

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners meeting held on Thursday 2nd January 2014, at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr A Brew (Chairman), Mrs. V A Quane, Mr. A D Radcliffe (Vice Chairman) and Mr K Brew. Mrs Reeve did not attend. Mrs M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There was one member of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5th December 2013, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

Mr A Radcliffe wished Mr A Brew well for his continuing treatment. This was echoed by the other members present. He also expressed to Mrs Rimmer the clerk best wishes for her birthday today.

Mrs Quane advised that the letter sent to residents on the Churhtown Loop Road in connection with parking opposite driveways had made no difference. The trailer is also still parked on the road without being connected to a vehicle. Mr Radcliffe proposed and Mr A Brew seconded that the clerk write to the Police to see if anything can be done.

The Clerk advised Mr A Brew the date of the next NTLMG 14th January 2014 at 9.30am.

Mr Radcliffe advised the members that he had attended the Sulby School Nativity Play. It was very well presented and all credit to the children and staff at the school. Well done!

The Commissioners would like to thank all those involved with the supply and erection of the Christmas trees. They were very kindly supplied by Mr Teare and erected by Mr Radcliffe and Mr A Brew. Lights were required for the tree placed at Kella Mill as due to its size our usual lights were insufficient. Mr Radcliffe asked an electrician to place lights on this tree but he would not submit a bill for his time. Mr Radcliffe advised that he would dispose of the Christmas trees and asked the Clerk to check with Mr Caley regarding the tree placed at his shop.

The clerk advised that she had ordered the flag pole for the WWI Commemorations but had not yet received a confirmation from Colas.

Mrs Quane asked the clerk to write to Mr Dixon (Kella Mill) and Mr Caley (shop) to thank them for allowing the trees to be placed and for providing the electricity for the lights. This was agreed by the other members.

The clerk advised that she had received a reply from Liz Charter who was prepared to come a speak with the Commissioners to reassure the implications and benefits of the strategy and suggested a few dates. The Commissioners asked the clerk to contact her to arrange for a visit and presentation and to check if this could be a public meeting.

The clerk advised that she had passed onto Mrs Craine (Secretary to the WWI Commemoration Steering Group) the Commissioners ideas for the Parish. Mr K Brew has some clay troughs that could be used for the War Memorial Planters. These are to be looked at to see if they are suitable.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Department of Infrastructure –

Operations - Alternative Means of Service Delivery Municipal Waste Management – Consultation-Closing 7th February 2014. A copy of the consultation letter received outlined the current costs for the delivery of Waste Collection, Waste Disposal and street cleaning. The clerk has forwarded a copy of this letter to all members via email. It showed the structure of the current set up for waste responsibilities run by the Local Authorities and also by the Department of Infrastructure. It also

showed comparisons for cost in other areas in the United Kingdom. Potential savings are indicated. Mr Wrigley offers to come and speak with the Commissioners regarding the proposals which include – Creation of one single Waste Authority – Transfer DOI services/responsibilities to local authorities – Create Regional Service Delivery Platforms. The members asked the clerk to contact John Quayle (NPRCB) to arrange a meeting with John Wrigley along with representatives from the northern authorities, and then for a further meeting with all the Commissioners from the Northern Authorities.

Office of the Minister and Chief Executive – Example of Court Case. The example advises of a case where the council were advised of defective play equipment at a local park who failed to act on the advice given. Three inspection reports were submitted but not acted on by the council. A ten year old boy suffered potentially life threatening head injury when playing at the local park and because the council had failed to act on information generated by its own health and safety management system they were fined. The lesson to learn is that where specialist advice is sought or inspections carried out on structures, act on the advice given.

The above matter brought the trees in Dr Conti's garden to mind as due to their size and age they are a danger to the public. Over the past five years a few trees have fallen down causing damage to vehicles, power lines and more recently telephone lines. Mr Radcliffe proposed and Mrs Quane seconded that the clerk write to Dr Conti pointing out the danger of the trees to the general public and in view of the recent storms they should be cut down to prevent a potential danger. Could he please contact the forestry board and if required the Commissioners will liaise with them on his behalf.

Highways – Sulby Glen Road, Sulby (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2013. The clerk read out the wording from the order which appeared to be different to that previously submitted. The clerk was asked to check with the original order received.

Department of Environment Food and Agriculture

Environment Directorate – Registration of Flats and HMO's Reminder email to advise that flats and HMO's (house of multiple occupancy) are to be registered with the Local Authority. The clerk advised the members that when this was at consultation stage from our records with the rates office we have three flats in our parish. The email also stated that the cost of registering a flat was £50.00 payable to the Local Authority. Pro forma application forms are currently being drafted and guidance leaflets have been sent for printing. Appropriate paperwork will be forwarded when available. The clerk wondered if the fee introduced was applicable to the three flats in our parish and will contact the department for clarification.

Treasury

Chief Internal Auditor Treasury Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Audit and Financial Reporting Closing 31.01.14. The clerk explained that if the consultation is successful and changes are implemented a three tier system will be introduced. We would fall into the band “Up to £100k” and would no longer require a full audit, but would have to be examined by a person/company – Qualified Independent Examiner. This would be less expensive than a full audit. The clerk advised that she would respond to this consultation agreeing with the changes.

Electoral Registration Officer – Revisions to the Register of Electors East and West - Noted

Robert Crane Sector Marshal 5 - Outlining problems with barriers similar to those experienced here at Sulby Crossroads. The clerk was asked to acknowledge and advise that this information will be held on file.

Mr Walls – Riverside The Garey – Copy of a letter sent to Mr Teare MHK in relation to excavation works to fields 2166 2205 Sky Hill and also speculation of a gun range. Mr Singleton (enforcement) has been made aware of the situation. Mr Radcliffe proposed and Mrs Quane seconded that the clerk contact Mr Singleton to an update on the situation.

Mr Morris Newsletters 136,137,138 and 139

Any other business

Email from the Municipal Association – advising that the Chief Minister Mr Bell will be attending a meeting on the 29th January 2014 at 7pm. This will be held at Willow House and will be attended by members of the Municipal Association. Mrs Quane (our representative) asked if our members would also like to attend. Mr A Brew, Mr Radcliffe and Mrs Quane will attend and Mr K Brew advised that he may attend.

The clerk advised that she had received an invitation from the Department of Tourism to attend a workshop for further training in relation to the upkeep of the website for our Hostel, which is listed on Visit Isle of Man. She will be attending.

Mr Radcliffe raised concerns regarding the condition of the rivers and riverbanks. They are no longer cut back or dredged. This is to protect the wildlife. Mr Radcliffe proposed and Mr A Brew and Mrs Quane seconded that the clerk write to the Water and Sewerage Authority expressing our concerns, especially in light of the recent flooding following very heavy rainfall.

Mr K Brew made a suggestion that we find a tree/bush in the village that could have lights placed on it instead of erecting a tree. The members are to give this some thought.

Date for next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 6th February 2014 in the Board Room at the Community Hall at 7.00m.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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