

**Castletown Town Commissioners  
Ordinary Board Minutes**

**6 November 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)  
Miss D. Quinney (DQ)

**Apologies:** Mr. N. Rogers (NR)

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

**OB/076.23                      Chair's Welcome**

Mr Horton opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Mr Horton reported he had not attended anything in the last month. Mrs Cannan attended a harvest service which was enjoyable. Mr Ludford-Brooks attended Marown's Civic Sunday and the Municipal meeting.

**OB/077.23                      Minutes of previous meeting**

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 2 October 2023 be approved as read and a true and accurate record.

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

**OB/078.23                      Business out of the same**

**Windfarms** – brief meeting was held with consultants in the UK. Douglas is the preferred locations for these. However, some sites in Castletown are still being considered as possibilities.

**OB/079.23                      Accounts**

Noted. Discussion will take place in Committee.

**OB/080.23                      Notices of Motion**

**Minor amendment to Standing Orders**

Mrs Cannan wished to raise the following Notice of Motion at the last commissioners meeting, however **this item was deferred until the next meeting for voting as per standing orders. Mrs Cannan reiterated the Notice of Motion:-**

I am giving notice to bring forward a motion. I am seeking to make a proposal to bring changes to our current standing orders, namely;

*(4) The Annual Statutory Meeting and all the other meetings of the Authority shall, unless notice to the contrary be given by the Clerk, commence at 6:00pm.*

Mr Horton commented the standing orders in their entirety were very outdated and there should be the option to pick the desired start time. Mr Cubbon commented he would be flexible if the time needed to change and noted the office staff attend without pay and after a full day's work on meeting days. Miss Quinney mentioned it would be difficult given shift work and how would people working in Douglas make it. Mr Leather stated he was firmly utterly against the change and noted it would also affect those from the public who attended who were busy with families and stated people who were considering standing for commissioner would be put off with the hours difference in start time. Mr Ludford-Brooks stated whilst he was off work every Monday so therefore could make the amended time, he was against it as it has always been 7pm and if he did work then he would not be able to attend at 6pm.

An amendment was then suggested to have the time as 6pm with flexibility for different times additionally.

**Proposed:** Mr Cubbon  
**Seconded:** Mrs Cannan

It then went to vote.

**For:** Mrs Cannan, Mr Cubbon, and Miss Quinney.  
**Against:** Mr Leather and Mr Ludford-Brooks.

The motion therefore has been passed.

### **Market Square pedestrianisation**

I hereby give notice of my intention to move a motion at the November meeting to the effect that "Castletown Town Commissioners seek the formal pedestrianisation of Market Square on a permanent basis."

To enable the same, we should request that Highways progress parking orders be introduced to regularise **two** standard disabled parking bays on the parade and consideration given to a location of similar in the vicinity of the Town Hall.

The Clerk noted there may be interest of potential investment for more permanent items in the area if full closure is agreed. There would also be the option to open it to cars however this would not be enforceable in terms of parking regulations. Mr Leather stated he was 100% behind keeping the square pedestrianised. Mr Horton mentioned the survey in which 75% agreed with square being closed. Mr Ludford-Brooks mentioned another survey should be completed. It was noted that during another local authority's survey on their area, Market Square came up as the most popular public space which is great feedback.

Mr Ludford-Brooks proposed an amendment at the meeting adding there should be a public consultation and a public meeting. Miss Quinney seconded it.

It then went to vote.

**For:** Mr Ludford-Brooks.

**Against:** Mrs Cannan, Mr Cubbon, Miss Quinney and Mr Leather

The original Notice of Motion submitted by Mrs Cannan was then considered. Mrs Cannan proposed this and Mr Leather then seconded it.

It then went to vote.

**For:** All.

**Against:** None.

## **OB/081.23 Correspondence**

### **Invites and Events**

**Police Roadshow** – 20 November. Mr Leather and Mr Horton have expressed an interest to attend.

**Castle Rushen High School** – invited to Awards Evening. Mr Ludford-Brooks will be attending.

**Christmas dinner party – Over 60s club** – Mrs Cannan to attend on behalf of Chair.

**Royal British Legion** – letters re: events to be held for Remembrance Day in November. Noted. Mrs Cannan no longer able to attend, Mr Ludford-Brooks to attend instead.

**Invite to Carol Service from Mr Skelly** – Mr Leather to attend 14 December.

**Royal artillery association event** – Mr Ludford-Brooks to attend on 3 December.

**200-year Anniversary Lifeboat Memorial event – 7th Jan at 3pm** – Mrs Cannan to attend.

### **General Correspondence**

Email from DOI regarding her Service Level Agreement received and contents noted.

Christmas switch on fee paid – noted.

Email from mobile library – noted.

Letter from Southern Swimming Pool board – Status quo to remain in relation to the level of contribution from CTC.

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

Letter from MNH re Quilliam statue – noted.

### **OB/082.23                      Planning Applications**

Planning applications from the October press list were discussed.

### **OB/083.23                      Planning matters/decisions**

Discussed and noted.

### **OB/084.23                      Consultations**

The live consultations on the website were listed.

### **OB/085.23                      Matters for future discussions**

Mr Cubbon would like a meeting to be arranged for the board of commissioners and Julie Edge MHK to discuss plans for the new school and swimming pool.

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

**Meeting Closed: 20:16.**