

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 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. A D Radcliffe and Miss V Radcliffe. 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 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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

Mr Brew enquired if the clerk had managed to secure the services of a contractor to deal with the gully cleaning within the parish. The clerk advised that despite several emails to the contractor he had not yet come back with a price. The members suggested to the clerk that we contact 3 other contractors from a list received from Government of approved contractors.

The clerk advised that she had not yet received a response in relation to our enquiry regarding Cronk Sumark. To be chased.

The clerk advised that after enquiring with Andrea Hawley (Highways) she had advised that "no footpath" signs had been ordered by Mike Barnes (Highways) and would be erected in due course.

The clerk advised that Brian Bell (Plumber) had called to check out the possibility of creating a kitchenette area within the cupboard of the board room and would send a quote.

The clerk advised that she had sent a letter to Minister Teare and had received a reply, thanking us for our kind words.

The clerk advised that following her letter to Mr Sweeney he had contacted her by telephone, promising to carry out the necessary works to the land to the rear of the Ginger Hall Hotel. (cutting back gorse etc). During the conversation the clerk asked regarding other points raised previously in connection with the ditch to the rear of the site and also when building works will commence. He will engage someone to look after the ditch and works will commence once finances are in place. The clerk confirmed this conversation in an email to Mr Sweeney.

The clerk advised regarding the Digital Inclusion Strategy and that computers would be available for our use once they have been wiped. They also advised that we would require to load our own software etc as required. We would only provide the computer for on line use, so we would need a browser and firewall. No other software would be required. The clerk is to enquire if and when we are offered a computer, could the browser be left on?

The clerk advised the members regarding enquiries made in connection with overhead telephone cables and electric cables and their proximity to trees. Manx Telecom advised that the landowner would be responsible for cutting back trees, but in the case of Manx Utilities Authority they advised that any vegetation would be the responsibility of the landowner, they would generally undertake clearance work on their behalf as there are health and safety requirements for working close to overhead lines which would preclude members of the public from working themselves. Mrs Quane commented that the street light on the TT course opposite the Glen Auldyn junction is shrouded by branches, could this please be reported.

The clerk updated the members regarding safety works on the Clenagh Road at the Kella/Curragh Road junction. Crossroads signs have been ordered, but they would not be installing repeater signs as they are seen as clutter and with a cost to purchase. Sulby Glen Road (old village area) They will not install repeater signs (as above), but would take some speed counts to understand the speed of traffic. They also advised that there would be a second speed count on the Clenagh Road, once the straps are available. Mr Teare added that they should at least reinstate the solid white line on the Kella/Curragh Road, where it meets the Clenagh Road.

## **Correspondence**

### **Isle of Man Government**

#### **Cabinet Office –**

Consultation on draft Fraud Bill – closes 07.10.16 – Mrs Quane took this document to read.

Consultation on a cost Limit for Freedom of Information Requests – closes 16.09.16. The clerk advised the members that she would study this document and comment in relation to the time it might take her to deal with any request.

### **Department of Economic Development**

Consultation “Proposals to Accelerate Economic Growth” - closes 30.09.16. The members discussed the various suggestions made in the consultation and agreed with some of them, but did have some ideas of their own.

Students could be encouraged back to the island offering them rent relief. Increase the amount of social housing. Those currently renting privately would benefit from the lower rent and would have more disposable income to spend locally. Reduce the cost of travel to and from the Island for freight, visitors and residents alike. This would encourage more visitors, more travel and more exports of our products. Skilled government workers should be used for private employers where their skills are needed.

### **Local Government Unit**

Electronic Transaction Act (ETA) briefing supporting documents – At the briefing we were asked to provide information regarding what we can and cannot do electronically - the clerk advised the members that she had completed the questionnaire received providing the answers that she felt were appropriate for our authority.

Tendering – Guidance Note on publication.

### **Department of Infrastructure**

Rolling Road Closure - TT Mountain Course - Temporary Restriction of Traffic on Roads - 8<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> September (please see notice)  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September (please see notice)

### **G2F Media** Background information in relation to the above event

A18 Mountain Road Temporary Closure - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 9.30am until 4.30pm TT race furniture removal work

Ramsey Town Commissioners – Civic Sunday 11th September 2016 3pm St Paul’s Church – Mrs Quane will attend.

Information Commissioners – Confirmation of registration of Mrs Quane and Mr Radcliffe

Manx auto sport – PokerStars Rally – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – The clerk was asked to display this information on the notice board at the end of October to raise public awareness of this event.

Ken Grattan – Obstruction in river at Sulby Bridge and ditch by roadside

Pam Comish – Camping in Sulby – Mr Brew advised that he had noticed this too and would send some information to the clerk to show its location so that the landowner could be ascertained.

Mills Bros Limited – plastering contractors  
Mr Morris Newsletters – 313 314 315 316 317

**Any other Business –**

Miss Radcliffe – concerns regarding the amount of seedlings growing up along the roadside covering the wall. The clerk was asked to report this to the DOI. We must try to preserve the historic wall on this road.

Mrs Quane advised that Mrs Sentence had spoken to her regarding dog walkers leaving their poo bags hanging on the bridge opposite Glen Auldyn Chapel. Could we place a bin there? Mr Brew advised that he would go and take a look and remove as necessary. We should place some of our dog signs in this area.

Mr Teare advised the members that recently he had called into Marown Commissioners offices to have a look at their dog by laws that were advertised. They included various open spaces and that they provide dog poo bins with a fixed penalty for any breach. The clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding our dog by laws and also the cost for providing bins along with the emptying charges etc.

The clerk showed the members a picture of a large television that had been dumped in a ditch on the Kella Back Road. The clerk is to send this picture along with some wording to the local press. The television has been removed by a local removal firm and taken to the civic amenity site.

The clerk advised the members that she had paid a visit to a property in Glen Auldyn after the owner had raised concerns regarding tall heavy trees on the land opposite his property. Photos were taken of the various trees. The clerk further advised that she had contacted DEFA who stated that the gentleman should speak/write to the landowner, to which the members agreed. The clerk is to write to the concerned property owner advising that in the first instance he should speak/write to the landowner where the trees are situated expressing his concerns etc. The gentleman also spoke regarding the amount of chlorine in his water. The members suggested that he contact MUA to have the water tested.

The next meeting is set for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Date.....**