

The monthly meeting was held at 7.10pm on Wednesday 31st August 2016 at the Halley MacLiagh. Present were Mr Cowin (Chairman), Mrs Glover, Mr Cringle, Mr Gawne and Miss Greenhalgh. The Clerk was in attendance.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed.

Risk matters

The Clerk advised that Miss Greenhalgh and himself would shortly be meeting Mr John Edwin to conduct the annual risk review.

Highways – Hedges, sweeping, etc

Work done past month – hedge trimming Ronague Road, Earystane Road, B39, Ballcriy side road. Gullies cleaned at Friary Park and several reported problem gullies.

Work planned for next month – hedge trimming Ballagawne Road, Glen Road and Round Table Road, and Pooillvaish Road. Road sweeping as required.

Other Highways matters

It was noted that the major road works in Ballabeg and Colby had been extended to seven weeks, but that assurances had been received from the DOI that residents and, in particular, the school would be as little inconvenienced as possible.

Police Matters

It was reported that a resident had complained about the obstruction caused by the number of tradesmen's vans parked in the Main Road outside Orryside, Colby, and that this had been passed to the police for action if appropriate.

Sundry Matters

- **Rates defaulters** – no further information had been received from the Coroner regarding persistent rates defaulters.
- **Garden competition** – it was agreed to hold the annual gardens competition presentations event on Monday 3rd October, and that the prizes would be the same as in previous years. Suggestions for the guest speaker were made.

Miss Greenhalgh joined the Meeting at this point.

- **Hustings Meeting** – it was confirmed that the Keys election hustings meeting would be held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm, and that Mr Brian Rae had agreed to chair the meeting.
- **Autumn Concert** – it was confirmed that a concert was being held on Thursday 8th September at Arbory Parish Church, and that the Church ladies would be providing the light refreshments.
- **Public Open Spaces Adoptions** - the Clerk advised that the Croit ny Glionney adoptions were proceeding, but that the Ballacubbon adoptions were held up pending clarification of the exact area to be adopted. It was also noted that the Cronk Cullynn adoptions would be proceeding shortly.
- **Rating Appeal** – the result of an appeal by a Cronk Cullynn resident was received and noted.
- **Closed bridge Colby Glen** – it was noted that the closed bridge in Colby Glen was due to be replaced within the next few weeks.

- **Bin labels** – two quotes were received. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.
- **Recycling areas** – it was noted that the Bring Sites in Colby and Ballabeg were not being well maintained by the contractors concerned, and were becoming unsightly. It was agreed to pursue this with the relevant persons.
- **Grass Cutting** – following conversations with the contractor, it was agreed to increase the number of cuts per annum from nine to twelve, at a somewhat lower cost per cut.
- **Public open space at Croit ny Glionney** – an enquiry was received from a resident, seeking to take over ownership of part of the public open space at Croit ny Glionney. It was felt that there might be change of use planning problem. It was agreed that, once the ownership had passed to the Commissioners, consideration might possibly be given to some form of licensing arrangement.
- **Repairs to track into Ballamaddrell allotments** – it was noted that Arbory Allotments Association was intending to spend a sum on repairing the track into the allotments. The Clerk suggested that, as this could be deemed to be infrastructure work, the expense should fall on the Commissioners. It was noted that AAA might be able to obtain shavings from the Ballabeg road works, in which case the cost would be negligible and the issue would not arise.
- **Railings Ballabeg Shop Corner** – it was noted that the DOI were about to replace the railings on the Shop Corner in Ballabeg. It was suggested that consideration should also be given by the DOI to repairing or repainting the railings at the Little Church and Colby Bridge.
- **Arbory School traffic problems** – it was agreed to meet PC Richard Cretney and Mr J. Ayres (Head Teacher) at a convenient time after the road works were finished.
- **Unsightly unoccupied properties** – complaints were received in connection with the overgrown and untidy state of 72 Ballacriy and 1 Cronk Cullyn. It was agreed to try again to contact the owners.
- **Municipal Association Training Initiative** – several members indicated that they would be interested in attending a training session on planning issues at Ballasalla on 11th October.
- **Dogs Nuisance** – a complaint was received from a Ballacriy resident concerning a persistent problem with loose dogs fouling in her property. It was agreed to put up notices in the area and to obtain a second CCTV camera and locate it in the area of the back footpath between Ballacriy and Croit ny Glionney.
- **Ballabeg Shop** – consideration was given to whether there would be any purpose served by the Commissioners seeking to purchase the shop building. There was uncertainty whether the Board had any authority to purchase commercial property and whether Central Government would give borrowing permission for such a purpose. In any event, it was not felt that the use of ratepayers funds for this purpose could be justified.

