

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Minutes

16 January 2023

Present: Mr J. Ludford-Brooks (Vice Chair) (JLB)
Mrs B. Cannan (BC)
Mr N. Rogers (NR)
Miss D. Quinney (DQ)
Mr C. Leather (CL)
Mr J. Cubbon (JC)

Apologies: Mr J. Horton (Chair) (JH)

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

OB/080.22 Chair's Welcome

Mr Ludford-Brooks as Vice Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present in the absence of Mr Horton.

OB/081.22 Minutes

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2022 be approved as read and a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Mr Leather
Seconded: Mrs Cannan

OB/082.22 Business out of the same

Fire station – Bottle Monkey

There is still an ongoing issue with the fencing to the outside area. It was noted rent bill is due shortly.

Castletown football club

No update at present.

Action: Mr Leather to arrange a meeting.

OB/083.22 Works Yard Expressions of Interest

Petition to be drafted and submitted to central government.

Action: The Clerk to draft petition document and submit to central government.

OB/084.22 Drop boxes for parcels

No progress at present.

OB/085.22 Swimming Pool

It was noted the report has been received now. A discussion took place and on the content and the responsibility on central government. Mr Cubbon stated there was a meeting of the swimming pool board arranged for 19 January which he was to attend however this was brought forward to 12 January so was unable to attend.

OB/086.22 Accounts

It was noted no payments were actioned throughout December due to cashflow.

OB/087.22 Notices of Motion

Mrs Cannan proposes a seasonal full road closure order for Market Square. Dates proposed: 3 April 2023 to 31 October 2023. This is intended to incorporate the Easter holidays and half term. It is also proposed for the road closure to be permanent so it does not have to be applied for each year. Furthermore, the commissioners should have control to be able to open and close it as required. All are in favour of this course of action and Mr Leather thanked Mrs Cannan for the notice of motion.

Action: Road closure order to be submitted.

OB/088.22 Correspondence

Correspondence received was discussed including invitations.

OB/089.22 Planning Applications

Planning applications from the December press list were discussed. There was a discussion around the change of use for the Isle of Man Bank and all the board felt the change from retail to offices was not the best outcome for the town. It was decided a letter noting this should be sent to the owner.

Action: Letter to be sent to owner re: change of use for IOM Bank.

OB/090.22 Planning matters/decisions

Noted.

OB/091.22 Bus services on the Bypass

Mrs Cannan noted the bus stop on the by pass was useful serving the residents of Schoolhill. Mr Ludford-Brooks noted it would be better if the bus could pull off the road into a lay by as traffic backs up otherwise. It was also noted as the Schoolhill upgrade is an eco-friendly build it would make sense for a bus service to be close.

Proposed: Mrs Cannan
Seconded: Mr Rogers

Action: The Clerk to write to Bus Vannin regarding the one-way system.

OB/092.22 Consultations

The live consultations on the government website were listed.

OB/093.22 Matters for future discussions

Parking/notice board – Mr Rogers. Location of notice board and overall parking plan for the Town.

One-way system/highways plan – Mr Cubbon. Future planning for highways, considering using including a roundabout on the bypass and one way system.

Meeting closed: 19:58