

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Meeting held on Thursday 8th July 2021, at 7.20pm, 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 3rd June 2021, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising from the June 2021 minutes

The clerk advised that she had not dealt with the following matters from the last meeting.

Sulby Claddagh – legalities of use for campsite currently being considered by DEFA

Building Control fees – still to find information

Lezayre War Memorial – still to seek advice prices for work here – weed spray? The clerk was reminded to find out if the wall was part of the War Memorial. The clerk is to ask Peter Faragher to spray weed killer at the site. Mrs Quane agreed to meet with Mr Edwards to ascertain ownership of land around the War Memorial.

Manx Development Association – still to make contact with the relevant MHK's

Community Hall insurance – Still to establish with insurers - use of land outside hall – indoor bouncy castles

New recycling bins for hall – still to be ordered

Local Government Unit – Local Government Amendment Bill 2021 and Peel Town Commissioners – feedback sought – non received – spoke with Arthur. Sent email to MHK Cannan giving LPC full support of PTC stance

Mr Teare advised the members that the Kella Road was not complete – Road closure ended on 2nd July 2021 but the contractor is still working. Commented that the traffic will now travel faster on the new surface.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Cabinet Office

Climate Change Transformation Team – Data request of Isle of Man Renewable Heating Strategy. The members agreed with the clerk's suggestion that they could obtain the information required from the post office. Clerk to advise.

Regional Community Hubs Pilot Scheme – Community Hubs in Ramsey Town Hall, further opening in Castletown and Peel – feedback sought. The clerk is to find out how this service has been advertised as they were not aware.

Crown and Elections Unit – Make you vote count leaflet. (placed on our notice boards)

Department of Environment Food and Agriculture

Environmental Health Officer – Ginger Hall Hotel – Sewage problem – the clerk updated the members regarding this issue. The Environmental Office at DEFA had progressed/chased the matter up. Defective drain has been cleared and the drains are running freely. The clerk explained further that the owner still needs to clear the contamination resulting from the percolation. EO will continue to monitor.

Department of Infrastructure

Highway Services

Waste Bins on Public Rights of Way – the members discussed this matter and voted 4-1 against having bins on the public right of way. Clerk to advise DOI. No man power to empty bins.

Kella Road – Road Closure – The clerk advised the members if they wanted to write to DOI to highlight the short notice given by the contactor to the residents effected by this road closure. 14 days notice should be give. Letter received 15.06.21 so 14 days notice not given. The members supported the idea of writing to DOI to outline a general problem that the required notice is not always provided to the general public when a road is closed. Mr Teare advised the members that at one part of the road there is a 4” drop. The clerk is to a take a photograph of this and include a question regarding this when she writes.

Druidale Road – Road Closure - Noted

Glen Auldyn Road – update re surfacing – The clerk explained the members the situation regarding the re-surfacing work, which was not delayed due to unforeseen preparation work and also the paver machine had suffered breakdowns.

DOI - Land Ownership – Land adjacent to Elm View by Railway line Clenagh Road – The clerk explained to the members the issue involved. Tree alleged to be on Elm View land. Matter now resolved and DOI have taken ownership as tree is on the PROW363.

Treasury

2nd Supplemental List 2021 - Noted

Isle of Man Constabulary – Community Partnership meeting Tuesday 13th July 2021 9am to 10.15am. Mrs Quane advised she would be unable to attend, but had raised points with directly to the meeting organiser.

Ramsey Town Commissioners – Local Election July 22nd 2021 - information re by election – Can we hold one and when – No provision for a vacancy to be declared before 01.08.21, which is when the newly elected members take office. Local Government Unit hope to provide guidance before that date.

Douglas Borough Council – Civic Sunday 12th September 2021 St Georges Church.

Manx Utilities – feedback re lighting schemes on St Stephen’s Meadow. Hold information for now.

Isle of Man Bank – Suspension of charges until June 2022 (account now closed)

Rosborough Insurance – information for renewal of policy – The clerk advised she had received a proforma for complete for the purpose of renewing our insurance policy with Rosborough. The clerk is also to seek quotes for alternative providers.

