

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Minutes

5 February 2024

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

Apologies: Mr. J. Horton (Chair) (JH)
Miss D. Quinney (DQ)
Mr. J. Cubbon (JC)
Mr. L. Wylie, Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk (LW)

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

OB/115.23 Chair's Welcome

As Mr Horton has given his apologies, Mrs Cannan assumed the role as Chair. Mrs Cannan opened the meeting and welcomed those present and noted the apologies given from the absent board members. She advised she attended the RBL conference which was good.

OB/116.23 Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2024 be approved and read as a true and accurate record with an amendment on point **OB/110.23** raised by Mr Ludford-Brooks.

Proposed: Mr Ludford-Brooks
Seconded: Mr Leather

OB/117.23 Business out of the same

Bowling Club

Discussed in committee session.

CRHS

Various press statements with proposed designs in the media.

OB/118.23 Accounts

Noted. Individual queries to be discussed in the committee meeting.

Proposed: Mr Ludford-Brooks
Seconded: Mr Rogers

OB/119.23 Notices of Motion

Mr Leather tabled a Notice of Motion:-

I propose that the Board petition Tynwald Court for the reintroduction of the Towns Housing Bye Laws.

The previous Byelaws lapsed in 2012 (copies of which have been circulated to members).

Mr Leather suggested eviction is the only option via the tenancy agreement currently available for tenancy breaches. Whereas byelaws are also the law. He confirmed the fine previously was £400. He also mentioned Article 8 of the Human Rights Act states:

"1. Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

2. There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety, or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

He advised this meant that whilst tenants were entitled to peaceful lives, equally if other tenants are affecting the lives of their neighbours there is scope for the LA to intervene. Further discussion took place and it was suggested all the byelaws should be reviewed as there are additional ones to consider as they are expired/outdated not just the Housing Byelaws. It was agreed to look at the Housing Byelaws with a view to extending this exercise to include other byelaws.

Proposed: Mr Leather
Seconded: Mr Rogers

OB/120.23 Correspondence

Invites and Events

The Cabinet Office have written regarding the 80th anniversary of D Day to enquire if any events are planned by CTC. Mr Ludford-Brooks queried if there were any funds for events. No plans at present so the letter was noted.

General Correspondence

Letter from MUA regarding the public lighting scheme with drawings and quotations. Noted.

Reserved parking order, noted.

MUA letter re regeneration of lighting on Malew and Arbory Street, noted.

OB/121.23 Planning Applications

Planning applications from intervening press lists were discussed.

One application was discussed in further detail. Members of the public were in attendance.

Reef House

Mr Ludford-Brooks reiterated the decision on the application was in the hands of the planning committee. It was noted the original application has been modified. The board previous stance on the application remains as neutral.

The other planning submissions were discussed, no objections were forthcoming.

OB/122.23 Planning matters/decisions

Discussed and noted.

OB/123.23 Consultations

The live consultations on the website were listed.

OB/124.23 Matters for future discussions

None.

Meeting Closed: 18:37.