

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2019

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

Also, in attendance the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

Apologies were received from Mr McAleer & Mr Cubbon

AB/035.19 Chairman's Welcome

Mr Parnell welcomed members to the meeting in the Chairman's absence. He made members and the assembled public aware of the MNH formal consultation in respect of the police station.

AB/036.19 Approval of minutes from last meeting

Miss Quine proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 5th August 2019 be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr Leather with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

AB/037.19 Matters Arising

Mr felt that Coach parking remained a matter that needed addressing.

Mr Ludford-Brooks had received a response from Lloyds re the potential to locate public defibrillator on the building and it had not been positive. He and the Clerk would investigate other options.

Miss Quine queried if there had been any further meeting with senior officers of MNH. The Clerk confirmed that there had not been but Minister Cregeen was hopeful that a meeting could be held with the Trustees.

Miss Quine queried if the access road for the work in Poulson Park could be reinstated with Wildflower as opposed to grass.

AB/038.19 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/039.19**Correspondence**

A letter was received from the RAFA and duly noted. Mr Ludford-Brooks confirmed that he would attend the service.

An invitation was received from Marown Parish Commissioners 29th Sept – Mr Ludford Brooks indicated that he would likely attend.

An invitation was received to attend a Positive Action Group meeting regarding 5G – Miss Quine would likely attend.

A letter was received from the friends Castletown Station thanking the town for the donation of a cast iron litter bin.

A discussion arose on the wider conditions of bins around the town and the Clerk was asked to review and make suggestions.

A letter of thanks from Laa Columb regarding the loan of the stage. This was duly noted.

A letter was received from the Southern Recycling Centre with regard the possibility to extend operating hours. A discussion took place amongst members, it was agreed that Mr Ludford-Brooks would feed suggestions back to the board.

A Letter was received from DEFA regarding the IOM Governments tree planting strategy. This was duly noted.

A letter was received from Mr Grainger providing positive feedback with regard the square and the arrangement with Foraging Vintners at the S100. The Board noted that comments and expressed their thanks.

A letter was received from Castletown Heritage seeking support for the erection of a plaque and the registration of the gate pillars at Janets corner to highlight the presence of HMS Urley.

Mr Leather felt that the exit from Janets corner is "a nightmare" and if it could be improved, this should be a higher priority than the preservation of the pillars. It was not beyond the wit of man to relocate the pillars if they were deemed to be of historical significance.

Mr Parnell, supported highlighting the historical significance, but the access to the estate should be put first.

Miss Quine proposed that the board support the request and was seconded by Mr Ludford-Brooks.

Mr Leather proposed an amendment to look at the access in a holistic manner to improve the safety access.

A vote took place and the Amendment was carried by majority. (Mr Leather, Horton & Parnell)

AB/040.19 Market Square Parking

A discussion took place with regard the arrangements in the Market Square.

Mr Horton supported the status quo

Mr Ludford-Brooks wished to open up additional parking close to Barclays.

Mr Leather was surprised that of all the letters issued, there had only been 5 responses. He agreed with Mr Ludford-Brooks but felt that an additional 2 spaces should be made for blue badge holders.

Mr Parnell proposed that in view of the poor weather forecast, additional parking should be made available immediately with the exception of the area covered by the astro turf. This was seconded by Mr Horton.

A vote took place with Miss Quine and Mr Leather being against.

Mr Parnell, Mr Horton and Mr Ludford-Brooks were in favour and it was resolved that the workforce would be instructed to open up additional spaces in the morning.

AB/041.19 DOI Road Map

A discussion took place regarding the draft document. Miss Quine queried if they had met a different board as she did not recognise the document.

Mr Parnell suggested that a separate meeting should be convened to discuss the roadmap and this was left to the Clerk.

AB/042.19 Rent Setting

Feedback was sought from the DOI with regard the annual rent setting of local authority properties. Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed an increase of 2.5% on the basis that it was in line with inflation and the DOI had made it clear that a zero rise was not realistic.

Miss Quine proposed a 0% rise as she considered that many tenants were struggling financially.

A vote took place and with My Ludford-Brooks and Mr Parnell supported a 2.5% rise
Miss Quine, Mr Horton and Mr Leather supported 0%

It was thus resolved that the Clerk inform the DOI that the Commissioners did not support any increase in rental payments.

AB/043.19 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.

The Clerk confirmed that feedback on the perceived loaded questioning on many consultations had been submitted to the cabinet office.

AB/044.19 Planning Matters & Decisions

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

19/00935/B - 22 Queen Street , Alterations, erection of a two storey extension to rear and replacement of existing cement roof slates with natural slate

19/00843/B 21 Kissack Rd - Alterations, erection of rear first floor extension and installation of dormer windows

19/00377/CON The Parade - Registered Building consent for internal works and refurbishment of building (in association with 15/00065/CON) Registered Building Nos. 59

Owing to the suspension of standing orders, Mr Cregeen was invited to provide members with an update regarding the CHLR

Mr Mcaleer requested that Mr Cregeen press for a public inquiry. Mr Cubbon considered that unless they challenged the matter, the commissioners were becoming obsolete.

Harbour mews approved

AB/045.18 Matters for future discussion

- Indirect costs associated with the Castletown Festival

The Meeting Closed at 20:10