

**Castletown Town Commissioners**  
**Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes**

September 4, 2017

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

Also in attendance, the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

**AB/45.17 Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 be approved as read. This was seconded by Miss Quine with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

**AB/46.17 Approval of Accounts**

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

The Clerk drew members attention to the ongoing costs associated with the Green Machine (Sweeper) and stated that consideration would have to be given to its replacement.

**AB/47.17 Correspondence**

The Clerk presented members with the following items of correspondence:

- i, **Invitation to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event of the Legion (Womens Branch)**  
– An invitation I was received from Mrs Cottier of the RBL inviting members to attend an event in the Town Hall. Mr Leather & Ludford brooks advised that they would attend in a RBL capacity. Mr Cubbon would seek to attend if work commitments allowed.
- ii, **Request for Meeting** – An email was received from Mr Cregeen MHK requesting a meeting with Mr Blatcher of JACS Stores & Mr Lennon of Radcliffes Butchers.

Mr Leather stated that the square had been widely accepted by the public as a public space with any issues with the displacement of parking being covered through the agreement from DHA for parking to be allowed on the fire station site. There was little benefit in meeting to reiterate the boards position.

A discussion then took place surrounding the potential merits of closing the square year-round. The Clerk reiterated that it would be reopen no later than 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Mr Horton expressed concerns that the bollards were detracting from the square. The Clerk confirmed that the DOI had replacements on order.

A motion was brought forward by Miss Quine that the Commissioners write to the DOI and request that the automatic bollards be removed from the Square. This was supported by Mr Leather, however following discussion amongst members it was withdrawn pending a wholesale review of traffic priorities by HM / DOI

### **AB/48.17 Planning**

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

**17/00905/C** - 23 Mill Street Castletown Isle Of Man IM9 1AG, Change of use from self-catering tourist accommodation to private dwelling

**17/008374/B** Erection of a two storey building to provide motorcycling racing facilities Land Adjacent To Southern 100 Start Castletown By-Pass Castletown Isle Of Man

**17/00857/GB / 17/00858/CON** - Alterations including relocation of visitor shop, relocation and replacement of drawbridge, new ramp and steps to ground floor of keep (in connection with Registered Building Application 17/00858/CON) Castle Rushen The Quay Castletown Isle Of Man IM9 1LD - members requested that the matter be deferred pending additional information from MNH and clarification as to why this scheme was being brought forward before the Castle Gate Scheme that had been promoted as part of the Regeneration project.

A letter was received from Mr Tilleard requesting that members reconsider their position with regard to 17/00330/B - 17 And 19 Malew Street Castletown Isle of Man. Mr Cubbon felt that members should take note of professional advice received that the shortening of the street scene may be beneficial. Mr Ludford-Brooks and Miss Quine felt that the submission should stand. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Board should offer to meet Mr Tilleard.

### **AB/49.17 Southern Housing List**

The matter was deferred until the Board in Committee meeting

### **AB/50.17 Flood Defences**

Miss Quine wished a meeting to be held for residents of Victoria Road to meet with the DOI Minister.

Some members queried why any concerns had not been raised during the planning process, however it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the DOI and request such.

### **AB/51.17 Prescription Charges**

A discussion took place with regard to the proposals to change prescription charges.

Miss Quine proposed that the board object strongly to the proposals and was Seconded by Mr Leather.

Mr Cubbon suggested an amendment and proposed that the board object to the current proposals and consider that the matter should be looked at in the wider concept of means testing.

A vote took place and it was duly resolved that:

**Castletown town Commissioners OBJECT to the scheme in its current format and consider that any amended charges should looked out in wider concept of means testing for services at the point of delivery.**

**Whilst it is accepted that many in society can indeed afford increased charges, this proposal appears to be inequitable to those on lower incomes.**

### **Any other Business**

**AB/52.17 Sandfield** Mr Horton queried if work was being undertaken to replace pull Cords in the Sandfield Complex. The Clerk confirmed that he was aware that a contractor had been appointed, however this was a matter for the Board of Castletown & Malew Elderly Persons Housing Board and not CTC

**AB/53.17 Food Bank** Mr Horton Queried if the Commissioners could accept donation to the IOM Food Bank. The Clerk advised that during a previous campaign a collection point had been set up and not a single item had been received. It was believed that there may have been a collection point in Shoprite at the same time accounting for the lack of take up. If it was wished to have a collection point, then it could be accommodated.

**AB/54.17 Willow Huts** Mr Cubbon asked members if they would have any objections to the construction of a traditional willow hut in Poulson Park. Members were very supportive.

The Meeting Closed at 20.09