

## **Castletown Town Commissioners**

### **Ordinary Board Minutes**

**4 July 2022**

**Present:** Mr J. Horton (Chairman) (JH)  
Mr J. Ludford-Brooks (Vice Chairman) (JLB)  
Mrs B. Cannan (BC)  
Miss D. Quinney (DQ)  
Mr C. Leather (CL)

**Apologies:** Mr J. Cubbon (JC)  
Mr N. Bradleigh- Rogers (NBR)

**Attending:** Mr H. Mackenzie, Town Clerk (HMCK)  
Mr L. Wylie, (LW)  
Miss H. Fox (minutes)

#### **OB/19.22**

#### **Chairman's Welcome**

Mr Horton opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He stated that Miss Fox was in attendance to take minutes from the board meetings. He noted Mr Ludford-Brooks had represented the town at a Civic Sunday event in Douglas.

#### **OB/20.22**

#### **Minutes**

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 6 June 2022 be approved as read and a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Mr J. Ludford-Brooks

Seconded: Mr C. Leather

#### **OB/21.22**

#### **Business out of the same.**

Mr Horton queried if there had been any progress with the Fire Station. It was confirmed that a request had been made to Bottle Monkey to provide a public update which has not been done as yet. It was suggested by Mr Horton that a meeting be set up with Bottle Monkey to discuss this matter given the lack of progress. It was also noted during discussion raised by Mr Leather that all the parking spaces outside the old Fire Station including the turning circle would need to be removed to allow for access for the required works to be completed.

**Action: Meeting to be scheduled with Bottle Monkey for an update.**

Following on from the previous meetings discussions regarding the wider parking issues, it was suggested the items for discussion with the DOI would be as follows:

- Traffic regulations
- Market square becoming a long term, permanent order
- The one-way system

**Action: Meeting date to be finalised for end of August/start of September.**

Mr Ludford-Brooks queried if there was any further update on the Southern Swimming Pool Board. The Clerk confirmed he has received no reply to his correspondence sent.

**Action: Reminder due to be sent 8 July 2022.**

The Clerk confirmed Treasury have advised that an extraordinary meeting needs to be scheduled to ratify borrowings.

**Action: Meeting to be arranged.**

It was confirmed the notice board outside Coffee Craft has been removed and is now located in the Town Hall Foyer. Going forward the notice board will be put in a different place in the town.

Mr Ludford-Brooks noted a letter had been sent to the residents of Queen Street and Scarlett Road to garner opinion on whether the grassed areas should be cut.

#### **OB/22.22                      Accounts**

It was proposed that the accounts be accepted.

Proposed:        Mr J. Ludford-Brooks

Seconded:       Ms B. Cannan

#### **OB/023.22                      Notices of Motion**

It was noted that Mr Cubbon brought a notice of motion forward regarding the Southern Swimming Pool Board. A discussion took place lead by Mr Leather considering whether the NOM was formatted in the correct way. The Clerk confirmed the part to note for the NOM was Mr Cubbon wishes to call a public meeting with relevant MHKS. The Clerk noted that it is felt the pool board is being used as a political lobbying tool to circumvent Local Authority boards. Issues with KWC not having interested party status yet commissioners Arbory and Malew.

As Mr Cubbon was not in attendancc, it was unanimously felt that this NOM should be deferred.

**Action: All board members agree to defer notice of motion until next board meeting**

#### **OB/24.22                      Correspondence**

The Clerk reviewed the correspondence received and it was all noted.

Letter from the Southern 100 Club for attendance on Thursday 14 May; Mr Horton has requested the afternoon off on leave as part of civic duties. Mr Ludford-Brooks to deputise if required.

**Action: Leave decision should be received by 8 July 2022.**

Chris Gregory has requested permission for Isle of Play to undertake an event in Poulson Park. Discussion around issues with gate access. Railways to be liaised with directly on this matter. The Clerk requested a board decision on this.

**Action: All agree unanimously this is approved.**

The issue of footballs in the square was raised and a solution has been proposed in the form of a designated area for football to be played.

The product is a 'Panna Arena' which is a 6-metre square football cage. It is proposed this will be moved around to find the best location, for instance Victoria Road School. Suggested the IOMFA could assist with training some of the children to engage them in the sport.

On the matter of the frisbee golf, Metalco confirmed it is possible to set something similar to examples of this up in Poulson Park.

Castletown Football Club is holding their training sessions in Nobles Park rather than in a southern location. The Clerk suggested he may write to the club to ask why they have not located a site in the south instead.

**Action: Letter to be written to Castletown Football Club**

## **OB/ 25.22                      Planning**

Mr Ludford-Brooks covered the planning applications, No objections were noted.

4 Bank Street, Derby House, 27 Hope Street, 44/46 Queens Street, Coachhouse Arbory Street and The Buchan School.

A discussion took place regarding the level of bureaucracy which exists in relation similar applications for windows.

There was one planning appeal, King Williams College. Mr Cubbon has asked for this matter to be considered at a separate meeting in the next few weeks. Decision is required by 25 July 2022. The Clerk has reported that he is going to try to defer the decision for an additional week due to the racing which is taking place in Castletown.

## **OB/ 26.22                      Consultations**

The Clerk made members aware of the current consultations and it was agreed that they would make individual representations. Mr Horton mentioned about the possibility of Castletown Town Commissioners consultations being added to the hub.

**Action: Castletown Town Commissioners could request this from central government.**

**OB/27.22**

### **Matters for future Discussions**

Discussion took place on how successful the Brass Band Concert and the community spirit it gave to the town. It also shows how much can be achieved with outside assistance. Any Christmas event would be dependent on JLS availability. To be confirmed. Mr Ludford-Brooks suggested the commissioners send a letter of thanks to Ian Astill for the arrangement of this event. It could become an annual thing given the interest and how well supported it was.

Castletown Ale Drinkers confirmed they are not going to put on any entertainment for the Tin baths.

The Southern 100 event is going to take place in the square as usual.

There was discussion around more community events i.e., one August Bank Holiday, one in summer, one in winter etc. There would then be more chance to get funding from external sources with Mr Leather suggesting the commissioners take the lead in arranging these but it was noted outside sponsorship would be required. The Clerk also stated if you can prove there is footfall then government support is available.

**Action: Future events to be discussed on the next agenda**

Mr Horton mentioned the Ship Inn building being unsightly, along with the Ocean Ford building opposite Janet's Corner and 3, The Parade. The Clerk confirmed he would be writing to them again.

**Action: The Clerk to write to the unsightly buildings again**

A letter was submitted to the planning department re the signage breaching planning guidelines. As the Town Hall is not a registered building, the appropriate course of action should have been the Commissioners complaint procedure.

**Action: This was noted.**

The Meeting Closed at 19:49

**Public discussion.**

One member of the public queried how long the one-way at Hope Street would be. Mr Horton confirmed this was a temporary arrangement. The public member stated the closure makes it difficult for highway maintenance. Maintenance will likely to have to take place out of hours now going forward. Conversely, a business in the surrounding area said the one-way system worked well, confirmed this in writing to the Commissioners and the DOI.