

**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Commissioners**

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Time:** 19:00

**Location:** Castletown Town Hall

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**Present:** Full Board  
**In Attendance:** Mr. C. Meakin (Deputy Clerk)  
Mr. G.L. Taylor (Minute Clerk)

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**PS/087 Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting was opened by the **Chairman, Mr. J.A. Brown (JAB)**

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**PS/088 Suspension of Standing Order 10A (1)**

**Proposed:** Ms. C. Quine  
**Seconded:** Mr. A. Leonard and carried unanimously that Standing Order 10A (1) regarding digital recording be suspended.

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**PS/089 Declaration by Members and Officers in attendance of any interests in any matter on the agenda**

None

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**PS/090 Announcement, Report and Approval of the Castletown Rates and Charges for the financial year 2026/2027**

Mr J A Brown, Chairman announced the Town Rates for the rate year 2026/2027, which proposed the three principal points as follows: -

- Reduction of the Town Rate by 3p in the "£ to 395p in the per rated property
- The Town Fixed Refuse Rate reduction by £10 per property
- The Public Sector Housing discretionary additional rent increase of 1% has not been applied

Mr. J. J. Cringle as Chairman of the BDFa committee was invited by the Chairman to make a presentation illustrating and explaining the proposed town rates for the upcoming financial year, which was discussed and opened to the floor.

**Proposed:** Mr. J.J. Cringle  
**Seconded:** Ms. C. Quine and unanimously agreed that the rates and charges for the financial year 2026/2027 be accepted.

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**PS/091 Approval of Minutes held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Proposed:** Mr. W.F. Galley  
**Seconded:** Ms. C. Quine and unanimously agreed that the minutes for the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 be signed as a true and correct record.



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**PS/092                      Business Required by Statute [Standing Order 5(1) (c)]**

- (i)            **Suspend Standing Orders**  
Proposed:    **Mr. J.A. Brown**  
Seconded:   **Mr. J.J., Cringle** and unanimously agreed
  
  - (ii)           **Motion to approve new Standing Order for election of the Chair of the Authority**  
Proposed:    **Mr. J.A. Brown**  
Seconded:   **Mr. M. Patel** and unanimously agreed  
(See appended sheet for details)
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**PS/093                      Reports**

Reports and recommendations presented by each Committee of the Board were read and noted

(1)           **Business and Development Committee**

None

(2)           **Infrastructure Committee**

Mr Patel reported that matters were in the pipeline and a report would follow

(3)           **Leisure Committee**

Ms Quine reported the following:-

- (i)           that 2026 events would mark the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poulson Park with a tree planting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the Bird Capital of Mann, Lantern Workshops and the big screen in the Market Square
- (ii)           Members had attended the castle clock.
- (iii)           It was noted that there were no birds' nests in the Christmas tree and that this was due to be removed later in the week.
- (iv)           The installation of a calisthenics frame near to the Bull Ring is pending a meeting with Mr. Cubbon to arrange the details regarding such siting.
- (v)           Work is in hand following a meeting with the Department of Infrastructure to reinstate the stone wall on the perimeter of Poulson Park, it being felt that a fence would not be a suitable replacement.

**PS/094                      Chairman's Report**



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Following busy Christmas period the Chairman Mr. J.A. Brown had nothing to report to the meeting.

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**PS/095 Written Questions [Standing Order 5(1) (f)]**

None

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**PS/096 Monthly Financial Report [Standing Order 5(1) (h)]**

None

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**PS/097 Correspondence Received**

- (i) Malew Commissioners Civic Sunday will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3.00pm at the Abbey Church, the Chairman will attend this service on behalf of the Board.
- (ii) Working with the Legislature training session will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> February and all Leisure Committee members are to attend the meeting at Legislative Buildings.
- (iii) Waste Strategy document received 5<sup>th</sup> January and circulated by the Chairman to the Board; it was felt that this was well written but queried how it would be funded, Mr Watterson expressed concern that it could be a financial burden to the ratepayers, Mr Patel said it may have costly implications and followed a pattern with the Minister which was not encouraging. Recommended to note contents of document.

