

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Public meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr K Brew (Chairman), Mr J Teare (Vice Chairman), Mrs V A Quane, Mr P Halpin and Miss Westall. 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.

Prior to the public meeting, the Commissioners met with members of staff from DOI, who had come along to explain the Puffin Crossing proposed to be installed on the main road at Sulby School. They explained that it was being installed following a safety review and the crossing was felt necessary to aid the safe crossing of pupils etc. They left the meeting at 7.35pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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

**Pedestrian crossing in the village.** The clerk had circulated maps at the last meeting, provided to us by DOI. Members were asked to mark up areas that they felt could be improved for the village residents. The clerk showed the members her ideas which they supported. To be transferred to a clean copy of the maps, along with an explanation and forward to Andrea Rivers for consideration.

**Minor Improvements Committee** The clerk read out the reply from this committee regarding our request for the village to be reviewed due to the speed of traffic through the village. Our request for a pedestrian crossing was mentioned around which DOI could look at additional signage and lining. The members and the clerk were disappointed with the response. The clerk is to ask for a copy of the minutes to see what was discussed at the meeting of the Minor Improvements Committee.

**Car park – under window** – The clerk was requested to see if another contractor might be interested to undertake the work required.

**Flag Pole** – Not progressed.

**Enforcement case for Mrs Megson** Still to be completed.

**Manx Telecom – phone box in village** – The clerk advised she had heard from the Craig's Heartstrong Foundation that the cost to potentially install a defibrillator at this location was £2000. Due to the high cost, the members felt now was not the time to purchase this item, but this could be considered in the future. The clerk advised there is a defibrillator at the Sulby Glen Hotel, and that she had been advised by the clerk to Onchan, that this was no longer showing in the "on line" information. The clerk agreed to speak to Mrs Christian about this matter.

**Narradale – passing places** – The clerk was asked to chase this up and had now heard back from the Minor Improvements Committee who were looking into this matter. Our request was considered but unfortunately the approved funding for this year had already been committed to a number of other schemes and that the committee rejected the proposal due to the limited funding remaining. They did

advise they had agreed that general maintenance of the area would be undertaken. Eg trimming the verges. The members and the clerk were disappointed with the reply received and the clerk was asked to request a copy of the minutes to see what was discussed at the meeting and how the decision was reached.

**Field at Sulby Bridge.** The clerk advised that she had organised the removal of items from the field. They will be removed next week.

**Lane at Ramsey/Lezayre boundary** Dog poo signs to be placed/stuck to trees at this location by the Clerk.

**GTS Corporate Gazetteer** – The clerk advised that this letter was now in draft, nearing completion.

**Smiley Sids signs for village** – The clerk advised she had now received prices for this equipment. One sign would cost in the region of £3,500. The members agreed to continue with the signs that are placed from time to time by the DOI.

**Glen Auldyn 20mph speed request** The clerk advised that she had received feedback regarding our request. This outlined that DOI were of the opinion that from previous counts taken traffic is travelling at the correct speed. New counts will be organised. The members agreed to wait for the new counts before commenting further.

**Web Site** The clerk updated the members on the situation. She had managed to secure a further 12 months with our current provider, extending the time needed to build our own as suggested at the last meeting. The clerk had printed out all pages of our website to look at what we require for a new website. Some information was now redundant.

**Grand Island Picnic Site** – Clerk still to respond to this item.

**Kella Road – verge markers required for ditch and stable in field.** - The clerk advised that these matters had now both been reported.

**Public meeting for the proposed Ramsey Town Boundary Extension** – The LGU had advised us previously not to hold any public meeting on this matter until the Chairman for the inquiry has been appointed. The members asked the clerk to enquire with the LGU why we cannot hold a public event about the Boundary Extension and would like to be guided to any legislation that prevents us from doing so.

As proposed and agreed at the last meeting a letter had been sent to the Local Government Unit (LGU) for the Boundary Extension process to be halted as RTC application was not based on imminent requirement but a wish. The clerk advised that a response had been received from the LGU advising that our letter was not of assistance at this time. The reasoning and sentiment was understood but the LGU was acting under section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act 1985. Could only be halted if Ramsey were to withdraw their application.

