

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 at 7pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present:, Mrs. V A Quane (Chairman), Mr K Brew (Vice Chairman) Mr J Teare and Mr P Halpin. Miss M Westall joined the meeting via a Teams video connection. Mrs. M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There was 1 member of the press in attendance and 2 members of the public joined the meeting shortly after it began. Press left the meeting at 8pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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

**Vermin Sulby Glen** The Clerk updated the members advising that a reply had been received from the landowner of the area involved. The clerk circulated the letter which gives the impression that the landowner is happy for the Commissioners to undertake any necessary work, without appearing to take on the responsibility as the landowner. The clerk is to reply, reiterating the landowners responsibility. The clerk also circulated a potential press release and also a list of by laws issued by Ramsey Town Commissioners from which we could copy the "feeding birds" and any other we felt appropriate. Miss Westall, advised we should investigate to see if the cockerels could be re- homed elsewhere and suggested we contact Greenhills which is an animal sanctuary in Andreas. The clerk advised further that general by-laws would be in place for 20 years requiring approval by Tynwald, with dog by-laws lasting for 10 years requiring approval of the Local Government Unit. Members agreed to consider which by laws to introduce. We must keep the public informed regarding any by laws we choose to introduce and a consultation may be required.

**Abbeylands** The tenant of this land arrived at our meeting. The Chairman allowed him to speak to explain the need for the various vehicles/structures on the site, which were advised as agricultural use, hay bales etc. The members asked for the tenant to keep the site in good order, tidy etc. A refrigeration lorry is on site, which the tenant has agreed to remove from the site as soon as possible. The members were happy with the tenants actions to keep the site from becoming unsightly in the future. The tenant left the meeting.

**Hall Car park - wet area outside kitchen window.** The clerk advised that she still needs to price and order the materials required for our contractor to undertake this work.

**Trees – Sulby Community Hall Car Park** The clerk advised the members that work was scheduled for Tuesday 30.11.21 and Saturday 4.11.21. Looking at the area it appeared that work had not been undertaken on Tuesday, so hopefully all work would be carried out on Saturday.

**Christmas Tree** delivered today. Mr Brew agreed to speak with Mr Radcliffe for organise the tree being erected and placing of lights etc.

**Sulby School** – all paperwork now in place for the school to use our hall in emergencies. They have signed a key holder form.

**Drain Issues – Sulby Glen Road** The clerk advised that she has chased these issues up with Mr Lally (DOI) and also chased the general enquiry email for a response. Clerk to continue to chase for action.

**Manx Utilities** - Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points – The clerk had been tasked with finding information regarding EV charging points in our parish. Reply received advised there is a charging point at the Bungalow on the Mountain Road, they would look to our local knowledge for state owned land that may be suitable. If a prominent location with access 24/7 most costs would be met by the MUA. A budgetary estimate for a charging post is in the region of £6000, depending of below ground infrastructure and civil works involved.

**Climate Change Bill** (Public Bodies responsibility) The clerk had circulated further information from the leader of this project. A draft consultation is to be prepared and circulated in about 4 weeks, for the members to comment on.

**St Stephen's Meadow – vegetation on land owned by Hartford Homes** – The clerk advised she had written to the landowner including photographs which showed the current situation along with photographs taken in 2011 which show the area looking tidy. A reply has been received advising our letter has been passed to the Directors for discussion.

**Conservation area** – The clerk advised she had managed to obtain information submitted by SLHT in 2005 regarding the creation of area/s for conservation in Lezayre. The members had a brief look at this information. The clerk read an email from, the conservation officer which advised we should consider what we are trying to achieve if any areas were agreed to become conservation areas. We should ask the public what they think regarding protection of certain areas. More discussion required.

**Planning enforcement issues** – the clerk advised that she is currently drafting a letter to send to members of the planning team along with the DEFA Minister. To be brought to the next meeting.

**Changes to Red Diesel use** – Following the Clerk advising at the previous meeting the changes on duty for red diesel the clerk asked if we could write to our contractors to check if their prices will be increasing because of this change.

**Meeting with MHK's** The clerk advised that she had not heard back from the Chief Minister regarding a potential date of 13<sup>th</sup> December to meet and should we consider an alternative date. It was noted that this date clashed with a meeting of the Northern Civic Amenity Site Committee to set the budget for the next financial year. The members agreed that the clerk should seek a meeting with our MHK's early in the new year.

