

*Castletown Town Commissioners
Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes*

May 2, 2017

Present Mr Leather (Chairman), Mr Ludford-Brooks (Vice Chairman), Messrs. Barrow, McAleer, Parnell and Miss Quine.

Also in attendance, the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

Apologies were received from Mr Cubbon

AB/1.17 Approval of minutes from last meeting

Mr McAleer proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 3rd April 2017 be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr Barrow with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

AB/2.17 Business out of the same

With regard to AB/179.16 Mr Leather expressed his disappointment that members had resolved to issue a statement regarding dogs being on leads.

AB/3.17 Approval of Accounts

Mr Parnell proposed that the accounts be approved as presented. This was seconded by Mr Barrow with all in favour.

BC/4.17 Correspondence

The Clerk presented members with the following items of correspondence:

i, Southern 100 Restricted Areas – A letter was received regarding the restricted areas in the Town in connection to racing on the Billown Circuit his was Duly noted.

ii, Douglas Civic Sunday – A diary note was received in relation to Douglas Borough Council Civic Sunday, to take place on the 11th June.

iii, An Invitation was received to the Tynwald Garden Party. Mr Leather to attend. Information also set out that invitations to local authorities would now be on a rotational basis.

iv, An invitation was received to the Tynwald Ceremony. Mr Leather to attend.

v, Thanks were received from Mrs Malone, the SAVE program manager for the facilitation of the drop in session on the Library.

vi, An invitation was received to the KWC Founders Day. Mr Leather to attend.

vii, A letter of thanks and an update in relation to the recent Art Festival was received and noted by members.

AB/5.17 Planning

The Following Planning applications were considered with no objections being raised:

17/00083/B 10 Reayrt Lhean – Alterations and Extension

17/00385/B 32 Mill Street – Alterations and Extension

17/00382/C Stanley House – Additional use as tourist accommodation

17/00404/B Bridge Cottage – Erection of a conservatory

17/00397/B Poulson Park – Concrete Riding Bowl

17/00447/B 103 Malew Street – Replacement of glazed roof with tiles.

17/00363/B 29a Malew Street – Replacement of windows with PVC casement.

17/00441/B 10 Knock Rushen – Erection of Extension

Lorne House – A discussion took place surrounding the appeal with regard to the proposed deregistration and reregistration of Lorne House. No objections were raised, however the Clerk was instructed to write to Planning and reiterate the disappointment of the board that there was apparently no legal mechanism to protect land that is inherently associated with a registered building.

AB/6.17 Notice of Motion

Miss Quine brought forward a notice of motion, namely:

“The Castletown Town Commissioners agree that the present proposals to increase the leisure facilities in Poulson Park, which have recently been considered by the Board of Commissioners shall be published, along with any drawings/plans and the estimated costs of such proposals, including any impact on the rates, and that such proposals and costs shall be displayed in the Civic Centre for a period of at least one

month from their publication to enable public consultation to take place, and that after consideration by the Board of any public comments received from the consultation, the final consideration and decision regarding the proposals shall be taken by the Board of Commissioners at a Public meeting of the Board.”

A discussion took place, with Mr Leather outlining what he considered to be the existing consultation process.

A vote was taken with Miss Quine supporting the motion and all other members present voting against. The Motion therefore failed to carry.

Any other Business

AB/7.17 Sweeping

The Clerk advised members that Jones Sweeping were seeking to implement a 2.2% increase in annual charges. Members were all in agreement that this was reasonable.

AB/8.17 May Day

Mr Barrow wished to thank the Traders for a very enjoyable May Day Event. Mr Leather agreed, but was disappointed that the Commissioner’s contribution to fund entertainment had not been sufficiently recognised.

AB/9.17 Expression of thanks

Mr McAleer wished to thank all for the support he had received throughout the past year, with special thanks to Mr Mackenzie and Mr Wylie.

AB/10.17 Ronaldsway Halt

Mr Leather requested that the Clerk contact DOI and advise them that the footpath along the river towards Ballasalla was impassable to anyone with limited mobility

The Meeting Closed at 19:46