

## Castletown Town Commissioners

### Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2018

**Present:** Mr Leather (Chairman), Mr Ludford-Brooks (Vice Chairman) Miss Quine & Messrs. Cubbon, Horton, Mcaleer & Parnell.

Also, in attendance the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

#### **AB/96.17          Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be approved as read. This was seconded by Miss Quine with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

#### **AB/97.17          Matters Arising**

With regard to AB/93.17 - Mr Ludford-Brooks wished to clarify the proposal for the new entrance off bridge Street. It was agreed to discuss the matter in Committee.

#### **AB/98.17          Approval of Accounts**

The Clerk circulated accounts for payment.

Mr McAleer proposed that the accounts be approved as detailed. This was seconded by Mr Ludford-Brooks with all in favour. The accounts were duly approved.

#### **AB/99.17          Correspondence**

A letter was received from SDAS inviting the chairman to attend the Southern Show. Members agreed that whilst the Chairman would attend, it would be premature to confirm details until the Chairman had been confirmed for 2018/19

A letter was received from MAWCH thanking the board for the use of the hall for a recent fundraising event. The letter and the kind comments contained therein were noted.

A letter of complaint was received from Malew parish Commissioners, regarding comments that had been made by Commissioner Cubbon on Social media.

Mr Cubbon stated that Facebook is a public forum much the same that this meeting is a public forum and his use of Social Media is engaging people of a similar age group. He continues to be frustrated by the archaic process of local government. He is proud that he was elected as opposed to walking in on the back of an uncontested election.

Mr leather Stated that Mr Cubbon must recognise that he recognises that he acts on behalf of the people of Castletown. It is the first time that there has ever been a complaint about a board member from a neighbouring parish.

Mr Leather has apologised for the comments on behalf of the board and any contact with local authorities should be made by the clerk. He considered that the tone of certain posts were not beholding of the position of Town Commissioner.

### **AB/100.17          Consultations**

It was agreed that members would submit their individual views to any consultations deemed relevant via the Consultation Hub. The Clerk informed members of the live consultations.

### **AB/101.17                  Planning Matters & Decisions**

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

18/00105/B – Ingleside Shore Road – Windows door conservatory & alterations

18/00150/B – 28 The Crofts – Demolition & construction of Garden Room

18/00145/B – Ridgemont, The Crofts – Erection of Extension to replace conservatory

18/00128/B – 4 Milner Terrace – Installation of replacement roof light

18/001100/B – The Old Mortuary – Variation of permitted hours

The relevant planning decisions were read out and there were no objections raised.

#### **AB/101.17 (i)**

A letter was received from Mr T Earl of Shore road, outlining concerns with regard to the impact of traffic flows on Shore Road in the event of development of the Castletown golf Links. As this was by way of copy of a letter to the planning Department it was noted accordingly.

#### **AB/101.17 (ii)**

Statement regarding the Castletown Housing land review from Chris Thomas.

Mr Ludford-Brooks read out the contents of an email that Minister Thomas had sent to J Moorhouse MHK. Mr Ludford-Brooks furthermore expressed his frustrations that the process did not appear to have been as transparent as had been hoped, other members were in agreement

Mr Cubbon expressed his frustration that the development of service villages appeared to be promoted ahead of service town.

Mr Ludford Brooks proposed that the clerk write to both MHKS, the planning office and Chief Minister Raising frustrations that the matter had not been processed expeditiously and this proposal was seconded by Miss Quine with all in favour.

### **AB/102.17      Seasonal Arrangements for Market Square**

Mr Leather stated that the matter had again been discussed for many months and he proposed that the square be closed in its entirety for the Summer. This proposal was seconded by Miss Quine.

Mr Parnell agreed that the vision of the square must in the long term be as a public space, however he did not feel that the time was correct for the closure of the square. He proposed an amendment that parking be retained on both sides of the square for 30 minutes in the square and planned periods of the square. This was seconded by Mr McAleer.

A discussion took place regarding the merits of both motions, and Mr Leather amended his original proposal in favour of half of the square being closed as had been the case during 2017, with the duration being reduced by 30 minutes. This was again seconded by Miss Quine.

Mr McAleer proposed that standing orders be suspended to invite feedback from members of the public and this was seconded by Mr Horton with all in favour. A brief discussion took place with Mr Lennon of Radcliffes butchers, who indicated that whilst he was not totally opposed to the closure of the square on a seasonal basis, there must be a clear plan in place to increase the provision of parking locally before such a move be considered.

A vote took place, with Mr Parnell's amendment being carried 4 votes to 3 (DP/RM/JC/JH)

### **AB/103.17      Markets and Associated Road Closures**

The Clerk requested clarity from members as to whether they supported the concept of Markets and Associated Road Closures as there did not appear to have been unanimous support from traders and local residents.

Members were all in favour of Commissioners employees supporting the reestablishment of a regular food market in the town.

Mr Horton requested that in the event radio advertising be required, then all providers be considered and not just Manx Radio

**AB/104.17****Matters for future discussion**

Mr Horton expressed concern regarding the oil that was being deposited on the Barracks Square. The Clerk confirmed that the contractor had made provisions to replace any stained blocks once the area had been treated.

The Meeting Closed at 19.57