Planning Matters

The following new applications were considered:-

- 1600933 – West Wind, Main Road, Colby – summerhouse – no objections.
- 1600927 - Middle Field, Glen Road – replacement swimming pool roof & extension – no objections.
- 1600889 – Avistine, Glen Road – stable block – no objections.
- 1600888 – Arbory House, Glen Road - double garage & new access – no objections.
- 1600869 – Mar Rhenny, Upper Ballastroan – first floor extension – no objections.
- 1600800 – Plot 53, Cronk Cullyn – detached garage – no objections.
- 1600815 - Rosemount, Main Road, Colby – expansion of parking apron, etc – no objections.
- 1600971 – 8 Friary Park – replacement conservatory roof – no objections.

The following decisions were received and noted:-

- 1600578 – Field 425118, Glen Road – relocation of field gateway – approved.
- 1600501 - The Croit, Colby – conversion of barn to tourist accommodation – approved.
- 1600323 - Ballagawne Farm – two agricultural buildings & slurry lagoon – approved.
- 1600380 - The Pound, Ballabeg & 118A Friary Park – detached dwelling and detached garage – approved.
- 1600759 – Ballacarine, Ronague Road – garage, windows, glazed gable, etc – approved.

- 1600278 – Ballacubbon, Colby – 24 apartments – application withdrawn.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

- Manx Telecom – telephone	53.96
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - Aug	3,412.97
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal - July	1,838.09
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal – Availability fee April – July	14,090.54
- Steve Booth – grass cutting and spraying	1,055.00
- Quine & Cubbon - stationery	23.15
- W I Lowey - reimbursement postages	51.28
- Jones Services – gulley cleaning (72 gullies)	1,219.10
- Chris Littler - additional work on website	90.00

Sundry Correspondence & Other Matters

- **Armed Forces Covenant** – agreed to defer consideration.
- **Consultation – King Scallops** – no comments.
- **Consultation – Criminal Justice Strategy** – no comments.
- **Consultation – Older Peoples’ Services** – as it appeared that one of the main thrusts of the proposals was to rely more on keeping the elderly in their homes rather than in nursing homes and other institutions, it was felt to be very important to ensure that local medical and nursing services were enhanced, so that the requirement for elderly and frail persons having to travel into Douglas or to the UK were minimised.
- **Consultation – Fraud Bill** – no comments.
- **Consultation – Digital Inclusion Strategy** – Mrs Glover agreed to look further into this, to see whether it had relevance to the local authority.
- **Consultation – Proposals to accelerate economic growth** – no comments.
- **Invitation Marown Civic Service 18 Sept** – no members were available to attend.

Mr Cowin left the Meeting at this point and Mrs Glover took the Chair.

Sundry matters raised by members

The following matters were raised:-

- loose manhole cover outside Mayfield, Main Road, Colby.
- progress on footpath from Croit ny Glionney to the Main Road via Dreeym Balleycubbon.
- maintenance of the ditch and culverts on Ballacriy.
- parking restrictions on Main Road at Ballacarmick.
- visibility at the junction at the top of the Parville/Ballagawne Road.

It was agreed to raise these matters with the relevant authorities.

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm.

