

Present		Full Board except Ms Quine who sent her apologies. (In attendance: Town Clerk)
Minutes	AB/30.09	Minutes of the Statutory Board and Ordinary Board Meetings held on the 5 th May 2009 had been circulated and were signed as correct records.
Business out of same	AB/31.09	1) With reference to Minute AB/04 the Town Clerk reported that Mr Weir was appointed Chairman of the Housing and Maintenance Committee and therefore the Boards representative on the Public Housing Consultative Committee.
Chairman's Report	AB/32.09	The Chairman's Report for May 2009 (copy attached to the minutes) was read to members and the contents noted.
DOLGE	AB/33.09	Letter read and noted from the Department of Local Government and the Environment advising that the Commissioners petition had been approved to borrow £47,000 over 10 years to defray the cost of the installation of new street lighting in Bowling Green Road, College Green, Shore Road and Arbory Street.
Castletown Ale Drinkers Society	AB/34.09	Consideration and approval given to a request from CADS to borrow the stage for the World Tin Bath Championships to be held on the 27 th June 2009.
IOM Transport Sports & Social Club	AB/35.09	Consideration and approval given to a request from the Isle of Man Transport Sports and Social Club to hold its annual Barbeque and Sports Day in Poulsum Park on the 2 nd August 2009.
IOM Amateur Radio Society	AB/36.09	Letter read and noted for the Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society advising of their "International Museums Weekend" to be held on the 27 th and 28 th of June 2009. Their trailer will be parked near the site of the Old Grammar School and a member will be present at all times when the radio station was operating.
Department of Transport	AB/37.09	Letter read and noted from the Department of Transport advising that the Commissioners request for remedial works to be carried out to the wall abutting the "Lake" Victoria Road had been forwarded to the Department of Transport Harbours Division.
Department of Transport	AB/38.09	Letter read and noted from the Department of Transport advising that work would be starting on the improvements to the bus stop lay by at Red Gap after Southern 100 Race week.
Letter –Residents of 1,3 &5 Vic Rd	AB/39.09	<p>Consideration given to a letter from the residents of 1, 3 and 5 Victoria Road, forwarding a copy of the letter sent to the Director of Highways requesting that restricted parking with residents permits be introduced outside the properties as it was becoming increasingly more difficult for parking in front of the properties due to office workers taking up the spaces all day.</p> <p>The Chairman stated there was a problem in the area.</p> <p>Mr Weir suggested the Board write to the Department of Transport in support of the residents.</p> <p>Mr Ronan was of the opinion parking was going to be a major issue in Castletown in the years to come.</p> <p>Mr Weir suggested and if was agreed the Chairman and Town Clerk call to see the Manager of Canada Life to discuss the parking problem and a letter of support to be forwarded to the Department of Transport.</p>
Letter- Mr T Taubman	AB/40.09	<p>Consideration given to a letter from Mr T Taubman on behalf of "Neighbourhood Watch" group for Ballalough requesting that a "Speed bump" be introduced further round Bayr Grainagh to slow down the cars.</p> <p>The Board was not in favour of further speed bumps, however it was agreed to write to the Department of Transport and support any traffic calming measures that were considered appropriate, if any.</p>
Letter- Sec to Planning Committee	AB/ 41.09	Consideration given to a letter from the Secretary to the Planning Committee advising there would be planning workshops in connection with planning enforcement action.

Mr Leather commented that no doubt the meeting would be held during the day. He was of the opinion too many meetings were held during the day which precluded members from attending and he was sure if other authorities were canvassed they would be in the same boat.

Agreed that if the meeting was to be held during the day then Mr Ronan and Mr Thomas would attend, if of an evening then more members would attend.

The Department of Transport would be contacted regarding the matter.

Letter- Little Rascals Nursery AB/42.09

Consideration given to a letter from Little Rascals Nursery complaining about the repeated vandalism around the Scout Hut at Westhill Avenue.

It was pointed out the matter had been reported to the Police who were to undertake surveillance operations in the area.

Mr Weir stated that he would contact the Neighbourhood Watch team in order to canvass residents in the area.

The Town Clerk reported that Mc Garrigle and Jackson Architects were preparing sketch plans.

Letter- Ro-man-aid AB/43.09

Letter read and noted from Ro-man-aid advising that representatives could not attend the Board Meeting on the 01/06/2009.

Letter- YPWG AB/44.09

Letter read and noted from the Office of the Council of Ministers regarding the Young Persons Working Group and enquiring whether the Committee had any restrictions on activities on land in their ownership.

The Commissioners could not think of any restrictions.

Planning Committee Decisions AB/45.09

Decisions made by the Planning Committee in respect of the following applications were read and noted:

1	Manx Heritage Foundation	The Rock Bridge Street Castletown Isle of Man IM9 1AX	Erection of a plaque to front elevation	Approved
2	Mr & Mrs Callister	4 Hope Street Castletown Isle of Man IM9 1AS	Installation of replacement windows and doors to front and rear elevations	Refused

AB/46.09

Consideration and approval given to the planning aspects of the following submitted plans:

1	Mr K Walls	1 Athol Terrace Castletown Isle of Man	Replace windows with UPVC double glazed windows	Approved
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Letter- DOLGE AB/47.09

Letter read and noted from the Department of Local Government and Environment advising that the Minister having considered the Planning Appeal Inspectors report in respect of the application made by Mr J Holtby for removal of render to front elevation of 9 Hope street rejected the recommendations made to dismiss the appeal and directed the application be approved.

