

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Minutes

7 October 2024

Present: Mrs. B. Cannan (Chairman) (BC)
Mr. J. Ludford-Brooks (JLB)
Mr. C. Leather (CL)
Mr. J. Cubbon (JC)

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

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

OB/070.24 Chairman's Welcome

Mrs. Cannan opened the meeting and welcomed those present. She wanted to note how magnificent the heron sculpture is and thanked the talented team for its creation. She also thought it was important to note the false claims on Castletown Chat as there are various threads, comments and posts spreading misinformation. She advised she had attended Douglas Civic Sunday and Mr. Ludford-Brooks had attended Marown Civic Sunday.

OB/071.24 Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 16 September 2024 be approved as read and a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Mr. Ludford-Brooks
Seconded: Mr. Horton

OB/072.24 Business out of the same

Market Square Update – The Clerk has details of the road closure order. He has requested a steer from the board regarding what they would like to plan for the winter period. Mrs Cannan advised she would like to see the closure to cars until December as a minimum given there is Remembrance Day and Christmas switch on events planned. Mr. Horton noted that going forward there should be no further discussion on this matter, all agreed.

Action: The board wishes for the Clerk to apply for an extension, it was suggested to seek maximum available as while it may not all be utilised, it would mitigate the impact of individual request for closures.

OB/073.24 Accounts

It was agreed the accounts be noted.

Proposed: Mr. Horton
Seconded: Mr. Ludford-Brooks

OB/074.24 Notices of Motion

None.

OB/075.24 Correspondence

Invites and Events

Items had been circulated prior to the meeting.

General Correspondence

Email from resident regarding recycling. It was discussed and noted with Mr Horton noting that in his experience elsewhere, whilst schemes to remove plastics from the foreshore gave the impression that plastic recycling was in place, in reality it was disaster with plastics being diverted to the EFW.

The Letter was noted.

The Board discussed various responses from Highways and queried if the Department had actually read the Highways Act. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister requesting clarification on the Departments understanding of various points of legislation. Mr Ludford-Brooks was also going to raise elements via the Municipal association.

Proposed: Mr. Leather
Seconded: Mr. Ludford-Brooks

Action: The board wishes for the Clerk write to Minister Crookall.

OB/076.24 Planning Applications

Planning applications from intervening press lists were discussed. The KWC (?) application was discussed in more detail. There was a possible concern regarding the extra traffic off Douglas Road which may be problematic?

Action: The Clerk to write to the Cabinet Office to enquire about the Southern Area Plan.

OB/077.24 Planning matters/decisions

Discussed and noted.

OB/078.24 Consultations

The live consultations on the website were listed.

OB/079.24 Matters for future discussions

Mr. Cubbon would like the Planning Dept to be written to regarding Castletown Area Review.

Meeting Closed: 18:40