

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2019

Present: Mr McAleer (Chairman) Mr Parnell (Vice Chairman) Miss Quine & Messrs. Horton & Leather

Also, in attendance the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

Apologies were received from Mr Cubbon & Mr Ludford-Brooks

AB/046.19 Chairman's Welcome

Mr McAleer welcomed members of the public to the meeting. He provided an update on matters that have taken place over the past month.

Additional drop in sessions will be held in respect to the School Hill project. CTC have held meetings with Keith Hargest, with a view to bringing forward an appeal statement in relation to the CHLR and PA 18/00987/B.

A meeting had been held with the DOI regarding a road map for Castletown, this had been a positive meeting.

A meeting had also been held with MNH, various factors were discussed including provision of play equipment in the town centre. It was agreed that MNH would be providing an update to the residents of the town with regard their various assets.

Members had also attended a discussion on rates modernisation with Minister Thomas in advance of the October meeting.

Mr Ludford-Brooks had attended a number of events on behalf of the board, Mr McAleer was grateful of his efforts in representing the town.

AB/047.19 Approval of minutes from last meeting

Miss Quine proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 2nd September 2019 be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr Horton with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

AB/048.19 Matters Arising

MOP had been receptive to the suggestion of locating a defibrillator on the exterior of the old Town Hall.

It was understood that planners had sent out forms to Castletown Heritage with regard their desire to see the gate pillars at Janets Corner registered.

Feedback had been received suggesting that members may wish to reconsider the submitted response in respect to the annual setting of public sector rents, however this had been dismissed.

AB/049.19 Approval of Accounts

The Clerk circulated accounts for payment.

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

Miss Quine queried the arrangements with regard the supplementary information regarding skate park expenditure. The Clerk confirmed that an initial sum had been received from the Castletown Parks Charity, with the balance expected on account.

AB/050.19 Correspondence

An invitation was received to attend the Barool Suite, in respect to an event celebrating the Leonard Cheshire organisation.

An invitation was received from the Royal British Legion in regard to the Poppy concert at Victoria Road School on 8th of November. There was also an afternoon tea planned for the 1st of November.

A letter was received from Mr Taylor expressing thanks with regard assistance provided during the 100 mile walk. It was noted that Mr Titley's Wilkinson Sword trophy was in display in the foyer.

A letter was received from the Veteran Athletic Club providing additional information in respect to their event.

A letter was received from residents of Malew Street making suggestion with regard to how illegal parking in the Vicinity of Bank Street could be better combated. This was noted. Mr Leather wished for additional planters to be considered.

A letter was received the DOI giving advance notice of the Local Authority Elections planned for 23rd April 2020.

AB/051.19 Planning Matters & Decisions

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

19/00961/B – Amended plans with regard School Hill Road Layouts

19/01006/B – 9 the Promenade First floor extension to garage at rear of property

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

Members abstained from discussing the following application in the absence of Mr Ludford-Brooks at the request of Miss Quine.

19/00987 - Addition of seven polycarbonate panels between poles of existing enclosure (Partially retrospective)

AB/052.19 CHLR

A meeting was planned with Minister Thomas, however the date and venue had yet to be finalised.

An appeal statement was being prepared by Mr K Hargest.

AB/053.19 Consultations

The Clerk provided members with details of the current open consultations.

AB/054.19 Poulson Park Concept

Mr McAleer provided background to the scheme.

Mr Leather stated that any proposals must be put out to the people of the town.

Mr Horton proposed that standing orders be suspended to enable discussions with members of the public in attendance, this was seconded by Mr Leather with all in favour.

A query was raised with regard a self-contained park for smaller children as it was considered that the children should be fenced in.

Discussion included the potential banning of dogs, opposition to wooden play equipment by virtue of the it attracting mildew, opposition against the siting of rocks and other natural play features.

Members agreed to invite comments from the wider public.

AB/055.19 Speakers Garden Concept

This concept had been provided for information only.

Mr Leather provided the background the suggestion which had been to look at ways of engaging families in the town centre for longer. He reiterated that the town remained supportive of the original regeneration plans. It was no effectively a discussion document.

Mr Parnell, stated that MNH effectively saw the speakers garden as "killing fields" and these were unsuited to the provision of play equipment. It was considered that the grammar school is effectively closed.

Peggy time scales were discussed, MNH will do a presentation for all of their Castletown based assets.

Court House will be updated in advance of the next governor

Discussions took place regarding the condition of the speakers garden.

Mr Leather felt that they (MNH) were not being funded properly and more noise was required to enable them to do more work.

AB/056.19 Indirect Cost of Castletown Festival

The Clerk advised that the indirect costs for the festival were £1300.

£600 being outside contractors to clean the confetti and £700 of wages allocated towards the event.

AB/055.18 Matters for future discussion

- No Matters were raised

The Meeting Closed at 20:01 with members of the public being invited to ask members any questions