

**Castletown Town Commissioners
Town Hall Castletown**



NEWS RELEASE

Poulsom Park and the parks children's play area and equipment.

The Board of the Castletown Town Commissioners visited Poulsom Park as a Board on Friday 18th July 2025 to view the park and its facilities.

The Commissioners have been conscious that work needs undertaking to improve the park and its environs especially including the children's play area and play equipment.

The Commissioners had instructed in May at their Board meeting that the wood boundary fencing and the play equipment in the play area were to be repainted, grass cut etc. Apart from the cutting of the grass, the other matters mentioned no action had been implemented to attend to the work needed.

The Commissioners are very conscious that its manual work force are very busy at this time of year especially with the cutting of the grass around the town, which consists of taking up a considerable amount of their work time. The staff also attended last week to cutting the grass in the Bull Ring area of the park to tidy the area up.

The staff are doing sterling work to keep on top of the grass throughout the Town during the growing season.

On our visit to the park, we were concerned to see the condition of some of the equipment, which was damaged due to 'wear and tear' and which should have been dealt with previously, after seeing the condition of some of the equipment the Board gave immediate instructions for the damaged equipment to be removed due to safety concerns and new equipment is being ordered to replace some of the damaged play equipment in the park.

The Board have already engaged a painting contractor to repaint the wood fencing and some of the play equipment in the park.

The Board find the inherited situation most frustrating especially the situation where some of the children's play equipment has been allowed to deteriorate to such a poor condition, for which the Board believes there is no excuse, and that such situation is not acceptable.

The present Board can only apologise for the situation that has developed over a period of time and assure the residents that we are endeavouring to rectify the situation as soon as possible so the children can continue to safely enjoy playing in the Town's Park.

The Board will also be considering other matters that need attention and will also consider helpful comments they have recently received regarding future improvements to the park, including refurbishing the entrance gates and the boundary railings.

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