

The Monthly Meeting was held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 7.30pm at the Halley MacLiag. Present were Mr Cowin (Chairman), Mrs Glover, Mr Cringle, Mr Gawne and Miss Greenhalgh. The Clerk was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

Risk matters

Mr John Edwin's annual risk review report was received and discussed.

It was noted that Mr Edwin, Risk Advisor, had now retired due to ill health, and it was agreed to obtain quotes from other suitable risk professionals to fill the role.

The annual report from the Wicksteed Leisure Ltd inspector was received and discussed. There were no high priority issues reported and it was agreed to attend to the various minor matters mentioned.

Highways – Commissioners Responsibilities

Work done past month: – S weeping - Main Road, Ard Woolley, Ronague Road and Parville/Ballagawne Road.

Other Highways matters

In response to issues raised by the Commissioners, the following information was received from the DOI:-

Potholes – safety critical holes had been dealt with, and other work would be included in the patching and paving programme and scheduled.

Sunken road surface at Ballacarmick – due to be put right during week commencing 24th April.

Cronk y Thatcher entrance and road surface – to be attended to by Hartford Homes on completion of the housing development.

Pavement between Arbory School and Pumping Station – put in footway programme and scheduled.

Muddy gateway neat Pumping Station – DOI unable yet to contact land owner.

Friary Park entrance – not known.

Speed limit in Ballanorris area – plans to monitor speeds over a period.

Faded halt sign lines and double yellow lines at Ballacarmick - line painters presently on safety critical line painting – will attend to as soon as possible.

It was agreed to continue monitoring progress on these and other highways issues.

It was reported that speeding at Duck Street appeared to have increased recently. It was agreed to ask the Police to mount speed checks as soon as possible.

Municipal Association matters

Mr Cowin indicated that he would attend the forthcoming April meeting of the Association. Notification of the date and venue of the AGM was received.

Police matters

Mr Cowin indicated that he would attend the forthcoming April meeting of the Liaison Group.

Streetlights

The annual street lighting contract was received from Manx Utilities and accepted. It was noted that the maintenance and power charges were unchanged from the previous year.

Sundry Matters

- **Meeting with Rushen Parish Commissioners** – it was noted that an informal meeting had been held with members of Rushen Commissioners and that the following issues were amongst those discussed – byelaws and dog fouling, Southern Amenity Site, the difficulty in

having minor highways repairs attended to, new risk advisor, odd jobs, co-operation in administrative matters.

- **Amenity Site revised opening hours** - it was noted that, following a further review, it had been decided that the site would be open every day of the week from 9am to 4pm, except on public holidays.
- **Freedom of Information** - it was noted that Mrs Glover and the Clerk had attended a information session on this matter, and that further such sessions would be held in November. A specimen documents retention schedule, provided by the Public Records Office, was considered, and it was agreed that the Clerk would compile an abbreviated version appropriate to the Board's activities, for further discussion at the next meeting. Retention of e-mails by the members and computer back-ups were also discussed and it was agreed that policies would be decided upon and instigated in due course.
- **Annual Garden Competition** – the future of the competition was discussed, and it was agreed to reduce the number of categories to one for each village.
- **Changes to Highways Acts** – advice was received from the DOI that, amongst the changes being made, was the option for local authorities to take responsibility for the maintenance of public footpaths and rights of way. It was noted that the DOI had the option of reimbursing the local authorities for some or all or none of the costs involved. It was agreed to defer any decision until more details were available.
- **Food Banks** – a letter was received from the organisers of the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal, seeking assistance in providing dropping off points for contributions. It was agreed to seek further information.
- **Millennium Wood** – following a meeting with Mr D Reilley, it had been agreed to have some overhanging branches on mature trees on the western boundary removed and a general tidying of the trees, at a cost of £400.
- **Rates Defaulters** – a list of defaulters was received and discussed. It was agreed to write to the Treasury Minister to ascertain whether the coroner's powers could be strengthened or some other means could be found to remedy this problem.
- **Annual Newsletter** – it was agreed to produce the usual annual newsletter, but to publish it on social media and make hard copies available in various locations in the Parish, rather than hand deliver it, as had been the practice in the past.

Planning Matters

New Applications:-

- 1700364 – Ballabrack – conversion of agric store to day care centre for dogs – no objections.
- 1700344 - Mar Rhenny, Upper Ballastroan – addnl first floor living accommodation (amended plans) – no objections.
- 1700293 - 128 Friary Park – extension – no objections.
- 1700275 - Ballacannell, Glen Road – extension – no objections.
- 1601354 - 64A Friary Park – demolition of garage & erection of shed and rear extension (Amended plans) – no objections.
- 1700414 - Ballacubbon, Colby – 20 affordable dwellings and associated works. It was felt that it would be preferable to include some homes for the elderly in the scheme, and that improved facilities at Arbory School should be made a condition of approval. It continued to be felt that the proposed traffic island in the Main Road near Ballacriy entrance was unnecessary. Mrs Glover reported that a public viewing of the plans had been arranged at Colby Chapel Hall on Tuesday 25th April between 3pm and 7.30pm.

Mr Cowin left the Meeting and Mrs Glover took the Chair.

Decisions:-

- 1700178 - Ballabeg Stores – Change of use to tourist accommodation & revised windows – Approved.
- 1700061 - Reayrt Aalin, Glen Road – new door and external staircase – Approved.
- 1700116 - Ballastewart, Ballakilpheric Road – alterations and extension – Approved.
- 1700275 - Ballacannell, Glen Road – extension – Approved.
- 0900340 - Colby AFC grounds – extension of hours to 1am on 25th June and 7th May - Approved.

Accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- Manx Telecom – telephone	61.32
- Jones Services Ltd – refuse collection - April	3,587.17
- IOM Government - Refuse disposal - March	5,239.22
- S Civic Amenity Site Board	8,341.26
- A Cowin - attendance	229.91
- S Booth - grass cutting	490.00
- Robinson Edwin - risk advisor fee for 2016/17	432.00
- Jones Services - road sweeping	480.00
- Sloane & Sons - public seat Colby Bridge	483.50
- Wicksteed Leisure Ltd - annual play equipment inspection	165.60
- Aon (IOM) Ltd – members and officers liability insurance renewal	270.00

Sundry Correspondence & Other Matters

- Invitation to Douglas Corporation Civic Service on 11th June.
- Tynwald Garden Party 2017.
- Changes in divisional structure of the DOI.
- Information on IOM Cyclefest.
- Road closure – Sloc Road 23rd April.

Sundry Matters Raised by Members

The following matters were raised for further consideration:-

- Planting of wild flowers in suitable locations in the Parish.
- Michael Commissioners initiative in inviting young people to attend meetings.
- Removal of a dead cherry tree at Ballastroan entrance.
- Property search fees.

The Meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

