

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Minutes

September 20, 2021

Present: Miss Quine (Chairman), Mr Ludford Brooks (Vice Chairman) Mrs Cannan & Messrs. Cubbon & Leather.

Also in attendance the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

Apologies owing to illness were received from Miss Quinney and Mr Horton

OB/012.21 Chairman's Welcome

Miss Quine welcomed members to the meeting and wished to say "Well Done" to all involved with the Castletown Festival. She wished to offer her condolences to the family of Noel Cringle.

Miss Quine also pointed out to members that it was generally agreed by Manx language experts that the spelling of the towns motto of "Shickrys" was incorrect and she hoped that the board would support the correct spelling going forward.

OB/013.21 Approval of Minutes

Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 2nd August be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr Cubbon with all in favour.

OB/014.21 Matters Arising

Correspondence had been received from Haven Homes requesting confirmation that the Commissioner were still supportive of their desire to run a street naming contest for pupils of Victoria Rd School.

OB/015.21 Accounts

Accounts for payment had been circulated.

Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed that they be accepted and this was seconded by Mr Cubbon with all in favour.

OB/016.21 Notice of Motion

Mr Cubbon Brought forward a notice of motion.

I'd like to raise a notice of motion that we require our MHK's to provide accountability to us as Commissioners and the town by providing a mothly report

to the board summarising what they have done during that time period to benefit Castletown as a town.

Also, that upon being elected they provide us with their vision as a bolt on to their manifesto's for where they see the town moving over their term and a structure for how they plan to achieve it.

I bring this motion on the basis of the town losing its stand alone MHK and the fact that the MHK's must represent town and country with often opposing voters etc. Castletown has not benefitted from this and disappointingly in every instance Minister Cregeen has sided with the village of Ballasalla and Malew over the Town. I cannot think of one thing that Minister Cregeen has done to benefit the town in his term. If you can think of anything prior to us discussing this please let me know.

Jason has worked tirelessly but we all know it's the Ministers that wield the power. We and Jason couldn't even get a Peel/ south bus route a few years ago with Mr Longworth not budging and now Port Erin traders have made it happen, which is great. We are constantly ignored by CoMin, Tynwald and civil servants, we all know this and to move the town forward we need to be all pushing in the right direction, which hasn't been the case.

I've no doubt that individuals have been helped but that is a different matter than representing and improving the area.

Mr Leather stated that he was "partially in agreement"

Mr Ludford-Brooks said that he would second the motion if the request be realigned to a quarterly report rather than a Monthly one. MR Cubbon agreed and a vote took place with all members being in agreement with the amended motion being approved.

OB/017.21 Correspondence

A letter was received from Mr Brown OBE inviting members to the Legion poppy Concert

A letter was received from DOI regarding the setting of local authority rents. A discussion took place and Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed that the board support a 2% increase. This was seconded by Mr Leather with all in favour.

A letter was received from Mr Brown OBE regarding the racehorse working group that had been set up. The Commissioners agreed to support where possible.

A letter was received from CRHS asking if the Commissioners would once again support the sponsoring of an award at the annual prizegiving. All were in agreement.

OB/018.21 Planning Applications

21/01039/B - Erection of side and rear extension to dwelling (No objections were raised)

OB/019.21 Consultations

The Clerk made members aware of current consultations.

OB/011.21 Matters for future discussion

Invite MHKS to next meeting

The Meeting Closed at 20:08