

Castletown Town Commissioners

Ordinary Board Minutes

4 November 2024

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

Apologies: None.

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

OB/080.24 Chairman's Welcome

Mrs. Cannan opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

OB/081.24 Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved the minutes of the meeting of 4 November 2024 be approved as read and a true and accurate record. Mrs. Cannan read out a significant statement regarding the ongoing matter of the square. Mrs Cannan wanted to wish Mr. Ludford-Brooks a happy 80th birthday.

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

OB/082.24 Business out of the same

Market Square – Awaiting outcome of road closure request. Several letters and emails have been received in relation to the road closure.

Mr. Leather confirmed he had visited 16 premises and 11 of the businesses were supportive of pedestrianisation and only 4 were not and 1 did not have an opinion either way. He suggested the perception of everyone being against pedestrianisation to be fake news as he has been in the town centre several times a day and at a local event and he has only had one person mention anything about Market Square. He believes the discontent is not as it is being purported. and considered from his interactions to be overwhelming support. He has some businesses still to visit. General feedback was considered. Mr Cubbon felt Mr Cringle's comments were disappointing and bordering on offensive, he noted the current CTC board were the result of contested election. Majority of the Boards in the south were elected uncontested.

The Chamber of Commerce was mentioned and Mr Horton confirmed this was something that existed around 10 years ago. It would need to be the traders themselves who set this up again.

OB/083.24 Accounts

It was agreed the accounts be noted.

Proposed: Mr. Rogers
Seconded: Mr. Horton

OB/084.24 Notices of Motion

None.

OB/085.24 Correspondence

Invites and Events

CRHS have sent an invite for attendance for an awards night. Mr. Ludford-Brooks has agreed to attend.

Royal Artillery – 1 December – Mrs Cannan considering attendance.

General Correspondence

Mr Martin, DOI Highways emailed regarding Bog Lane. Noted.

Letter from Mr Brown requesting use of the community hall when the scout hall is being renovated next year. This was agreed in principle with terms and conditions to be agreed.

Email from the MUA re works at substation at the Old Grammar School.

Letter from Richard Ronan regarding meeting with the board. Noted.

Email from JACS regarding Market Square. Noted.

Email from resident regarding Market Square. Noted.

Email from Belle and Bows regarding Market Square. Noted.

Email and letter from resident regarding Market Square. Noted.

Email from Executive Committee Member regarding Remembrance Sunday schedule.

OB/086.24 Planning Applications

Planning applications from intervening press lists were discussed. The refurbishment

works to Malew Street and Arbory Street were discussed.

OB/087.24 Planning matters/decisions

Discussed and noted.

OB/088.24 Consultations

The live consultations on the website were listed.

Castletown "Living Streets" – there are currently two dates that have been agreed for the DOI Highways to consult with residents on plans for Castletown. It was noted there was some criticism as there was no evening date scheduled; however this may be possible.

OB/089.24 Matters for future discussions

Meeting Closed: 18:30