

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Minutes

6 February 2023

Present: Mr J. Horton (Chair) (JH)
Mr J. Ludford-Brooks (Vice Chair) (JLB)
Mr N. Rogers (NR)
Miss D. Quinney (DQ)
Mr C. Leather (CL)
Mr J. Cubbon (JC)
Mr L. Wylie, Operations Manager (LW)

Apologies: Mrs B. Cannan (BC)

Attending: Mr H. Mackenzie, Town Clerk (HMCK)
Miss H. Fox (minutes)

OB/094.22 Chair's Welcome

Mr Horton opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Mr Horton highlighted he had been on leave for a few weeks and also a period of sickness. Thanks to Mr Ludford-Brooks for representing as Vice Chair.

OB/095.22 Minutes

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 16 January 2023 be approved as read and a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Mr Ludford-Brooks
Seconded: Mr Rogers

OB/096.22 Business out of the same

Fire station – Bottle Monkey

There is still an ongoing issue with the fencing to the outside area, the obstructions are moved when food van is open.

Castletown football club

No update at present.

Action: Mr Leather to arrange a meeting.

Town Hall

'Pathways to School' teachers have provided good feedback on the new furniture in the Town Hall which was donated by a local business.

OB/100.22 Accounts

Noted.

OB/101.22 Notices of Motion

None.

OB/102.22 Correspondence

Correspondence received was discussed including invitations.

OB/103.22 Planning Applications

Planning applications from the January press list were discussed. All were supported.

OB/104.22 Planning matters/decisions

Standing orders were suspended to allow the residents of Douglas Street to discuss their views on a planning application as they were present in the public gallery. A discussion was had once standing orders were resumed. The board agreed they had an issue with part of the design. It was decided not to support the application.

Proposed: Mr Leather

Seconded: Mr Ludford-Brooks

OB/105.22 Swimming Pool Rate Clarification (Request from DOI)

Letter from Steve Willoughby, Local Government Unit has contacted Castletown Town Commissioners to confirm the agreed contribution of 2.5p is still the agreed contribution.

Action: Written confirmation to be sent that 2.5p is the agreed contribution from Castletown Town Commissioners.

OB/106.22 Ballasalla Medical Centre

Mr Leather raised concerns regarding the medical centre potentially closing. Mr Leather highlighted that Castletown is well served by BMC. A discussion was had and it was agreed that a letter should be sent.

Action: Letter to be written.

OB/107.22 Notice board options

Notice board in square has been removed. There needs to be a more permanent replacement considered. Planning permission will be required. The Clerk suggested a traditional looking board might be a good option as it will be more in keeping with the landscape. Digital options were discussed and are to be considered.

Action: The Clerk, Mr. Wylie, and Mr. Leather to investigate options.

OB/108.22 One Way Castle Street

Scheduled to return to two-way traffic 10 April. There are a lot of pros to the one-way system however, it was discussed whether the direction the traffic flows is the best way. It was discussed and it was agreed a survey should be done.

Proposed: Mr. Cubbon

Seconded: Mr. Rogers

Action: Survey to be drafted and circulated for views on the matter.

OB/109.22 Consultations

The live consultations on the government website were listed.

OB/110.22 Matters for future discussions

Miss Quinney would like to discuss The Crofts going one way as this has been raised with her by the residents on several occasions.

Mr. Horton confirmed the plans for Market Square need discussing, including potentially reinstating the grassed area.

Meeting closed: 20:23