The clerk advised that she had enquired with the LGU the timing of any potential

changes in rates if the outcome of the inquiry went against us. The LGU advised we should ask this question at the inquiry.

The clerk reminded the members that we had agreed to borrow money to fund an advocate to defend the boundary extension and should we now seek appointments with the advocates we had contacted to decide who we might engage. The clerk was asked to contact those advocates and fix up appointments.

**Office of the Minister and Chief Executive – Chris Thomas** The clerk advised she had not yet heard back regarding a meeting date for Minister Thomas. It had been suggested he might be able to attend our March meeting. Waiting for confirmation

**Smiley Sids to be placed by the Old Shop (towards Ballaugh)** The clerk advised that DOI will speak with the traffic team to see they can rotate the positioning of the SID signs.

**Fibre Broadband into the building** – The clerk is still to explore purchasing a booster for the hall, which hopefully, would improve Wifi for our users.

**Church Town Loop Road junction with TT Course** Clerk advised that DOI are of the opinion the junction is working fine with zero reported incidents from the Police accident data.

**Road Drain outside Glen Moar House** – Mr Brew advised this road drain is being worked on at the moment.

**Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture Climate Change Transformation Team - Consultation** – Making public bodies' climate reporting easier. Closes 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 – The clerk advised that she had responded to this consultation. Our first report is due by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to cover the period 01.04.22 to 31.03.23. There will be very little to report as the “reporting made easier” put us in a lesser reporting category.

**Department of Infrastructure – Highways - Draft Highways Maintenance Service Level agreement for comments** – The clerk advised our response had been submitted. This was as circulated and approved at our rate setting meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**HSBC** – At the last meeting the clerk was asked to check who can bank money/cheques. The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the bank who confirmed that so long as our paying in book is used the money/cheques can be banked by anyone.

**Insurance Claim** – Settlement offered for repairs to roof. Underwriters have requested 2<sup>nd</sup> quote for repairs to vehicle that was damaged from the falling tiles. At this time this had not been received by them.

**Building plot to the rear of the Ginger Hall** – A meeting had been arranged to take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. Representatives from DOI Flood management Team, Tim Johnston MHK, Karl Brew, Julian Teare, Peter Halpin the Maureen Rimmer. Also residents, Mr Cottier and Mr Grattan. Hopefully a positive outcome could be reached to mitigate flooding in the ditch.

Christmas Tree – Sulby Methodist Church – The clerk confirmed that the church did not require a contribution to electricity for siting the tree at the church. The church also advised that the tree was much admired.

**Items in relation to the Community Hall** – The clerk had sought information for the requested equipment (7 rung ladder and small step ladder) costing in the region of £190 and £60 respectively. (B&Q prices). The clerk was asked to look locally for these items. Maybe Feltons, Haldane etc. The clerk advised further that she had looked at Chrystals Auction for replacement chairs. There were non listed at the time. Clerk to continue to look for sale of chairs.

**Visit by Governor to the Parish** It was suggested that the Governor might be interested to walk up Cronk Sumark. The clerk was asked to speak with Government House to see if this could be an option. The members were aware that the pathway to the summit is overgrown. Mr Teare agreed to take a walk to ascertain the condition of the pathway and report to the Clerk. If Government House respond that this is a possibility, the clerk is to contact the land owner to ask if the pathway could be cleared.

**King Charles II Coronation** – the clerk advised she had not yet heard back from Sulby School regarding joining with them to hold an event for this occasion. Mrs Quane suggested that a “buffet lunch” is laid on for adults of the Community.

## **Correspondence**

### **Isle of Man Government**

**Cabinet Office** – Enquiry to ask if we intend to hold an event for the Coronation of King Charles in May 2023 - The clerk advised she had replied stating that our plans are at the very early stage at the moment.

