

The Monthly Meeting was held on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 7.10pm at the Halley MacLiag. Present were Mr Cowin (Chairman), Mrs Glover, Mr Cringle and Mr Gawne. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Greenhalgh. The Clerk was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

Risk matters

It was confirmed that Miss Greenhalgh and the Clerk had met Mr John Edwin, Risk Advisor, for the annual review, and that his report was awaited.

Highways – Hedges, sweeping, etc

Work done since the September Meeting :- Hedge trimming – Earystane Road junction to Round Table, Pooillvaish Road, Main Road through Ballabeg and Colby. Hedge trimming for the year now completed.

Work planned:- road sweeping after main leaf fall.

Other Highways matters

New speed limits – it was noted that, although the new speed limits on the approaches to Ballabeg came into effect on 10th October, the new signage had not yet been erected, and that this had been pursued with the DOI.

Ballacarmick double yellow lines – it was noted that the road appeared to be ready for the painting of the lines, and that this had been pursued with the DOI.

Railings at Ballabeg Shop Corner – it was noted that the new railings had been erected at Ballabeg Shop Corner, and that the DOI had been thanked.

Pooilvaish Lane – Mr Gawne advised that overgrown branches of trees in the vicinity of Balladoole Lodge were impeding large vehicles. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of DOI Highways

Byelaws

Following advice received from the Local Government Unit, it was decided that the revision of byelaws was not a matter of great urgency, and that Mr Stephen Willoughby of the LGU would be invited to a future meeting to discuss the issues involved.

Streetlights on Ballacriy

A report on the condition of lamp standards in Ballacriy was received from Manx Utilities (MEA), stating that two standards required replacing immediately and that several other replacements would be needed over the next two or three years. A discussion took place as to whether to have a full survey conducted of all lights in the Parish in order, if necessary, to draw up a major scheme of replacements, or whether to replace standards as and when required. It was decided to adopt the latter course of action. It was agreed to have the two faulty standards replaced immediately at an estimated cost of £1,500 each.

It was noted from the report that the weak point on the standards appeared to be the rusting of the doors, and it was decided to investigate whether regular re-painting would help to remedy this.

Statement of Accounts Assurance Review Year Ended 31 March 2016

The Statement of Accounts was discussed. It was proposed by Mr Cringle, seconded by Mr Cowin, and agreed that this be accepted and signed.

Municipal Association Matters

Mr Cowin indicated that he would attend the next meeting of the Association on 27th October.

Police Matters

Mr Cowin indicated that he would attend the next meeting of the Police Liaison Group on November 22nd.

Sundry Matters

- Rates defaulters – a report was received from the Coroner of Rushen, indicating that no progress had been made in collecting overdue rates.
- Garden competition presentations – the event, to be held on October 29th, was discussed. It was suggested that the competition should be reviewed for future years.
- Christmas event - safety issues surrounding the Father Christmas / Lighting of the Christmas tree event were discussed. The general view was that the risks involved were not serious, but that additional precautions, including the provision of additional traffic hazard warnings, barriers, and the presence of police officers, would be introduced. Ladies from Ballabeg WI attended part of the Meeting to discuss their part in the event. It was agreed that the Scouts / Cubs / Arbory School Choir concert would take place at 7.00pm and the carol concert with Rushen Band at 8.00pm. It was agreed that the house to house distribution of fliers would not take place.
- Cronk Cullyn play area / Village Green. – there were no further developments with regard to the Commissioners taking over responsibility for the public open spaces and play area on the new estate.
- Recycling sites – it was noted that fly tipping had taken place at the Colby site and that Colby AFC had requested that the bins be moved nearer to the club house, so that they would be in range of a CCTV camera. It was agreed to have this done. Correspondence was received from Buck Recycling regarding the plastic bottles recycling, expressing a reluctance to provide more suitable receptacles. The issue of kerbside collection of recyclables was discussed briefly, but there was no appetite for pursuing this option in the absence of convincing arguments in favour. It was agreed to invite either Mr Steve Taggart, DOI Recycling Officer, or Mr Paul Gray, to a future meeting to go into the matter more fully.
- New footbridge, Colby Glen – it was noted that the replacement of the damaged bridge had commenced.
- Regarding a request from a Croit ny Glionney resident to take over part public open space, adverse comments were received from another resident and the Clerk reported that the Planning Department had indicated informally that it would be unlikely to approve any application for change of use.
- It was confirmed that arrangements had been made for Mr Jason Moorhouse MHK to attend the November Meeting, provided that the Tynwald sitting ended in time.
- Dog fouling in Ballacriy – Mr Cowin advised that, although further fouling had been reported by residents, the camera had not captured a photograph of the offending dog, mainly because the camera was facing directly into the sun at the reported time. Mr Cowin indicated that he would try to relocate the camera.
- Winter bush and branch trimming works – suggestions for this type of work were received from Mr Booth and discussed.
- Local Authority transition – a letter to all local authorities from Mr Phil Gawne, summarising progress that had been made in the various aspects of local authority transition, was received and noted.

