

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2018

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

Also, in attendance the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

AB/015.18 Chairman's Update

Mr Leather expressed his thanks to all who had been involved in the TT day. It was an absolutely fantastic day and he had received very favourable feedback.

AB/016.18 Approval of minutes from Statutory meeting

Miss Quine proposed that the minutes of the Statutory Meeting dated 8th May be approved as read. apologies. This was seconded by Mr McAleer with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

AB/017.18 Approval of minutes from Ordinary Board Meeting

Miss Quine proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary Board Meeting dated 8th May be approved as read. apologies. This was seconded by Mr Parnell with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

AB/018.18 Matters Arising

Mr Leather informed members that he had held a meeting with representatives of Castletown Heritage to discuss the planned Secret Gardens event. They had provided positive feedback with regard to wider matters in the town.

Mr Horton advised that the first fundraiser for youth café had made £420 and was well received by the community.

AB/019.18 Approval of Accounts

The Clerk circulated accounts for payment.

Miss Quine 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/020.18**Correspondence**

Invitations were received for the Chairman to attend the following events:

Borough of Douglas Civic Service 10th June. Mr Leather confirmed that he would attend. Mr Ludford-Brooks expressed his frustrations that a representative from the town had not attended all civic events to which invitations had been received.

A letter was received from Inspector Mark Newey in relation to the Castletown Festival. Mr Leather and Mr Ludford Brooks felt it inappropriate to discuss in advance of the festival committee having had the opportunity to meet. It was agreed that the matter be deferred.

An invitation was received for the Chairman to attend a Tynwald Select Committee meeting. Due to the short notice he had already attended the select committee and provided feedback to members. He was of the belief that there was support to penalise the owners of sites that were left derelict for an extended period of time.

Correspondence was received from the Bee Keepers Society providing details on how to deal with bee swarms. For more information see – www.iombeekkeepers.com

A letter was received from Castletown Festival thanking the Town for assistance received during the picnic in the park. This was duly noted and the thanks would be cascaded to the workforce.

A letter was received from Mr Robinson of the DOI in relation to the recent meeting that had been held. This was duly noted. Mr Leather wished to state that highways should not be allowed to rest on their laurels and tangible action must materialise.

A letter was received from the Southern District Agricultural show, providing details of the one way system that would be in operation in conjunction with the show.

An email was received inviting members to visit the "Peggy". A date was to be agreed after TT. All members expressed an interest and it was agreed that an invitation would be extended to Mr Hill Heaton. A Monday evening would be preferable.

AB/021.18**Correspondence**

The Chairman gave details of the petition document that had been submitted. There had been minor amendments to the circulated document following feedback from the Department.

AB/022.18**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.

It was suggested that particular attention be given to the House Improvement (Adaptations) Scheme 2018 consultation.

AB/023.18 Planning Matters & Decisions

The Following Planning matters and applications were considered:

Courtyard - Arbory Street

18/00487/D - Lorne House - Non illuminated signage.

18/00499/B - 39 Malew Street - Replacement windows and doors.

18/00524/B – Erection off 98 Dwellings off Victoria Rd / Douglas Rd

There was broad support for the application. Mr Ludford-Brooks would like to see that the footpath be uprated between Janets Corner and Poulson Park as part of the application.

The Clerk was instructed to Seek clarification on the play facilities, highway layout and any investigations that had been made with regard to the Impact on Schools and sewage levels

An approval notice was received in respect of 18/00323/C – Use of Premises as either offices or retail to which the board had objected.

Mr Ludford Brooks believed that the board should appeal against this decision. This was seconded by Mr Horton with all in favour.

Mr Cubbon requested that clarification be sought on the rationale behind the decision.

AB/024.18 Airport Gateway Plan

Mr Parnell gave members a summary of the proposed development at Ronaldsway and proposed that members resolve to support such. This was seconded by Mr McAleer with all in favour.

AB/025.18 Concrete Riding Bowl

Mr Cubbon proposed that the board write to other local authorities in the south of the Island and offer them the opportunity to contribute towards the funding of a concrete rising bowl. This was seconded by Mr Parnell with all in favour with the exception of Miss Quine who remained opposed to the project on principle.

AB/026.18 Public Toilets

Miss Quine did not feel that it was appropriate that the Town Hall Toilets were being opened outside office hours by a third party and considered that they should remain open at all times or not at all.

The Clerk explained that an offer had been made to monitor the facilities by the Secret Pizza Co, in line with the arrangement at the Bowling green. The design of the facilities had been identified as problematic, both by the internal auditors and the local neighbourhood policing team.

Miss Quine moved a proposal that the toilets be open all the time or not at all.

The motion failed to received a seconder and therefore failed.

The meeting closed at 20.49