DHSS AB/48.09

Mr Ronan stated that although it was not the Commissioners problem he was of the opinion that something should be done to prohibit adults from smoking in cars when small children were present in the vehicle.

It was agreed to contact the Department of Health and Social Security regarding the matter as the Board was of the opinion there should be enforcement.

Castletown AFC AB/49.09

Mr Ronan reported that Castletown A.F.C had had a very successful season and only last week the Club won the Cowell Cup (Under 18 competition).

Letter- DOE AB/50.09

Mr Leather recommended the letter form the Department of Education due to be

The Chairman declared an interest and stated the matter should be considered in private as the School needed to go forward.

Mr Weir took the Chair and enquired whether the members wished the letter to be considered in public.

Mr Ludford Brooks stated that the time it took to remove the Head Teacher was in his opinion ridiculous.

Mr Ronan was of the opinion that if bullying was taking place then he hoped the School took steps to eradicate the problem.

Mr Thomas and Mr Kennaugh who had children at the school were entirely happy with the school.

Miss Faragher was of the opinion the appointment of a new Head Teacher was the priority following the resignation of the previous incumbent.

Mr Weir stated a new Head teacher would not be in place by September 2009, however, a new Deputy Head Teacher would be starting.

Mr Leather stated it was right to air the matter in public as the time taken to sort the matter out was ridiculous. The most important people in this affair were the pupils. The two Acting Deputy Head Teachers had done a great job, however, there had been no figurehead so as to speak for an academic year and he hoped the Department of Education had learnt valuable lessons from the episode.

Mr Weir hoped money would be made available for essential repairs, books, printers, stationary, etc as he had been informed that pupils had to pay for certain items.

The Chairman informed members as it was common knowledge that Dr Anne Kennaugh had been appointed Deputy Head Teacher and the post of Head Teacher would be advertised in June 2009.

The members thanked the Chairman for his information.

5 The Parade	AB/51.09	Mr Weir stated the concrete block on the corner of Queen Street by 5 The Parade had not been removed. Agreed to contract C J Bridson Ltd and enquire when the high kerb was to be installed so the block could be removed.
Janets Corner Yellow Lines	AB/52.09	Mr Weir stated that he had received a complaint from a resident in Janets Corner that double yellow lines were not going to be introduced around the bend by the play area. Agreed the matter would be monitored.
Chairman's Report	AB/53.09	The Chairman reported that he and the Town Clerk went to Knockrushen to meet representatives of Hartford Homes Ltd to discuss one or two problems reported by residents in the area. The developers agreed to put some netting over the soil heaps to reduce the dust being blown about in windy conditions. The reason for the use of the pile driver/ stone crusher virtually all the working day was due to the limestone sub-strata which had to be broken through to lay the sewer pipes. It was hoped to commence building the houses in six weeks time.
Chairman's Report	AB/54.09	The Chairman reported that the houses being built by Heritage Homes in Scarlett Road would be finished in approximately 3 weeks time.
Chairman's Report	AB/55.09	The Chairman announced that the new Town Clerk will be Mr Edward C Convery and he would be commencing work in July 2009.
Chairman's Report	AB/56.09	Agreed the next Board Meeting be held on Tuesday 7 th July 2009.
Chairman's Report May 2009		Tuesday 19th May I attended the planning appeal for Victoria Road School. Also the Vice Chairman Mr Kevin Weir and Mr Jerry Ludford – Brooks took time off work to give support on behalf

Castletown Commissioners and I would like to thank them both.

Sunday 24th May

My wife and I, along with Mr & Mrs Jerry Margaret Dorothy and friend attended Onchan Civic Sunday.

Tuesday 26th May

My wife and I attended the RBL Concert in the Town Hall also with Jerry and Margaret. Each school in Castletown and Ballasalla received a trophy to be used as a community award, the trophies were given from the estate of the late John Moore.

Friday 29th May

We all enjoyed the evening at Port St Mary Club House to thank Colin Meakin for all the years and service he has given to Castletown Town Commissioners. Joining the Commissioners in 1978 he has served 17 Chairmen his first Town Clerk was Mr Teddy Blackburn and his wife Nancy in the Bond office. The office staff have not changed very much in that time with Suzanne and Sandra holding the office most of the time. I am sure you would like to go on record our thanks for the many years of service. It will take a long time for this to be reached and I am sure his long service will never be attained again in the post of Admin Officer and Town Clerk.

Saturday 30th May

The Founders day at King Williams College took place and we had the best day we have had for many a year as the tent did not try to blow away, It was the last day for Mr Sam Adler as Chairman after 12 years.