- Rushen Parish Commissioners – it was agreed to meet with Rushen Parish Commissioners in the New Year, to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- Mr Cowin indicated that he would be attending and laying the poppy wreath at the Arbory Remembrance Day service at Arbory Church on the morning of 13th November. He also advised that he would represent the Board at the National Remembrance Day service at St Johns on the afternoon of 13th November.
- Dog bins – it was agreed to purchase two dog bins to be located in the new Cronk Cullyn estate.

Planning Matters

New applications considered:-

1600889 – Avistine, Glen Road – stable block, vehicular access, etc (revised plans) – no comments

Decisions received and noted:-

1600780 – Tighnabruaich, Balladoole - erection of replacement dwelling – Approved.

1600933 - West Wind, Main Road, Colby – summer house – Approved.

1600971 - 8 Friary Park – replacement roof to rear annex – Approved.

1601016 - 4 Cronk y Thatcher – extension – Approved.

Accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- Manx Telecom – telephone	57.02
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - Oct	3,509.95
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal - Sept	5,253.66
- Steve Booth – grass cutting (1cuts)	475.00
- Lawn & Order - trimming gorse bushes overgrowing footpath Croit ny Glionney	65.00
- Quine & Cubbon - letterheads	28.15
- Southern Civic Amenity Site Board - 3 rd quarterly payment	6,694.41
- Southern Swimming Pool Board - annual payment	4,006.00
- Greeba Plant Nursery – Garden competition prizes vouchers	680.00
- Grant Thornton Ltd - assurance review	1,680.00
- M Smith - Garden competition plaques	130.72
- D Corrin - Ballamaddrell Alotments lane repairs	930.00

Sundry Correspondence & Other Matters

- 3rd Supplemental List 2016 – noted.
- Request from Castletown Commissioners to appoint a member to join a Southern Local Authority Group to look into facilities for young people on the South. It was agreed that Mrs Glover would represent the Board. It was noted that it had been suggested informally by Castletown Commissioners that southern local authorities might consider the provision of skate boarding and other facilities at Poulson Park, Castletown. This was briefly discussed, and the initial feeling was that, whilst the Arbory Board would be prepared to participate, it would not be able to make any major financial contribution to the capital costs.
- Letter from Culture Vannin regarding Gaelic place names - noted.

- Notice of closure of Corlea Road B39 for culvert repairs and ditching.

Sundry matters raised by members

The following matters were raised for the attention of the appropriate authorities:-

- smell in the vicinity of the Ballanorris sewerage works.
- provision of a salt box at Cronk y Thatcher.
- trimming of vegetation along the Ballacriy pedestrian path.
- progress on improving Cronk y Thatcher and Friary Park entrances.

The Meeting ended at 9.50pm.