Local Authority Fees Order Consultation – update – Majority of Authorities voted for an increase CPI at September 2022 – 15.2%

**Cost of Living Update** - information leaflet “Isle of Man – Help for Households”. To be placed on our website and facebook pages for Sulby and Glen Auldyn.

### **Department for Enterprise –**

Visit Isle of Man - Certificate for our Community Hall Hostel Status – to be displayed.

Information received asking us to check the details on the Visit IOM Page. The clerk advised she will undertake this check.

Domestic Event Fund – reminder that applications are open until March 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. To be forwarded to same businesses as mention previously.

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

Suspension of statutory nuisance investigation service – Part 1 Public Health Act 1990

### **Department of Infrastructure**

## Highways

### Advanced notice of Mountain Road Closures

Usual works to the TT course ahead of the races. - Ramsey to Bungalow – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April up to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Closure of the A18 Mountain Road Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

### Advanced notice of Fallen Riders Lap TT Course Application

4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Start time 8am finish time 11.30am

Road closure – left hand carriageway only from Victoria Road to St Ninians

### Application for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice

Temporary speed limit A9 Andreas Road 30/40 mph limit

20<sup>th</sup> April 23 to 24 April 23 – 6am to 6pm for drainage inspection works.

### Isle of Man Financial Services Authority

Seeking assistance to increase awareness of Local Business obligations to ensure they have accurate and up to date beneficial ownership information at the Central registry.

### MUA – advice for Water and Sewerage Rates for 2023/24

Water	Charge	Sewerage	Charge
Domestic Water per Rateable Value of the property	£2.745	Sewerage per Rateable Value of the property	£2.506
Non Domestic Water per Rateable Value of the property	£2.059	Non Domestic Sewerage per Rateable Value of the property	£1.880
Standard Metered Supply per Cubic Metre	£1.73	Septic Tank Emptying per tank empty up to 9,000 litres	£150.00

### Road Traffic Licensing Committee

ADN 550 13.01.23- Change of Licensing System – Vehicle Testing – no Lezayre Issues

ADN 551 31.01.23 – Review of Fare Meter Tariff – no Lezayre Issues

**Municipal Association** – Offer of GDPR Training – The clerk advised she had requested information for this training.

**General Registry (Isle of Man Courts and Tribunals)** – Application to renew our Music and Dancing Licence – to be completed

**Marown Parish Commissioners** – Invite to Civic Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023. 10.30am at Marown Parish Church.

**Malew Parish Commissioners** - Invite to Civic Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 3.00pm at Abbey Church Ballasalla.

**Ramsey Town Commissioners** – seeking our support regarding the closure of HSBC Ramsey Branch and also the potential changes to the operation and management of the Northern Swimming Pool. The clerk was asked to acknowledge letter from RTC for both items.

**HSBC** – Letter advising closure of Ramsey branch. Already advised us by email.

**ABC Tree Surgery** – Offering services

**Sulby Methodist Church** – list of up coming events

**Manx Whippy** – renew license to sell ice cream in our parish – the members agreed to continue with a license for Manx Whippy.

**Isle of Man Advertising** – press release on behalf of Manx Lottery Trust for our warm space

**LARFOG meeting** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 9.30am (Local Authority Responsible Finance Officer Group) I will be attending

### **From Residents**

Enquiry regarding the emptying of septic tanks and associated costs The clerk advised she had directed this query to MUA.

### **Any other Business**

**Manx Utilities** – Street lights – The clerk advised the members of a matter that was first raised some time ago regarding a light on Carrick Park that was shining directly into the lounge of a house on the main road. The complainant had called again to see what was happening. Prices were obtained from MUA for a solution to the problem. The members agreed that the inside of the fitting could be painted on the side facing the property concerned. The clerk also advised that the caller reported street lights on Carrick Park and Sulby Bridge were operating intermittently. MUA advised that potentially the lamps are coming to the end of their life. They will be checked on the next maintenance runs.

Stonemason starting work on War Memorial wall 13.02.23

### **Any other business**

**Date for next meeting** It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 7pm.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....Chairman      Date.....