

The Monthly Meeting was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm at the Halley MacLiag. Present were Mr Cowin (Chairman), Mrs Glover (Vice-Chairman), Mr Cringle and Mr Gawne and Miss Greenhalgh. The Clerk was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

Mr J. Moorhouse MHK and Police Sgt A. Shimmin attended parts of the Meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest.

### **Risk matters**

It was noted that Mr Edwin's annual review report had been delayed through illness. There were no new risk matters to report.

### **Highways – Commissioners Responsibilities**

Planned for next month - road sweeping and gulley cleaning, as required.

### **Other Highways matters**

Ballabeg roadworks – it was noted that the road works in Ballabeg were expected to be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> November.

It was noted that the positioning of start of the 30mph limit on the New Road had been amended, necessitating further delays whilst the consultation procedure was repeated.

An e-mail was received from Mr James Cubbon, regarding traffic danger in Ballabeg and, in particular, at Duck Street. This was discussed at length, including with Sgt Shimmin and Mr Moorhouse. Various suggestions were considered but no firm conclusions were reached. It was felt that an agreed approach from the Commissioners, the MHK's, and the Police would be the most effective way to achieve improvements. In the meantime Sgt Shimmin agreed to increase the use of speed traps in the village.

### **Youth Facilities in Arbory and the South**

Various e-mails were received from Mr James Cubbon in connection with skate-boarding and other facilities for youth at Friary Park Play Area and at Poulson Park, Castletown, and Mrs Glover reported on a meeting that she had had with Mr Cubbon. Mr Moorhouse and Sgt Shimmin took part in discussion of these proposals and, more generally, youth facilities in the South. It was agreed by the Commissioners that, because of the proximity to dwellings, the Friary Park Play Area was not a suitable location for a skate boarding facility. Regarding such facilities at either Poulson Park or Ballakilley, Rushen, the initial feeling was that it would not be appropriate to expect ratepayers to be the main source of funds for the considerable capital sums required, and that alternative sources of funding should be investigated. It was agreed to participate in further discussions on the provision of youth facilities, both in the Parish and in the wider South, and that input from young people would be welcome.

Mrs Glover advised that a meeting of representatives from all of the southern local authorities was to be held in early December.

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

### **Sundry Matters**

- **Garden competition** – it was agreed that some aspects of the competition were unsatisfactory and that possible changes would be considered next Spring.
- **Christmas event** – arrangements for the event were discussed, including with Sgt Shimmin, who agreed to provide a police presence to assist with traffic control and safety.

- **Cronk Cullyn play area and public open spaces** – it was reported that Hartford Homes had advised that the public areas on Cronk Cullyn would probably be ready for the Commissioners to adopt in early Spring 2017.
- **Christmas cards** – there was consideration given to sending Christmas cards, but it was agreed that, instead, two Christmas flags would be purchased to fly in the two villages over the Christmas and New Year period.
- **Refuse disposal charges.** - it had been reported that the issue of the method of charging for refuse disposal at the Incinerator had been re-opened by certain authorities that had not agreed with the Availability Fee procedure. In view of the uncertainty that this had caused, and the necessity to set rates in January, it was felt to be important to ascertain the exact position from official sources as a matter of urgency.
- **Colby Recycling Site** – it was confirmed that the bins had been moved to a site closer to the club house, within range of the CCTV cameras on the building. It was hoped that this would deter fly tipping and misuse of the bins.
- **Local Government Reform** – Mr Moorhouse indicated that he understood that this issue was again receiving attention within Central Government.

### **Planning Matters**

New application considered:-

1601250 – 65 Cronk Cullyn – additional use as holiday accommodation. No comments.

Decisions received and noted:-

1601045 - Ballagawne Farm – alteration & removal of hedges / creation of track – Approved.

1600889 – Avistine, Glen Road – detached stable block, vehicular access, etc – Approved.

1600888 – Arbory House, Glen Road – double garage, new vehicular access, etc – Approved.

### **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- Manx Telecom – telephone	61.51
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - Nov	3,509.95
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal - Oct	4,923.48
- Steve Booth – grass cutting & weed spraying	1,055.00
- Quine & Cubbon - paper	19.92
- W I Lowey - reimbursement re laptop repairs	94.19
- W I Lowey - reimbursement re postages	85.50
- Royal British Legion - three poppy wreaths	75.00

### **Sundry Correspondence & Other Matters**

- Consultation – Beneficial Ownership Bill 2017. No observations.
- Invitation to Port St Mary Commissioners Christmas event on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Mrs Glover indicated that she would attend.

### **Sundry matters raised by members**

The following matters were raised:-

- it was reported that the empty property Newlands, Main Road, Colby had been daubed with paint. Agreed to advise the owner.
- it was reported that the gulleys in the vicinity of Colby Spar Shop required cleaning.

The Meeting ended at 10.05 pm.

