIC. Commissioners and partners to join the party for light lunch.

**King Charles II Coronation** – the clerk advised she had not yet heard from the school regarding their plans and was asked to chase again. This was to assist the school with an event. If we cannot do this, the members agreed we would not hold an event.

**General Registry (Isle of Man Courts and Tribunals)** – Application to renew our Music and Dancing Licence – to be completed.

**Manx Utilities** – Street lights – Carrick Park – issue of light for nearby resident. The MUA have agreed to paint the light free of charge when they are next in the area undertaking maintenance.

**Stonemason work on War Memorial wall.** The clerk showed the members some photographs she had taken of the repairs. The low roadside wall needed to be checked again. Mr Brew agreed to take a look and advise before payment is made.

**Highways Maintenance SLA Draft Version 2** – the clerk advised she had submitted our further comments and also advised again that this work should be taken back by DOI. The clerk advised she had received comments submitted by a few other Local Authorities, who were unhappy with the new proposed Highway Charter.

**Sulby Glen – Landslide** – the clerk updated the members on the situation. The owner was doing his best to deal with the matter and had engaged the services of a Structural Engineer and also a tree surgeon. The Commissioners asked the clerk to write to DOI to support the resident. DOI expertise to fix highway before it becomes a major issue. Mountain road shut at the moment, so quite quiet, but once opened this would be a matter for road safety.

**Plastic bottle Collection – Ballabrooie** – the clerk advised she had made enquiries regarding a plastic bottle collection for the estate. Plastic bottle collection is not part of the “Bring Bank” service. Other suggested options mentioned at the last meeting were not viable for the Commissioners to sign up to.

**Dog Fouling – Ballabrooie Estate recreational area.** - the clerk advised she had prepared draft by laws to cover the parish. Some areas covered where dogs should be prohibited and not at large were discussed. The clerk is to bring these to our next meeting with all areas included where dog faeces should be removed. The clerk confirmed that the fence around the edge of the recreational area had been checked for any gaps and appeared to be complete.

**St Judes Road – Request to extend the 30mph speed limit area** – the clerk advised she had heard back from DOI highways. They advised that *“over the years we have received similar requests from a constituent with regards to the speed at this location. Historical data, and I will arrange new counts, shows the 85%tile to be between 41mph northbound and 47mph Southbound. Over a four year period there has been one reported incident in 2022, which was not related to speeding. At present and in accordance with policy we will not be looking at extending the current 30mph speed limit.”* The members were disappointed with this response. The clerk advised she had found a document, “Speed Limit Policy”. The clerk read out 2 sections (section 3 and 7) which appeared to fit with our request. The clerk sought permission to write again, pointing out these sections. The members agreed.

The clerk raised a point regarding the Commissioners request for a 20mph speed limit at Glen Auldyn. A further DOI document “Speed Limits” included a flow chart to indicate the process to implement a speed limit. The first two actions of the chart state “Highway Services receives a request for new/revised speed limit or decides to promote one” and “Highway Services undertakes pre-consultation with stakeholders/partners/the public as necessary”. The clerk sought permission to write again, pointing out these sections. The members agreed.

Mr Halpin advised he had received a call from Mr Kerruish who had referred to our minutes from November 2022 when the Commissioners mentioned a stable block on Kella Road, which we reported to the enforcement team. He had advised this was re-built from 30 years ago. The members asked the clerk to check the status of the case and advise the members at the next meeting.

Correspondence

## **Isle of Man Government**

**Cabinet Office** Local Authority input to the work of the Isle of Man Electoral Commission – comments to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The clerk gave a very brief overview and agreed to submit comments based on her experience of running/holding an election and also recent training received following the amalgamation of legislation for both Keys and Local elections.

**Department for Enterprise** - Introduction of Visit Isle of Man new CEO Deborah Heather

**Motor Sport Team** – Banner frames at Sulby Bridge. The clerk advised the members she had send a reminder for the hoarding be placed further back to assist pedestrians crossing in this area.

**Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture** – Public Body Climate Reporting – due end of May – We need to include and explain what plans we have made to reduce our carbon footprint. Clerk to complete for next meeting to be agreed before submitting.

**Department of Health and Social Care** Information regarding Autism Acceptance Month

## **Department of Infrastructure**

### **Highways**

**A18 Mountain Road (Temporary closure) notice.** - On Notice Board

Usual works to the TT course ahead of the races.

