

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Meeting held on Thursday 6th May 2021, at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr A D Radcliffe (Chairman), Mrs V A Quane (Vice Chairman), Mr J Teare, Mr K Brew and Mrs 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 22nd April 2021, having been circulated, required three amendments to be made. The proposer of the letter to be sent to DEFA, Environmental Health regarding the Kella Road ditch was changed from Mr Brew to Mr Teare, and a short sentence was added to the paragraph regarding the Sulby Claddagh, this was in relation to the consultation whereby DEFA were seeking interest from persons who may be interested to run a campsite at the Claddagh. A small amendment was also made in relation to the paragraph regarding the General Registry. Following these amendments/additions the minutes were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the April 2021 minutes

The Commissioners held a meeting on 27th April with the intention of discussing the North/West Plan and the proposed Ramsey boundary extension. The members did not discuss the North/West Plan and the clerk asked if the members wished to organise a meeting to discuss this matter. The members agreed to meet on Thursday 20th May at 7pm.

The clerk advised the members that Paul Weatherall, the Liberal Vannin Chairman was holding a public meeting in our hall on Wednesday 19th May at 7pm to discuss the North/West Plan along with other items.

The clerk advised that an email had been sent to the Environmental Health with regard to the pollution in the drainage ditch on the Kella Road, but had not heard back at all. Mr Teare proposed and Mrs Quane seconded that further correspondence be sent to the department to seek the outcome following this matter of pollution. This was discussed further and the members voted 3-2 against this action.

The clerk is still to seek information regarding precautions to be taken for indoor facilities (our hall) in relation to Covid 19. At the moment all visitors are asked to use the hand sanitiser and for anyone holding an organised event to take a list of those attending in the event that this is needed to any contact tracing. Mrs Quane advised she may be able to obtain some information for us. There may be a limit on numbers.

The clerk asked Mr Radcliffe and Mrs Quane to sign a letter to the bank to close our account at the Isle of Man Bank. This is due to bank charges being introduced at £10 per month, an unnecessary cost to our ratepayers.

The clerk advised that a virtual inspection of our hall/hostel had taken place. All was in order except we were advised that we should place a full length mirror in the indoor disabled toilet. The clerk is to source this.

The clerk advised that we had received accident information requested some time ago from DOI in relation to the data collected on the Sulby Glen Road when the speed straps were in place which showed the north speed to be 37.7mph with the percentage speeding 77.67%. The information provided stated *“Attached is accident taken along the Tholt y Wil, outside of the area where 20mph speed limit was requested. They were damage only, and one occurred in 2019 and the others 2016.”*

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Office of the clerk of Tynwald – Invite for Chairman or other to garden party 2021 Sunday 4th July at Government House. The chairman advised he would be unable to attend and asked the other members if they would like to attend. Mr Teare advised he would like to attend. Clerk to organise tickets for Mr Teare +1.

Cabinet Office

Area Plan for the North and West – Maps received to show preliminary publicity – All sites for assessment and Map 3 proposals. The members suggested that a display is created for the general public to be able to call and view the information. Mrs Quane advised she would seek prices for some soft board that could be applied to frames to create the display on.

Department for Enterprise

Tourism – Update our Visit Isle of Man page for the Community Hall/Hostel. Clerk to update our information.

Department of Environment Food and Agriculture

Registered Buildings

War Memorials Proposal to Register Notices – Local Authority Notification

Various Island buildings along with War Memorials. The clerk was directed to write and acknowledge this information and to enquire regarding input on how properties are put forward for inclusion in the future onto a list.

Planning

Residential Design Guide – Local Authority review invited – closing 03.06.21. Mrs Quane took a copy of this information and will pass it onto the other members. Mr Brew and Mrs Radcliffe to receive an emailed copy.

Home Affairs

Isle of Man Constabulary – assistance with the Isle of Man constabulary's local policing plans.

The members were asked to list in priority order the main issues in our area. More Police presence (particularly during school holidays), speeding on country roads. Do officers still visit local schools. The clerk is to expand on speeding issues.

Department of Infrastructure

Local Government Unit –

Receipt of Final version of Election and Meetings (Local Authority's) Bill 2021 – also further advised that the Annual General Meeting of Local Authorities in 2021 will take place in August after the Local Elections.

Local Elections 2021 – If election required – how to hold a safe election – The clerk advised that Mr Willoughby of the Local Government Unit had provided information which could be used in the event that an election is held.

Port St Mary Commissioners – invite to Mona's Queen III 81st Anniversary Anchor Memorial Service. No one available to attend.

Sulby School – seeking support to create a new venture for the Community. The members agreed that they would like to be more involved with the local school and vice versa. The clerk is to enquire what we can do to work with the school.

Mrs Quane proposed and Mr Teare seconded that we write to the owner of the Kella Mill, asking for the area to be tidied up.

Individuals/Member of the Public

Sulby Giant – Statue – Mr Radcliffe advised he had received a call from a member of the public who would like to erect a statue of the Sulby Giant. The members would like to receive more information in relation to this request, location, size etc.

Ginger Hall Hotel – sewers – copy of an email sent to DEFA Environmental Health for information. Mrs Quane proposed and Mrs Radcliffe seconded that the clerk write to DEFA to support the action required to remedy the issue.

Mr Lane of Bounce Above the Rest was enquiring if we were holding a Fun Day this year. The clerk was asked to advise that we are not holding one this year.

Milntown Cottage – The clerk advised receipt of an email regarding the disrepair of this property. The clerk was advised to respond that this building was a matter of concern to the Commissioners and we have for several years been in contact with the present owner. The clerk was also instructed to write to the owner again updating them.

Items from April meeting

Sulby Claddagh – Common land managed by DEFA. The clerk was instructed to make enquiries regarding the outcome of the consultation seeking interest for the site to be managed as a campsite.

Local Services Budget – Mr Radcliffe had asked the clerk to compile information in relation to monies spent on Local services since they were transferred to Local Authorities in 2015. The clerk shared with the members the amount spent on each area, Gullies, weed spraying, road sweeping over the 6 years since these services were transferred from DOI. Year on year the cost had increased from 5.5k in 2015-16 to 10.8k in 2021-21, although in the first year very little work was undertaken. Our biggest cost is road sweeping and hedge cutting. Hedge cutting had increased between 2017/18 and 2018/19, from 119 hours to 157 hours. Road sweeping had also increased but this was due to us now having a constant provider. Previous years our provider had withdrawn this service to us. Overall we have managed to remain within budget other than in year 2018/19. Weed spraying fluctuates depending on how many sprays are undertaken. Sometimes the weather conditions prevented spraying. Mr Radcliffe requested that the clerk record his opinion that he is totally opposed to Local Authorities providing this service and they should be transferred back to Central Government. Mrs Radcliffe agreed. Mr Radcliffe, Mrs Quane and Mr Teare requested a copy of the information collated by the clerk.

Date for next meeting The date for the next meeting was agreed to take place on Thursday 3rd June 2021.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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