

*Castletown Town Commissioners
Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes*

August 7, 2017

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

Also in attendance, the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

AB/40.17 Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

AB/41.17 Approval of Accounts

Miss Quine proposed that the accounts be approved as detailed. This was seconded by Mr Parnell with all in favour. The accounts were duly approved.

AB/42.17 Correspondence

The Clerk presented members with the following items of correspondence:

i, **Ballakarran meat Company** – An email was received from Mrs Qualtrough of the Ballakarran Meat Company requesting that consideration be given to the granting of a traders permit in order that they may attend the Market.

Mr Leather stated that he felt it was down to the Market Organisers to decide which producers they wished to allow.

Mr Cubbon stated his belief that the town should support “bricks and mortar” businesses over mobile traders.

Miss Quine was of the opinion that it was good to have competition and if mobile traders offered a quality product at an affordable price they deserved to be supported.

Mr Cubbon proposed that the board should reject the application, which was seconded by Mr Parnell. A vote was taken with the Chairman using his casting vote to maintain the status quo, thus no traders permit was issued.

ii, Festival – A letter was received from the Isle of Man Constabulary outlining concerns in respect to licencing requirements for the Castletown Festival.

Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed that the letter be noted.

Mr Leather requested that members of the Festival Committee take no part in any discussion of the matter leading to Mr Cubbon expressing his concerns that there was a lack of transparency in relation to a matter that clearly affected the town.

Mr Parnell agreed and commented that he had seen two contradictory statements in regard to the matter.

Mr McAleer stated that the issue was down to the definition of the word Philanthropic and hoped that a sensible approach could be taken.

iii, An invitation was received to the Royal Air Force Event taking place the following Sunday. Mr Ludford Brooks confirmed his attendance

iv, A letter was received stating that planned MUA work was to take place on the Crofts, if the town wished to take advantage of the works to replace the lighting columns then the MUA would cover the cost of the Civils. The quote was £3839.00

Mr Ludford Brooks proposed that the quote be accepted but wished to place on record his concerns that only the MUA were undertaking street lighting works. This was seconded by Mr Leather with all in favour.

AB/43.17 Planning

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

Appeal – 17/00404/B Conservatory at Bridge Cottage.

17/00693/B - Replacement of timber sash windows with double glazed PVC sash windows on the front elevation at first and second floor level

17/00682/B - Replacement of existing patio door with uPVC door

17/00716/B - Ground floor extension to provide internal storage for sports facilities

17/00728/B - Alterations, application of replacement render, removal of garage door and block up opening and installation of a replacement balcony

17/00768/B - Window / door alterations, rear roofing works and installation of two roof lanterns

17/00792/GB / 17/00793/CON - Internal and external alterations

The latest rate amendment was discussed with no anomalies noted.

Any other Business

AB/44.17 Bus Routes

Mr McAleer requested that now the Foxdale Road had reopened the Board press the MHK's to reinstate a bus route to Peel.

Mr Leather was in full agreement stating that it ridiculous there was no direct route between two of the Islands major heritage centres. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise with Mr Moorhouse MHK.

Mr Ludford Brooks expressed concern that there did not appear to be any enforcement of the DYL's through Foxdale

The Meeting Closed at 19.34