Ramsey to Bungalow – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April up to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Closure of the A18 Mountain Road

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

**Treasury** – First Supplemental List for 2023 – additions deletions confirmed

**Audit Fees – Crowe** renew contract for next two years. Advising increase - £2200 for year end 2023 and £2310 for year end 2024. Increase based on a review of current recoveries for each LA and updates to auditing standards, requiring additional work. The clerk advised she had enquired what the additional work was and also the disappointment that we had not been advised prior to setting our annual rate in January 2023. Some authorities would see an increase in fees up to 58%. The clerk suggested that we only pay the current fee, and add the additional costs to our budget in 2024-25 for year end March 23 and March 24 and pay later. The members agreed. Additional work required advised as risk of fraud, and IT and computer control risks.

**Manx Care** – Poster to promote Spring Booster Dose Covid 19

**Manx Utilities** – Advising increase to maintenance and repairs to street lighting. New annual contract to be signed. Signed by the Chairman, Mr Brew. To be countersigned by the clerk.

Statutory Notice for Electricity Charges, Water and Sewerage Rates.

### **Road Traffic Licensing Committee**

ADN 554 (Buses and Taxis) 27.03.23 No Lezayre Issues

ADN 38 (Goods Vehicles) 24.03.23 No Lezayre Issues

### **Reminders**

**Meeting with Minister Thomas** Tuesday 23.05.23 7pm to 8pm.

The clerk suggested further items to discuss at this meeting. Minor Improvements Committee in relation to Narradale passing places and Sulby Village Speed Review.

**Municipal Association** AGM and Dinner Peel Golf Club 7pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The members agreed to pay for Mrs Quane to attend. The clerk is to confirm food order and make a payment for same.

### **From Organisations and Residents**

**Manx Telecom** – Increase in broadband charges and telephone calls

**Manx Radio** – Advising the creation of a Local Democracy Reporter Facebook page.

**Isle of Man Motor Museum** – Invite to attend 2023 Hospitality Weekend – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 10am and 4pm. Mr Teare advised he would like to attend and took the email sent to gain entry.

**Manx Motorhome Group** – query regarding the Claddagh. The clerk reminded the members of

an email that we had sent to DEFA regarding our views on the future of the Claddagh. Mr Brew created a response based on this information and was sent by the clerk.

**Response to our press release re Boundary Extension** – This created some interest, particularly from the residents in Glen Auldyn.

**Sulby Telephone Box** – Donate funds towards a defibrillator. The clerk was asked to respond advising that we will keep them up to date with our progress of having a defibrillator installed.

**Burial in field** – enquiry from resident – The clerk was asked to advise that they should contact the Coroner’s office for deaths.

### **Other items**

Thank you letter to volunteer running the Warm Space at our hall. The members agreed that the clerk should write a letter. The clerk advised it had been very successful, with varying numbers attending. Not necessarily for the warm space (heat) but the company and conversation etc. The members discussed this continuing at our premises. If the volunteer wishes to continue, they would be very welcome.

Polite Notice – asking horses not to be ridden in the Arboretum. The clerk explained that she had been contacted by a member of the public regarding the horses in the arboretum and had contacted the Chairman to seek permission to place a sign asking members not to ride etc.

Community Hall – report following emergency lighting and Fire Alarm inspections. The clerk advised feedback received following this inspection and was waiting to hear back from the contractor for clarity on some items before contacting the Fire officer for further advice. Need to chase.

Millrace Bench – broken coping stone. Mr Brew confirmed that this was now repaired.

Prior to the meeting Mr Brew had reported some fly tipped broken pallets just beyond the dam on the Tholt y Wil Road. The clerk advised that the collection of this had been organised with a local contractor.

The clerk advised an article from Manx Radio regarding funding from the Department of Enterprise for Local Authorities holding an event to celebrate the King’s Coronation. Wait to hear officially.

### **Any other business**

Mr Teare and Mr Halpin had both attended the recent Sulby School Play “Jungle Book” which was excellent.

Mr Teare advised that reduced fees apply to register properties for owner/occupiers.

**Date for next meeting** It was agreed that the next meeting which will be the Annual General Meeting would take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm.

Mr Halpin advised that he may not be able to attend. Miss Westall advised the same.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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