

## **Castletown Town Commissioners**

### **Ordinary Board Minutes**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

**Apologies:** Miss D. Quinney (DQ)  
Mr. N. Rogers (NR)

**Attending:** Mr. H. Mackenzie, Town Clerk (HM)

#### **OB/086.23 Chair's Welcome**

Mr Horton opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Mr Horton reported that this being the first meeting since the Award for Excellence he wished to extend his congratulations to all involved. It was a genuine shock. It certainly feels like the Board are moving in the right direction.

Members gave a recap of events that they had attended on behalf of the town.

#### **OB/087.23 Minutes of previous meeting**

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be approved as read and a true and accurate record.

**Proposed:** Mr Ludford-Brooks  
**Seconded:** Mrs Cannan

#### **OB/088.23 Business out of the same**

##### **Windfarms**

Mr Cubbon was growing increasingly frustrated with what he perceived to be a lack of effective representation in the South as we did not have any Ministers. He was minded to bring forward a motion regarding the actions of the government and its impact locally. A discussion took place on the impact of the view from Castletown over the Southern uplands and the islands energy dependency issues.

A brief discussion took place regarding the progress of the application to close the Market Square.

**OB/089.23           Accounts**

Noted.

**OB/099.23           Notices of Motion**

No Motions were tabled.

**OB/100.23           Correspondence**

**Invites and Events**

Invitations for the forthcoming period had already been distributed.

**General Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Bowling Club requesting expenditure on various matters. The Clerk was directed to advise that no expenditure would be agreed until such time as a valid lease was in place.

Mr Ludford-Brooks felt that the time had come to seek wider expressions of interest for the site. Mr Horton agreed that he would be willing to make himself available over the festive period to meet club representatives on site.

**Action: The Clerk to reply to this effect.**

A timeline of the proposed CRHS redevelopment was received and a discussion took place with members expressing various frustrations.

Mr Cubbon wanted to clarify if there was a case for legal action against Central government with regard significant matters such as this that affect Castletown.

**Action: Noted**

**OB/101.23           Planning Applications**

Planning applications from intervening press lists were discussed. No objections were forthcoming.

**OB/102.23           Planning matters/decisions**

Discussed and noted.

**OB/103.23           Consultations**

The live consultations on the website were listed.

**OB/104.23                    Matters for future discussions**

Mr Cubbon was minded to bring forward notices of motion relating to his lack of confidence in Central Government as had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Square

A budgeting meeting would be taking place in the New Year

**Action: The Clerk to arrange a meeting.**

**Meeting Closed: 19:16.**