

The Monthly Meeting was held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.30pm 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.

Mr Jason Moorhouse MHK attended the meeting, to better acquaint himself with parish matters, and he was invited to join in the discussions where appropriate.

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

Risk matters

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

Highways – Commissioners Responsibilities

Planned for next month - road sweeping and gulley cleaning - Main Road, Ballabeg and Colby.

Other Highways matters

Remedial work Parville Road junction. – it was noted that work was taking place on the Ballagawne/Parville Road to alleviate the flooding problem.

Resurfacing Duck Street – it was understood that this work had been postponed.

Friary Park Entrance – plans to improve the Friary Park entrance junction were received from the DOI for comment. The proposed improvement in visibility by the moving of the bus shelter back and the further trimming back of the hedge of Friary Cottage garden were supported, but it was felt that the proposed raising and paving of the road surface was impractical for a main road with a considerable amount of heavy traffic. It was also felt that the proposed drop kerb would be useful, but that the widening of the pavement and placing of planters on the pavement was unnecessary.

Municipal Association Matters

Notes on the recent training session, together with details of Freedom of Information regulations and Social Media guidelines, were received, and would be circulated to all members by e-mail.

Youth Facilities in Arbory and the South

Mrs Glover reported that she was not aware of any further action since before Christmas, but that she would be monitoring developments.

Sundry Matters

- **Civic Service** – It was confirmed that the Service was to be held on Sunday 19th February and that the necessary arrangements had been made with Revd Barry and others involved.
- **Meeting with Rushen Parish Commissioners** – it was confirmed that the joint meeting was to be held on the evening of Thursday 9th at the Halley MacLiag.
- **Southern Area Housing Political Working Group** – Mrs Glover agreed to represent the Board on this working group.
- **Litter Tidy Up Campaign** – information was received regarding a UK litter campaign in early March. It was agreed to contact Arbory School and, if the school had any plans to participate, to offer support with bags, gloves and disposing of the rubbish.
- **Flags** – it was agreed to purchase two Manx flags for flying at the Parish Hall and Colby Bridge.

- **Libraries** – it was agreed to contribute towards the operation of the public libraries in Castletown and Port Erin and the Mobile Family Library, at the same rates as in previous years.
- **National Week Concert** – correspondence was received from Meadowside Choir, suggesting that the annual concert be held on 1st July, to fit in with their other commitments. It was agreed to contact Arbory School to establish whether that date would be suitable for the school choir to take part.
- **Cronk Cullyn Public Open Spaces** – an update on work required before the transfer of ownership to the Commissioners was received from Hartford Homes Ltd and noted.
- **Lights in Bus Shelters** – there was discussion of possible experimental solar-powered lighting in bus shelters in the Parish, perhaps on a shared cost basis with IOM Transport. Mr Moorhouse agreed to take this up with the Chief Executive.

Annual Estimates of Income and Expenditure

After consideration of 2016/17 income and expenditure and estimated figures for 2017/18, it was proposed by Mr Cringle, seconded by Mrs Glover, and agreed to increase the rate for 2017/18 by 2 pence to 117 pence in the pound. This increase was considered necessary in view of a general 1% increase in the Manx RPI, the need to repair or replace lamp standards on Ballacriy and elsewhere, an increase in the required contribution to the Southern Amenity Site, and the increased frequency and area of grass cutting on public open spaces and roadside verges.

Planning Matters

Decisions:-

- 1601283 – Ballakindry Mill – conversion to dwelling – Refused.

Accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- Manx Telecom – telephone	55.88
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - Jan	3,509.95
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal	5,178.17
- Southern Amenity Site Board - 4 th Quarter payment	6,694.41
- Southern Amenity Site Board – Availability Fee adjustment	3,056.00
- Port Erin Commissioners - library contribution	500.00
- Castletown Commissioners - library contribution	300.00
- Mobile Library - library contribution	250.00
- Prof S. Maddrell - allotments field rent	50.00
- Jones Services Ltd - road sweeping	270.00
- Manx Utilities - streetlights maintenance	1,887.12
- Manx Utilities - streetlights power	1,664.66
- C Littler - website hosting, etc	197.00
- Quine & Cubbon - Civic Service invitations	40.92

Sundry Correspondence & Other Matters

- Government consultation procedures – felt that the present procedures, although cumbersome, should not be changed.
- Invitation Malew Civic Service 5th March – two or three members indicated that they would attend.

- Invitation to Southern 100 Launch – Mrs Glover indicated that she would represent the Board at this event.

Sundry Matters Raised by Members

- Subsidence following trench work in the Main Road outside Ballacarmick.
- Loose manhole covers on Glen Road.
- Placing of a salt box at Cronk y Thatcher entrance.
- Double yellow lines at Ballacarmick.
- Review of warden arrangements at Marashen Crescent.

The Meeting ended at 9.25 pm.