

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Annual General meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 6.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present:, Mr K Brew (Chairman), Mr J Teare (Vice Chairman), Mrs V A Quane and Miss M Westall. Mr P Halpin was unable to attend and had given his apologies to the clerk. Mrs M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the press and no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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

The clerk confirmed to the members that the Northern Traffic Liaison Management Group and Northern Neighbourhood Policing Teams are two separate groups.

**Vermin Sulby Glen** - The clerk updated the members on progress. Chasing email sent again 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022, no response. Chased up Colas for our sign. The clerk was asked to send a further email to chase up progress etc.

**Car Park – work to wet area under kitchen window** – Materials to be order ready for the Contractor to commence work at the end of June.

**Wildflower Meadow on land to rear of hall.** At the last meeting the clerk had been asked to explore this idea and seek help from the Manx Wildlife Trust (MWT). The clerk advised that a visit had been made by the MWT and advised that this could be possible. We would need to clear out certain plants and would also require an annual cut at the end of July, with the removal of all cuttings from the site. We should make sure we can obtain the annual service, as otherwise the plan would fail. We could also possibly involve the school children who could come and monitor/list the plants/flowers on the site annually. The clerk advised she had sought a cost for this annual maintenance. The cost to maintain the land as a wildflower meadow was more expensive than our usual regular cut through the year. Mr Brew proposed we undertake this as a 3 year trial. Mr Teare and Mrs Quane did not support the idea and would prefer to see the area cut on a regular basis. Miss Westall did support the idea. The members agreed not to create the wildflower meadow. The clerk was instructed to contact our contractor to have the area cut. Due to the length of grass/plants etc, a skip could be organised to have all the cuttings taken away.

**Jurby Road** The clerk advised that the pedestrian signs will be put up after TT. The clerk also advised that the grass verge towards Ramsey from the Garey junction had been cut. This was undertaken by our contractor who also cut the verges to improve visibility at the Garey Road junction.

The clerk advised that the trailer on car park had been removed.

**Highway Maintenance Charter March 2022** – The clerk advised she had submitted comments to DOI. Miss Westall had submitted other comments regarding the condition of roads/pavements/staff numbers. The clerk suggested these could be sent separately. Miss Westall had also enquired if we have any standards of how we manage our Local Services Functions. The members agreed the clerk could put a document together for consideration by the members.

**Enforcement case re Sky Hill shooting.** The clerk had been asked to chase this up and had been advised by the enforcement team that due to staff shortages they are unable to advise at this time.

**Tynwald Garden Party Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** tickets ordered for chairman.

**Grand fondo event** – 16/17 July Have advised letters will go out after TT

**Queens Platinum Jubilee** – small committee met last Tuesday and put together a plan to celebrate – work ongoing. Date set for 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. The clerk asked the members if this date was appropriate. The members considered what other events are taking place and agreed to leave the date as set. The clerk confirmed she had submitted our form to seek financial assistance for our event.

**Green Bridge Weight Limit** – Sulby Claddagh – The clerk had been asked to find out why the 5T sign had been removed from this bridge. The clerk had received a reply which advised DOI are rationalising weight restrictions across the network into one order. A consultation will take place once a draft order is complete. *“It does appear we have undertaken assessments on this in the past and been satisfied with the structural capacity available, including allowing various plant and HGV loads across the structure”*. Do the Commissioners have any views for any restrictions we feel appropriate? The clerk to advise as directed.

The clerk advised that she had written as instructed to the owner of various items in the field at Sulby Bridge. They all seem to have disappeared.

Mr Teare enquired if any of our MHK's had attended the AGM of the Municipal Association. Mrs Quane advised that Mr Johnston had attended, but not the Chief Minister, who had a previous engagement and was unable to attend. Mrs Quane advised further that at an earlier Municipal meeting when the Treasury Minister, Mr Ashford had attended, that Treasury were hoping to chase in outstanding water and sewerage rates.

## **Correspondence**

### **Isle of Man Government**

#### **Department of Environment Food and Agriculture**

Feedback re our suggestion around building control and conditions on planning approvals. Planning were pleased to read our suggestions and some may be explored, including improving wording of conditions and to be more targeted about when they need to be discharged.

#### **Department of Infrastructure –**

##### **Local Government Unit –**

requesting completion of Pro Forma – details of members positions from our AGM. The clerk advised she had completed this information, but needed to ask the members about the unit sharing their personal information as and when required. The members asked the clerk to advise that all correspondence should not go directly to the members and should come through the clerk.

**Northern Swimming Pool Board Order 2022** – Minister has signed this and will be placed on the Order Paper for July Tynwald. This order is to enable to swimming pool board to increase the rate in the pound from 2.5p to 6p for each authorities contribution, with a further 1/10th of a penny for the next 10 years. The members did not support this increase and had submitted comments to that effect previously. The clerk was instructed to write to our MHK's stating that this order should not be put forward until the outcome of the review being undertaken by the Department of Education, Sports and Culture is known. The pool provides a public service, not to make a profit, with the Northern Pool being run exceptionally well. It will always require a subvention from the Government. Eastern Authorities do not contribute via the rates to the swimming pool at the National Sports Centre. A letter is also to be written to be put in the local newspapers.

Question from Mr D Ashford MHK – Fixed Penalty Notices issued under section 24ZA of the Building Control Act 1991? The clerk advised she had answered this question advising that we had not served any Fixed Penalty Notices. This was a similar question that was asked by the Cabinet office in March “Local Authority Powers to Act”, which we had also responded to.

**Waste Management Unit** – closure of EFW for planned maintenance for information only

## Highways

Road closure for UK Team Challenge 2022 - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 1.30pm to 5.30pm – A14 Tholt y Will Road, Sulby – between the A18 Mountain Road and the U19 Corady School Road beside Tholt y Will Cottage (on notice board)

**Speed limit review** Following enquiries made when data was received from DOI in relation to the “smiley sids” in the village, the Commissioners have received confirmation that a review of the Main Road through Sulby will be undertaken by the Minor Improvements Committee as requested. This will be towards the end of June.

**Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice** for traffic lights and to implement a peripatetic speed limit on Jurby Road for resurfacing 05.07.22 to 05.08.22. Clerk has enquired, which part of this road will be resurfaced.

**RTL** – 539-540 No Lezayre issues Goods vehicles 32 No Lezayre issues

**Douglas Borough Council** advising new date for Civic Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022. Further details to follow. No one available to attend. Chairman attending Tynwald Garden party on the same day.

Councillor Mr Schuengel – Organising online training.

Age Concern – poster offering help – on notice board

Manx International Stage Race 2022 - 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July. Some road closures in our parish.  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> July Jurby Road Mountain View Innovation Centre to Ballavarran Road 13.15 to 17.00  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> July Lezayre Road (TT course) closed in stages throughout the day.

Glen Auldyn Resident – 20mph speed limit request. The clerk was asked to seek support from other residents in the Glen, before they consider this request.

Hedge cutting Sulby Glen Crossroads – member of public called in to report cutting required to improve visibility – reported to DOI 01.06.22 9.52am.

Ash Die Back – The clerk was asked to write the DOI to establish if they have a programme to deal with Ash Die Back, in particular for trees at the roadside. Storms coming from October onwards and with some trees already weak, danger of falling over onto vehicles, properties etc.

Re plastering of Office Wall. The clerk advised she had spoken to our contractor to undertake this work. He will undertake this work a week after TT, so somewhere around the 20<sup>th</sup> June onwards.

Date for next meeting - The next meeting will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm. Miss Westall gave her apologies in advance advising that she may not be able to attend this meeting.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

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