**Fire Equipment Service** The clerk advised she had checked with the Fire Department who confirmed our equipment (fire alarm, fire exit signs, fire extinguishers) should be checked annually.

**Ramsey Town Boundary extension** – no updates to report at this time.

## **Correspondence**

### **Isle of Man Government**

**Cabinet Office - Consultation – Publication Schemes** – the clerk went through the questions with the members to complete the consultation. To be submitted by 17.12.21. The clerk was asked to check what other LA's put on their website for the public to view. Mr Halpin advised he will look at our website and give feedback for any potential improvements.

**Area Plan for the North and West** – closure extended until 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. All comments submitted for this area plan.

**Office of the Clerk of Tynwald - Select Committee on Footpaths** – request for information on maintenance of footpaths. What are we responsible for. The clerk was instructed to advise that we are only responsible for keeping them clear. We would like them to be maintained.

**Road Traffic Licensing Committee ADN Circular 529 16.11.21** – No lezayre issues.

**Marown Commissioners** – invite to Civic Sunday - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Marown Parish Church at 10.30am. - postponed until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service** – Confirmation of satisfactory inspection. Confirmation of use of hall as a Hostel.

**Zurich – Insurance cover obligations** – The clerk advised letters received had been forwarded to our broker, who will advise if we have to take any action. Only obvious change

was potential increase in the annual inflationary uplift in subsequent years 7.4% -9.1%

**Kinrade Electrical.** - Certificates of Fire Equipment servicing

**St John Ambulance** – are their services required for any event next year. We will advise if we decide hold any event.

**Information Commissioners** – renewed registration for Mr Teare

### **Items from the general public**

**Road Safety Concern – Jurby Road** emails received advising 3 near incidents on the stretch of road from Cronk Ruagh Bends to the bend at the Garey Road junction, asking for consideration of signage advising pedestrians, extension of pavement at Garey Road junction. Email was immediately forwarded to DOI for consideration. The reply advises DOI can arrange for appropriate signage – mean speed of vehicles travelling toward the Garey Ford junction is 36mph with the 85%tile at 40mph. Currently local demands to improve highway safety improvements exceed the departments resources available for investigation. Safety schemes which involve engineering measures (including speed limits) are prioritised and targeted at the sites identified has having the highest collision risk. A cluster of three over a three year period is the threshold for investigation. This site shows only one slight traffic collision has been reported in the last four years. Suggestion for action. Request signage erected to warn drivers of pedestrians in the road. Request DOI consider moving the 30mph back from its current position at the town boundary out the west of the Garey Road junction. Request information of speed counts that have determined the mean speed. Where and when were they placed?

### **Any other business**

From LARFOG meeting – Training for new Commissioners. The clerk advised that this matter was discussed at this meeting. Members from the DOI were to report back the request.

Website notices – The clerk asked the members to consider what notices/information we might display on our website. Mr P Halpin advised he will have a look at our website and advise his thoughts.

The clerk asked the members to consider items to discuss at our meeting with our MHK's

Sulby Claddagh – Mrs V Quane suggested we ask the new Minister of DEFA to a meeting in the future to discuss the Sulby Claddagh and its use for seasonal camping. The clerk was also asked to chase up with DEFA information from the Attorney General's office in relation to using the site as a formal campsite.

Electrical items in kitchen. Mrs V Quane advised she had been told at an event held at our hall that our water boiler/urn was illegal. She had asked the clerk to look into this matter. Clerk advised after checking with DEFA Environmental Health that this was not the case. All electrical items in our kitchen should be inspected regularly for damage, and PAT tested at the appropriate intervals. The clerk is to prepare a check sheet for our caretaker to carry out regular inspection of all our electrical items. PAT test is booked with Kinrade's but date not yet confirmed.

**Date for next meeting** - The next meeting will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **Any other business**

Advice from Treasury of the total rateable value for us to use for 22/23 rate setting £112,416, a slight increase on last year rateable value.

Visit Isle of Man asking us to update the visitor guidance for hostel due to recent changes in the Covid situation.

The clerk advised breach of planning at the newly erected building behind St Stephen's Church, as a shed had been erected which was against condition 10 of the approval notice. The

members agreed for this to be reported.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed.....Chairman      Date.....