

#	Subject	Comment
1	On the 4 th June 2025 along with the Vice-Chairman I attended a reception onboard HMS Mersey when it visited Douglas.	
2	On 15 th June I attended the Southern Vintage Engine and Tractor Club's event held in Doctors Meadow CT. Wonderful event – despite the inclement weather – big thank you to all involved in making it such a good event.	
3	On the 25 th June I attended the first annual Seafarers Service held in Arbory Church, which was well attended.	
	On the 26 th June I attended the Municipal Association meeting at which the Minister for Infrastructure attended to meet with the Association. There were a number of matters that were covered, by the Minister, which the Board will be need to give consideration to, due to the implications for our Town.	
4	<p>On the 27th June, along with other dignitaries, including His Excellency the Lt Governor, the Polish Consul General - Manchester, and Polish Airforce personnel, I was delighted and privileged as Chairman to attended and to join many of the Islands Polish community, at the Polish Airman's Association annual Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony held at the Manx Military Museum.</p> <p>It was a very moving occasion where we remembered the Polish airmen, who during WWII trained at HMS Urley as well as remembering those who lost their lives.</p>	<p>His Excellency President of Tynwald Chairman of the Islands Polish Airman's Association.</p>
5	On the 28 th June I attended Armed Forces Day held at the Villa Marina to commemorate the Service given and lives lost of many Islanders during WWII. The Parade was led by the CTMS Band, it was a well-attended event with Military veterans, their families and many Island Military cadet organisations, and other bodies.	
6	<p>During the month the Commissioners made strong written representation to the Legislative Council relating to their consideration of the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023, which has now arrived with the Council, regarding an amendment included in the Bill, promoted by Mr Hooper MHK, that the House of Keys has approved, with the support of the Council of Ministers, without undertaking any consultation at all with the Local Authorities, prior to approving the amendment. The legislative change has the potential of inflicting a substantial cost burden on the Ratepayers of Castletown, and on Ratepayers across the Island.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>The Bill's >>></i></p>	<p>The amendment by Mr Hooper enables Government to direct/mandate a Local Authority to perform a function, regardless of cost to the Ratepayers.</p>

	The Bill's progress has now been delayed by the Legislative Council, which is most welcome as it will provide an opportunity for the Commissioners, along with other Local Authorities, to give oral evidence to the Legislative Council at a sitting scheduled for the 28 th October 2025. I have confirmed that I will be giving oral evidence on behalf of the Castletown Town Commissioners on the 28 th .	
7	The Board have agreed to seek a person for the post of an <u>Administrative Assistant</u> to the Town Clerk, which is a post initially for a period of 6 months, which has the potential to be a permanent position. This post is required to enable the Commissioners policies, decisions and administration to be effectively processed. Information for the post is available on the Commissioners Facebook and websites and information can be obtained from the Town Hall. The closing date for applications is 11 th July 2025.	
8	The Commissioners are concerned - based on recent comments made by the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure - that the Department has determined to proceed with their 'Living Streets scheme' and it seems that some works have already been initiated by the Department i.e. narrowing of junctions e.g. The Crofts, even though at the Public Consultations held in November 2024 it was stated by the Officer leading the scheme that the Department would publish their proposals before implementing any changes. The Commissioners will be giving consideration to this matter and will be seeking clear clarification from the Minister as to what is happening. The Board is also concerned that many of the Towns roads and pavements are in a poor state of repair, and that they are not being maintained to a reasonable standard. The Commissioners have sought to have an appropriate senior officer from highways to attend our next Board in Committee meeting on 4 th August 2025 to respond to the Commissioners concerns, which we know echo that of many Town residents.	
9	<u>Reminder:</u> Just a reminder that the Town will holding its Civic Service on Sunday 13 th July in Arbory Street Methodist Church at 3.00pm, to which residents are invited to join the Commissioners as we celebrate our community.	