

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

**Date:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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/101 Opening of the Meeting**

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

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**PS/102 Suspension of Standing Order 10A (1)**

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

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**PS/103 Declaration by Members and Officers in attendance of any interests in any matter on the agenda**

None

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**PS/104 Approval of Minutes held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**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/105 Business out of the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Minutes**

Ms. C. Quine requested an amendment to PS/093 (ii) to read that contractors had been engaged to look into the repair of the castle clock, rather than it being operational at some point later in the year.

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**PS/106 Business Required by Statute [Standing Order 5(1) (c)]**

None

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**PS/107 Committee Reports**

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

(1) **Business & Development Committee**

Mr. J. Cringle advised that a meeting of the committee was being arranged for later in the month.

(2) **Infrastructure Committee**

Mr. M. Patel advised that he was happy to report that Phase Two of the School Hill development had commenced with a further 48 dwellings, the first phase having been 40 and that the third phase would progress in due course, leading ultimately to a total of 142 new houses in the town.

(3) **Leisure Committee**

Ms. C. Quine reported the following:-

- (i) The committee continues to work hard behind the scenes, tomorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> February all are welcome to attend Poulson Park for the planting of two oak trees by His Excellency Sir John Lorimer and Lady Lorimer at 10.00am. Eight trees have already been planted by the towns work force who we wish to record our thanks, they have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks, digging holes some days in horrendous weather to have preparations in place to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mrs. Poulson gifting the land to the people of Castletown, it is hoped to have further celebrations through the year.
- (ii) The committee are holding meetings with the Southern 100 to progress plans for the use of the Market Square for the Town Commissioners and Southern 100 "Fan Zone" for Southern 100 week.
- (iii) The committee are progressing proposals to implement a policy for the usage of the Market Square, including commercial uses, when the Market Square closes to vehicles for the summer period.
- (iv) There are various dates now filled on the commissioner's website calendar, including the date of 28<sup>th</sup> November for Christmas lights switch on and various Balley Cashtal markets and other events are listed throughout 2026 please do take a look and keep updated with what's on in Castletown.
- (v) If anyone wants to hold an event or to meet with the leisure committee please do send in an email to [townhall@castletown.gov.im](mailto:townhall@castletown.gov.im) or speak with a staff member in the office.

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**PS/108 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman Mr. J.A. Brown gave his report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

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**PS/109**      **Written Questions [Standing Order 5(1) (f)]**

None

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**PS/110**      **Monthly Financial Report [Standing Order 5(1) (h)]**

None

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**PS/111**      **Correspondence Received**

- (i)      **Southern 100 Motorcycle Racing** regarding proposed road closures for the pre-T.T. and Steam Packet Southern 100 road races on the Billown Circuit in May and July respectively.

**Proposed:**    **Mr. J.J. Cringle**

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

- (ii)      **Andreas Parish Commissioners** e-mail regarding their Civic Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 10.30am inviting Board members to attend, the contents of which were noted.
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**PS/112**      **Planning Approvals**

- (i)      **Tesco Express, Farrants Way** erection of timber bin compound and associated works to the rear of the supermarket.

**Proposed:**    **Mr. J.J. Cringle**

**Seconded:**   **Mr. M. Patel** and unanimously agreed that no objections be raised.

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**PS/113**      **Notice of Motion [Standing Orders 5(i) and 6]**

None

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**PS/114**      **Questions from the Floor**

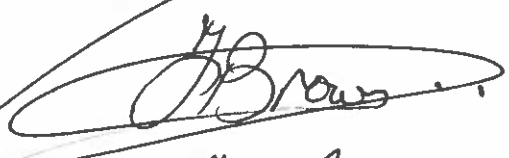
- (i)      A resident of the town requested an updated on the parking orders which the chairman Mr. J.A. Brown advised had yet to be finalised with the Highways Division but areas have been identified, the Market Square being the current priority. It was confirmed that on completion the signage will be amended.

- (ii)      It was reported by a resident that the floor lighting in the Market Square was not operational, the Chairman Mr. J.A. Brown advised that the Board believed this was a matter for the Highways Division but that the matter will be checked and followed up.




- (iii) A resident requested permission to post the road closure notices previously discussed on the notice board located on the quayside and the Chairman Mr. J.A. Brown confirmed this was in order.
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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.23pm**

Approved.  
  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Castletown Town Commissioners – Chairman's monthly Report to the Board at the Public Session Meetings.

