

**Castletown Town Commissioners
Ordinary Board Minutes**

17 July 2023

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

Apologies: Miss D. Quinney (DQ)

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

OB/029.23 Chair's Welcome

Mr Horton opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Mr Horton attended the Tynwald Day Garden Party and the official Tynwald Day event. He also attended the Tin bath event and was the first Chair of CTC to be thrown into the Harbour. He attended the Lighthouse-to-Lighthouse challenge start with His Excellency. He noted His Excellency commended what the commissioners have done with Market Square and suggested this would be good for Douglas too. He noted the Southern 100 tragic circumstances and said thanks to the Clerk for his press statement. Mr Ludford-Brooks is attending the Municipal Meeting next week.

OB/030.23 Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2023 be approved as read and a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Mr Ludford-Brooks
Seconded: Mrs Cannan

OB/031.23 Business out of the same

Poulsom Park – wall

Meeting with McGarrigle on Thursday 27 July 2023.

Lloyds Pharmacy

Works in progress, completion due by the end of month. Social media post however, no

official confirmation for completion.

The Union pub outdoor area

No update.

Board meeting start time

Further to the discussion regarding this matter, it was proposed to start at 6pm as staff in the office are working long hours. Mr Ludford-Brooks and Mr Leather are very much against a potential amendment of start time as this would disturb their routine. Mr Rogers, Mr Horton, and Mrs Cannan are agreeable to the potential amendment. To be discussed as part of a potential amendment to standing orders.

Southern 100 Fan zone

If this was arranged and the tragic circumstances had not happened it would have been a successful event it was felt. Revisit this next year with the same grant funding application.

Commissioners' facilities

It was noted issues with toilets being vandalised and ASB generally. There are staffing issues also with difficulty getting weekend staff. Very much required though as Castletown is a '7-day town'.

OB/032.23 Accounts

Noted. Mr Ludford-Brooks raised some concerns with some of the debtors.

Action: It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the debtors suggesting a payment plan before further action would be taken.

OB/036.23 Community Piano

No further complaints at present.

OB/037.23 Notices of Motion

Mr Ludford-Brooks has drafted a Notice of Motion regarding the full-time closure of Market Square. It was discussed and received full support.

Proposed: Mr Ludford-Brooks
Seconded: Mr Leather

OB/038.23 Invites and Events

Southern Agriculture Show, Mr Horton has been asked to judge the trade stand.

OB/039.23 Correspondence

Festival committee have asked Mr Horton and partner to attend and present prizes at Castletown Festival.

Tim Glover, MHK wrote to express his thanks at the way CTC handled the tragic event at the Southern 100. Noted.

Confirmation of the £25k street furniture which is moveable from the Department of Enterprise.

OB/041.23 Planning Applications

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

Barclays ATM – No objections.

OB/042.23 Planning matters/decisions

Reef House – granted.

OB/043.23 Consultations

The live consultations on the government website were listed. The railways consultation was completed by the board during the meeting.

OB/044.23 Fire station

No valid fire certificate. No services or toilets operational. Requires electrical test. The Clerk asked the board what they would like to do with the building and a discussion took place.

Action: It was agreed to get the building ready for CTC use with a view to redevelopment in the future.

OB/045.23 Matters for future discussions

None.

Meeting Closed: 19:44