**Proposed: Mr. J.J. Cringle**

**Seconded: Ms. C. Quine** and unanimously agreed

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**PS/098 Planning Approvals**

- (i) **Ship Inn, Hope Street** premises ground floor extension proposal submitted and discussed, it being felt that any progress on the present eyesore building site should be supported

**Proposed: Mr. J.J. Cringle**

**Seconded: Ms. C. Quine** and unanimously agreed no objections be raised.

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**PS/099 Notice of Motion [Standing Orders 5(i) and 6]**

None

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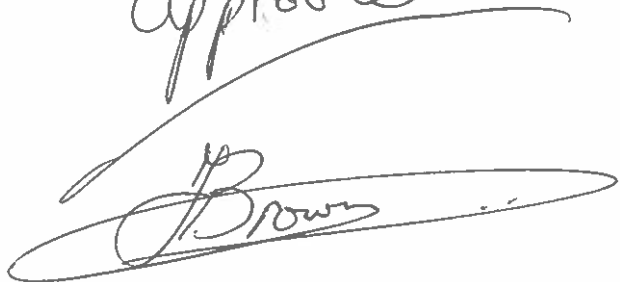


**Questions from the Floor**

- (i) A resident asked regarding a crossing point on the Market Square close to The Garrison which was presently an unmarked drop-pavement, asking if markings could be applied; this was discussed and agreed that the Board would contact the Department of Infrastructure, but it was generally felt this was not presently a designated pedestrian crossing point.
- (ii) It was suggested that notices be placed on the Quay and outside the Civic Hall stating "slow down" and/or "buses ahead"; The Chairman stated that he was meeting with the Department of Infrastructure on 20<sup>th</sup> January and would raise this matter.
- (iii) It was suggested by a Town Resident that a bus shelter be provided for southbound buses on the "island" created by the Department of Infrastructure for that purpose but not yet implemented. The Chairman stated that he was meeting with the Department of Infrastructure on 20<sup>th</sup> January and would raise this matter.

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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46pm**

Approved  
  
2nd February 2026

**Public Session Board meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.****Motion:**

Mr Brown to move that the Castletown Town Commissioners Standing Orders be amended to include a new Standing Order 3A, as set out below, to provide formal procedures for the election of the Chairman of the Authority, and that the Board adopt the following procedure forthwith, which shall apply to the annual election of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners at the Annual Statutory Meeting, and that the procedure shall apply whenever an election for the Chair of the Authority is required:

*[New Standing Order 3A be inserted after Standing Order 3.]*

**3A.****Procedure for the election of the Chair of the Authority:**

That the first item of business on the agenda of the Annual Statutory Meeting shall be the election of the Chair of the Authority (such to also apply whenever a vacancy for Chair of the Authority is to be filled) and that the following procedure shall be followed:

1. The Town Clerk (or in his absence a clerk appointed by the Town Clerk) shall take the Chair.
2. The Town Clerk shall set out the procedure for the election of the Chair of the Board.
3. The Town Clerk shall call for nominations from the Commissioners in attendance for the Chair of the Commissioners.
4. A nomination must be proposed and seconded.
5. The Board of Commissioners shall then vote on any nomination, no abstentions permitted.
6. If there is more than one nomination, then the Town Clerk will,
  - a) put before the Board the name of the Commissioner first proposed, and a vote is taken, if the nominee receives a majority of the votes, then the nominee Commissioner is declared elected as Chair of the Board.
  - b) if the nominee does not secure a majority of the votes, then he shall put the name(s) of the other Commissioner(s) proposed to the Board singularly, in the order they were proposed and seconded until a nominee succeeds in being elected.
  - c) if after voting no Commissioner receives a majority of votes then the Town Clerk shall call for fresh nominations and,
  - d) the above voting procedure is then implemented until a nominee is successfully elected.
  - e) in the case of a tied vote (being due to absence at the meeting) then the Chair will be determined by the drawing of straws or any such other appropriate item or open procedure as determined by the Town Clerk.
7. When a Chair is elected the Town Clerk will immediately vacate the chair and the Chair will be invited to take the chair and will receive the Chain of Office from the Town Clerk.

Signed: 

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Motion for Public Session Board meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to suspend Standing Order set out below:

Mr Brown move that the Standing Order in the section headed:

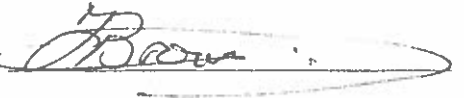
'STANDING ORDERS ON THE MAKING OF CONTRACTS

PART III — SUPPLEMENTAL

12. Variation and revocation of Standing Orders',

be suspended to enable the Motion at agenda item No: 7(2), introducing the proposed new Standing Order 3A, to be considered and determined at this Board meeting.

Signed



Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

