

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2014, at 7.45pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mrs. V A Quane, Mr. A D Radcliffe, Mr K Brew and Mrs H Reeve. Mr A Brew was absent and had given his apologies at the last meeting. Mrs. M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

Mrs M Rimmer welcomed all present

She called for nominations for the post of Chairman. She advised the members that she was in receipt of a letter from Mr A Brew stating that should he be willing to take on the role of Chairman for a second year should be proposed and seconded. Mr K Brew proposed Mr A Brew and Mr Radcliffe seconded. Mrs Reeve reminded the members that they had agreed at the very first AGM to rotate the Chairman around the members. Mrs Reeve proposed Mrs Quane. Mrs Reeve proposed that we delay voting for a chairman until the next meeting. Mrs Quane pointed out that the Chairman has to be voted for in May and therefore this could not be carried forward to our June meeting. Mr Radcliffe proposed that we hold a meeting before the end of the month when all members are able to attend. The members agreed to attend a meeting on Thursday 22nd May at 5.30pm, where the business of voting a Chairman and Vice Chairman along with the respective board representatives would take place. Mr Radcliffe proposed that Mrs Reeve be the temporary Chairman for the evening. Mrs Reeve accepted.

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

Matters arising from the minutes

The clerk advised the members that she had written to the Ramsey police in relation the problem parking on the Churchtown Road, which had been acknowledged, but no action advised. Mrs Quane advised the members that parking tickets had been placed on vehicles on the Churchtown Road which enclosed a letter asking residents to be more considerate when parking. The road needs to be kept clear for emergency vehicles etc. Mrs Quane advised that vehicles are now being parked further down the road, not causing any problems.

The clerk advised the members that she had heard from Mr Baker (planning) advising that there would not be a charge to submit the plans for the War Memorial Flag. The clerk had previously been advised that a charge of £140.00. The plans are to be submitted. The clerk read a letter received from Mr Faragher answering several questions raised by the Commissioners in relation to the shooting range on Sky Hill. The site is currently under consideration by planning department. Mr Faragher's letter gave a positive picture of the range. In relation to sighting shots being fired, he was not aware of any, but this would not be unusual. Mrs Quane advised the members that she would ask Mr Edwards to write in to the Commissioners if any shots are heard in the future.

The clerk had been asked to raise a query in relation to Cronk Garrow and rates payable. It is currently zero rated due to renovation/building works being undertaken. The clerk was asked to speak with John Quayle (NPRCB) to ascertain if a bin collection is currently being made at this property.

Mrs Quane advised the members that the tree reported last month in the Glen Auldryn river had been removed.

The clerk advised that she had received an email from Mr E Teare MHK in relation to Bride and Andreas Parish. Andreas were quite receptive of amalgamating, but Bride required more time to give the matter further consideration. He will get back to us as soon as possible.

Mrs Quane advised the members of mud on the road at the Claddagh. Mrs Reeve proposed and Mr K Brew seconded that the clerk write to the land owner in the first instance regarding this.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Department of Infrastructure -

Management Services – Attendance at Meetings and Allowances – Return for completion.

Highways – A18 Mountain Road. Temporary prohibition of through vehicular traffic (see notice board)

Cabinet Office Consultation-Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill 2014 and the Representation of the People Regulations 2014. Comments for next meeting.

Government House – Queen's Birthday Reception – Wednesday 18th June 2014. Members are to be chosen from the Parish by the Chairman and the Captain of the Parish, Denis Duggan. Suggestions made by the Commissioners – H McVicar, M Rimmer and J Arnold. The clerk was asked to contact Denis Duggan to agree together who will be invited to attend. Juan Watterson BA(Hons) ACA MHK – Consultation War Memorials Bill. Mrs Quane agreed to provide the answers required.

MEA – Street lights St Stephens Meadow. One street light is shrouded with branches, another has its access blocked by bushes at low level. The clerk was asked to check if the lights are actually on any specific plot and write to the owner to address the problem. Contact the developer is required. Last resort is to ask M Turner to carry out the work. The clerk was also asked to check the MEA contract in relation to the above.

Douglas Borough Council – Invite to Civic Sunday 8th June 2014 St Georges Church 10.30am. Mrs Quane may attend.

Municipal Association – AGM Thursday 22nd May 2014. Mrs Quane is to attend.

Astro Manx – Dark Skies Tourism. The letter is to encourage authorities, when considering the replacement or erection of new street lights to use new style LED full cut off lighting. Not only will this save money but also help to enhance the IOM's Dark Sky status. The clerk was asked to reply advising that lights are replaced on a rolling basis with the new style.

Jonathan Gell – Fencing 12 The Millrace. The clerk had visited the fence in Dale Lane and thought the fence was not too bad apart from a small area tied up with string. The clerk was asked to write to the owner regarding the concerns raised over its stability. The clerk also showed the members photographs taken further along Dale Lane alongside Mr Knight's land. Mrs Quane proposed and Mr K Brew seconded that the clerk write to Mr Knight with regard to a large piece of wood which is pushing out the hedge lowering the height of the hedge which restricts access and also to mention the burnt out quad bike in the river, advising that if these items are not dealt with within 14 days the Commissioners will organise the removal with costs be passed on.

Mr Morris – Newsletters 152 153 154 155 ad 156

SLHT Thank you note

Vaughan Evans – Final resting place of a Shropshire Soldier. Mrs Quane took a copy of this email and will deal with the request of a photograph of the grave in question.

Adrian Porter – Planning Application. The clerk read out the letter received which explained the Living Hopes Church's plans for the use of the animation studio located at the Island Film Studios on the Jurby Road. The clerk was asked to reply advising that the Commissioners wish them well with their plans, which would be considered when it comes to planning.

Mrs Quane advised the members that she had received a call from a local resident in relation to a company drying meat within a building on the Island Film Studio site. She had checked with Mr Stewart of Environmental Health who advised that his department had checked the facilities for this purpose and been passed. They do not get involved with planning. Mrs Quane proposed and Mr K Brew seconded that the clerk ascertain the name of the business in question and write to them regarding change of use, with a copy of the letter sent to the planning department.

Manx Autosport – Manx National Rally 2014 Noted

Any other Business

Mr K Brew asked the clerk to check that the road closed sign (Tholt y Wil) at Caley's stores was removed, and if not report this, as the road was now open.

Mrs Quane asked the members if the War Memorial could be cleaned. She advised the members that she had contacted Mr Gregg to find out the best way to clean it. He advised hot soapy water and a nail brush. Mrs Reeve proposed that we ask Mrs Arnold (cleaner) to clean this in the first instance before approaching Mr Gregg for a quote.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 12th June in the Board Room at the Community Hall.

Prior to the public meeting the Commissioners had met with Liz Charter who gave a short presentation on the Isle of Man's First Biodiversity Strategy which the Commissioners found very interesting. Mr Teare who has a great interest in this had given the clerk a question in relation to field ditches in ASSI areas to ask at this meeting. The clerk advised Mr Teare that the question had not been answered but taken by Ms Charter to her colleague Ms Thomas who would be able to provide the answer. Mr K Brew suggested that if we do not receive a reply to Mr Teare's question within 7 days that this is chased up by the clerk.

Mr K Brew asked if the caretaker could remove a suitcase that had been deposited in the Millrace. The clerk will organise this with him.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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