Copyright Licensing Agency – reminder for renewal for 21/22

Sam Turton – Reporter – interested to know list of nominees for elections July 22nd

Catherine Nicoll – BBC Reporter - interested to know list of nominees for elections July 22nd

Chris Cave Manx Radio - interested to know list of nominees for elections July 22nd

The clerk advised that the relevant election information had been sent to the above as requested.

Andreas Road – Cut back overgrowth – incident – future management of growth at roadsides. The clerk explained the incident to the members that had occurred on the Andreas Road. The members discussed changing the time and frequency of cutting hedges. The matter needs more thought. To be discussed again.

Manx Giant Statue– further information received. The members agreed to support the idea of the statue. The clerk is to advise their preference for a traditional statue and not as the Barnum and Bailey's Circus character and also that the Commissioners would be unable to offer any financial support. Mr Teare requested a copy of the information received.

Copy Correspondence received in connection with the North and West Area Plan from residents – out in North and West Area Plan file for information.

Pinfold Cottage – reply received re property condition. The owner has advised the the property is to be whitewashed to tidy up its appearance.

Cleanaway – Company offering refuse collection service – advised NPRCB

Dial a ride-Minibus – Update – Licence for regular service information from Road Transport Act 2001. The clerk advised the members that Michael District Commissioners have decided to wait until the Minister for DOI is in post following the General Election before pursuing this matter further.

Sulby Glen Resident – Long tails. The clerk explained the current situation up Sulby Glen. DOI have undertaken some work in the river, so this had disturbed the long tails and they have ventured down the glen towards properties. Pest control have been to deal with the long tails, but a long term plan needs to be worked on to bring the level of vermin down. Cockerels dumped in this area are fed by the people and the vermin have a continuous supply of food. The chain of events needs to be broken. The clerk was asked to contact the MSPCA to seek advice. A new sign is to be created advising the public of the issue. Speak again to pest control to visit the site on a regular basis to deal with the vermin. It was also suggested that the site was cleared of trees and shrubs leaving no shelter for cockerels.

Outstanding rates – The members looked at the list of rate arrears. The clerk pointed out that some outstanding rates remained unchanged which is disappointing. Observation were made on several properties. Up for sale – can a charge be brought on the property to ensure rates are collected when sold. Change of owner – is the right person being chased for the outstanding amounts. The clerk also advised the members that she had liaised with Chairman to create a journal in the accounts to allow for bad and doubtful rates debtors. Mr Radcliffe proposed and Mrs Quane seconded that the clerk enquire to Treasury if the Commissioners could write themselves directly to residents. Copy of enquiry to be sent to Alf Cannan MHK Treasury Minister.

Sulby School – open afternoon – Thursday 15th July 2021 – 4pm. Mr Jackson leaving school. Mr Radcliffe advised he would attend with his wife but the other members asked the clerk to give their apologies as they would be unable to attend due to other commitments work etc.

Paul Weatherall – requesting visit to speak with Commissioners – important issues in Lezayre. The

members asked the clerk to advise that if Mr Weatherall was successful in becoming an MHK he would be very welcome to attend a meeting in the future.

Date for next meeting - This will be our AGM - Thursday 5th August 2021 at 7pm.

The clerk asked the members if a meeting could be arranged for the clerk to present the annual accounts for March 21. The members agreed to meet on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 7pm.

Any other business

The clerk advised the members that the driveway at the side of the hall could do with re-levelling. A quote had been obtained for this work. The clerk was asked to seek clarification on the work involved for the quoted price. It was suggested that extra stone was put down to deal with a muddy area (when wet) under the kitchen window. Need to ascertain how much stone to have delivered. Clerk to speak with contractor. Bushes also need to be cut back which are hanging over the fence.

Mr Teare raised a point regarding the voting that had taken place in connection with declarations of interest at the last meeting. This was in relation to the North and West Area Plan – Land put in for consideration. The vote taken by the Chairman was not democratic as all members were allowed to vote rather than only those that had not declared an interest. (as per standing orders) Ms Radcliffe pointed out that 4 of the 5 members had interest in land put forward and therefore correct to invite all members to vote as the Chairman Mr Radcliffe had done. The clerk stated that initially she had thought the same, but agreed with Ms Radcliffe's point. The other members also agreed.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

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