

The Monthly Meeting was held on Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7.30pm at the Halley MacLiaig. Present were Mr Cowin (Chairman), Mr Rae and Mr Berry. Apologies were received from Mrs Edds and Mr Cringle. The Clerk was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th December 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

Risk Matters

There were no new issues to report.

Highways – Commissioners Responsibilities

The Clerk reported that the following work had been done since the last Meeting:-

Road sweeping – Main Road, Ballabeg and Colby , Glen Road, Station Road, Ballacriy entrance.

Planned work next month: –

Road sweeping as required. Gulley cleaning

Other Highways matters

Mr Phil Gawne MHK , DOI Minister, and Mr Geoff Robinson, Director of Highways, attended part of the meeting, to discuss problems with roads in the Parish. They advised that:-

- major works were planned on the Main Road between Cronk Cullynn entrance and Ballabeg Green, to improve the surface, and to lessen the problem of water and mud running off fields in the Iron Spout area.
- the problem of flooding and road deterioration on the Parville/Ballagawne Road and the consequent flooding at the junction with the Main Road in Ballabeg, would be addressed in the very near future.
- the traffic issues in Ballabeg were the subject of a current study and recommendations were expected in March 2016.

Various other highways matters were discussed.

Complaint - Colby to Ballabeg Road

A complaint was received from a Colby resident regarding the state of the road between Colby and Arbory School. This was passed to the DOI for attention.

Shore Road signage

Plans for proposed new road signs on the Shore Road were received. There were no comments.

New Local Authority Responsibilities

Mr Berry and Mr Rae reported on meetings that they had attended in connection with social housing and refuse collection and disposal.

Regarding refuse disposal costs, it was noted that the charge to local authorities would consist of a tonnage charge of £20.49 per tonne, plus an availability fee, based in 2016/17 on historical tonnages. It was further noted that the availability fee would in 2017/18 be based 50% on historical tonnage and 50% on populations, and in 2018/19 100% on populations. Also the civic amenity sites would not be charged an availability fee, but this would instead be passed on to the constituent local authorities pro rata. The result of these measures would be that Arbory would pay a total of approximately £86 per

tonne for 2016/17, an increase of £6.50 per tonne over the 2015/16 charge, but that this should be seen against an equivalent reduction of any rise in the Civic Amenity Site quarterly contribution.

IOM Municipal Association

Mr Berry confirmed that he would attend the January Meeting of the Association.

Sundry Matters

- **War centenary memorial** - it was reported that the site would be ready for the erection of the stone within ten days, but that there was no firm date yet for the installation of the railings and gate.
- **Civic Service 21st February** – Mr Cowin advised that he and the Clerk would be meeting Rev Hall in the next few days to arrange the Order of Service.
- **New Website** - the Clerk advised that the first draft of the new website had been received, but that a considerable amount of work was still required before it could go live.
- **Grass verge at Duck Street Corner** – it was advised that a query had been received regarding the site, and that this would be passed to the DOI for attention.
- **Millennium Wood thinning and limbing** – it was reported that the thinning work had been completed, but that it had been decided to leave the limbing work on the adjoining property until the ground was drier.
- **Christmas event 2016** - it was agreed that the Christmas events would be held on Monday 5th December.
- **Grass cutting and spraying contract** – the Clerk reported that four contractors had expressed in interest in the contract, and that they were being contacted by Edwin Robinson, Risk Advisors, for the Risk and Competency Review.

Annual Estimates

The estimated income and expenditure for 2016/17 was considered and it was agreed that a modest increase of 2 pence, to 115pence in the pound, was necessary to meet the general inflationary and other increases in costs.

Newsletter

A first draft of the annual newsletter was considered and various amendments and addition suggested. It was agreed to circulate a second draft for approval, and then to proceed to have the newsletters printed.

Further Consideration of Arbory and Rushen Co-operation

Due to the absence of two members and time pressure, it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the next meeting.

Planning Matters

The following new application was considered:-

1501377 – 15 Ballachrink – alterations and extensions – no comments.

The following decisions were noted:-

1501324 – The Granary, Balladoole – retention and use of driveway and access to Poolvaish Road – Approved.

1501262 – 1-12 & 55-68 Station Park – re-roofing + removal of chimney stacks on Nos 3, 61 & 64 – Approved.

1501256 – 19 Ballacriy – alterations & extensions – Approved

1501251 – 10 Ballacriy – sun lounge extension – Approved.

1501377 - 15 Ballachrink – alterations and extensions – Approved.

Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

- Manx Telecom – telephone	54.38
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - Jan	3,197.98
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal Dec	4,833.04
- Jones Services Ltd - road sweeping	398.40
- Chris Littler Webdesign - annual hosting fee, etc	160.00
- Chris Littler Webdesign - development of new website (part payment)	273.00
- Douglas Corporation – 80 wheelie bins (10 bins for Rushen)	2,639.40
- A Cowin - reimbursement re Christmas tree lights	21.97
- Robinson Edwin Associates Ltd – Fees re annual risk review	576.00
- Manx Utilities - water Ballamaddrell Alotments (to be reimbursed by AAA)	217.30
- Prof S Maddrell - annual rent Ballamaddrell Alotments	50.00
- Lawn & Order - cut branches and tidy Bring Bank, Colby	70.00
- Gill Thompson - reimbursement – Christmas refreshments	63.94
- IOM Newspapers - Advert re grass cutting contract	83.64
- S Civic Amenity Site - Fourth Qtr payment	6,719.74
- D Reilly - thinning and tidying trees Millennium Wood	900.00

Sundry Correspondence & Other Matters

- **Tynwald Annual Report** – received and noted.
- **Consultation – port security, ID checks.** There were reservations expressed regarding the proposal to require identification checks at the ports in the same manner as at airports, it being felt that the delays involved and the ease of obtaining some of the identification documents suggested, raised questions over the effectiveness and the value of the scheme.
- **Tree limbing** - A request from a resident to lower trees adjoining Ballacubbon, Ballabeg – there were questions over the ownership of the land and the trees, and it was agreed to view the situation before the next meeting.
- **Consultation – Road Traffic (Amendments) Bill** – consideration deferred until the next meeting.
- **Road closure** – Sloc to Round Table during working hours in the month of February – noted.
- **Looking Local leaflet**- noted.
- **Invitation to Holocaust Service** 24th January – Mr Berry agreed to attend.
- **Update of Electoral Register** – noted.
- **Invitation to Malew Commissioners Civic Service 6th March** – several members indicated that they would attend.
- **Town & Country Planning (Temporary use) Order 2015** – received and noted.

- **Planning & Building Control Updates** – received and noted.
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Sundry Matters Raised by Members

The following matters were raised by members for attention:-

- the practicality of installing a public defibrillator in Colby, possible at the Spar Shop - Mr Cowin agreed to look into this.
- continued over-flowing of the plastics bin at the Colby Glen Hotel Bring Site – Clerk to again contact Buck Recycling.
- uncertainty over the future plans of Heron & Brierly Ltd regarding the now closed Colby Glen Hotel – Clerk to enquire.
- Womens Institute “Clean for the Queen” scheme, to celebrate the Queen’s ninetieth birthday – agreed to think of any ways in which the Commissioners might co-operate.
- dog fouling near Arbory School – agreed to obtain new dog bin for Vicarge Close entrance area and to again place the CCTV camera in the vicinity of the school.
- concern from a neighbour over the untidy state of a property in Ballacriy – investigate.
- damaged surface on Ballabeg Green – agreed to bring to the attention of the DOI.
- blocked gulley on Glen Road opposite to Bibaloe – to be cleaned.

The Meeting ended at 10.50 pm