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026/7/jab/Chairman

#	Subject	Comment
1	<p>The Board met with the new Minister for Infrastructure, Hon Mr Crookall MHK and his Deputy CEO on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</p> <p>The Board was most appreciative of the Minister for initiating the meeting and taking the time to come to the Town Hall to meet with the Board to set out his proposals for working with the LAs, which was welcomed.</p> <p>The meeting was most helpful, and the Board took the opportunity to raise a number of issues relating to the Town with the Minister, relating to DOI responsibilities and our relationship in working on behalf of our residents and the Town.</p> <p>It was a very positive meeting, and the Board look forward to having a meaningful and positive relationship in the future with the new Minister and his Department.</p> <p>The Board raised matters of mutual interest and well as Town specific matters, such as highway and harbour matters.</p> <p>The Commissioners hope that following the meeting it will enable the Department and the Commissioners to again have a good working relationship for the benefit of our residents and our Town.</p>	<p>CTC - DOI</p>
2	<p>One matter that continues to be of importance to the Commissioners is the redevelopment of the children's play area at the Bowling Green.</p> <p>The Commissioners issued a statement in July 2025 to update the public regarding this project, and since then the work to progress the project has continued however, in progressing the proposals it became clear that the funds allocated to the redevelopment were inadequate. The Commissioners have identified that the costs of the works involved in replacing and upgrading the play area are substantially greater than had been budgeted for in the 2024/2025 Rates budget.</p> <p>The Board of Commissioners have now included within the recently announced 2026/2027 Rates budget, the funds required - based on a realistic estimate - for all the works to be completed, which will enable the Commissioners to re-open the redeveloped Bowling Green play area.</p> <p>However, due to the estimated level of budget required to undertake this project, the Commissioners have had to engage professional services to enable the Commissioners to seek competitive tenders for the work. This is now underway and we hope to be able to progress the project soon. Unfortunately, this has created a delay in progressing the works involved to undertake the project, but I can advise that whilst we are unable at this time to provide a date for it completion and the re-opening, we are endeavouring to have the play area opened during the summer months.</p> <p>The Commissioners have also ordered additional play equipment, which will now provide swings within the redeveloped play area.</p> <p>The Board of Commissioners apologise for this further delay in progressing the project, but we can assure residents that it is a top priority project, and we are committed to its completion as soon as possible.</p>	<p>02-02-26/jab/P1. Play Area - Bowling Green</p> 

3	<p>The Commissioners are to progress the implementation of new Dog Bylaws for the Town to help combat the problems where a few dog owners permit their dogs to foul public places, such as pavements, and then do not picking up the faeces, which is a cause of public concern.</p> <p>We know that the majority of dog owners act responsibly, and don't require any laws to be in place, but unfortunately there are a few who don't care. The Commissioners will endeavour to have new Dog Bylaws implemented under the Dogs Act 1990 as soon as possible, which will enable such owner to be prosecuted and fined.</p>	<p><b>Dog Bylaws</b></p> <p>[The last Castletown Dog Bylaws lapsed on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017]</p>
4	<p>The Commissioners are pleased to have completed and recently fitted replacement of new metal gates at the Crofts main entrance to the Bowling Green, which have been designed to reflect the original gates that were removed some years ago by the Commissioners. The new gates will enable the Bowling Green and Tennis Courts area to be secured.</p>	<p><b>Bowling Green</b></p>
5	<p>The Commissioners have recently agreed to upgrade a number of their flat units within Smetana Close, Victoria Road, which have been left empty by the former Commissioners.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the units will be available for letting within a few months, providing much needed public sector accommodation for the Town.</p>	<p><b>Housing</b></p>
6	<p>The Commissioners have agreed to undertake works to repaint the garage doors on their properties within the Farrants Park estate, i.e. Closes Malew, Cairbre and Rushen. The Commissioners are presently seeking contractors to undertake the work.</p>	<p><b>Housing</b></p>
7	<p>The Commissioners are also progressing a scheme to replace the fencing at the properties in Maynrys, which back onto the Bye-pass. We are working to start the scheme soon.</p>	<p><b>Housing</b></p> <p>02/02/2026/jab/Chairman</p>

**Castletown Town Commissioners – Chairmans monthly Report to the Board at the Public Session Meetings.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026/7/jab/Chairman**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **The Castletown Bowling Green - Children's play area.**

The Commissioners wish to confirm that the children's play area at the Castletown Bowling Green area is to remain closed until the essential refurbishment and installation of the new equipment and associated works are progressed to completion.

After the initial review of the project undertaken in 2025 where the Commissioners identified that the planning of the scheme had not advance sufficiently, as announced by the Commissioners in their public statement issued in July 2025, the Commissioners have subsequently identified that the budget allocation within the 2025/2026 budget for the installation and associated ground works was inadequate.

The Commissioners have continued to work on the project and, additional play equipment has been ordered which will provide swings to be included within the redeveloped play area.

The Commissioners have now allocated additional funding within the Commissioners 2026/2027 budget to cover the estimated cost of the works, which will enable the project to be completed. The Commissioners have now had to employ professional services to progress the scheme to enable tenders from contractors to be sought for the works, which will be sought soon.

The Commissioners are extremely disappointed that they have not been able to progress the project as quickly as they had hoped and apologise to residents, parents and, especially the children, that the play area will have to remain closed longer than anticipated.

The Commissioners wish to ensure that the new play equipment is installed to meet the rigorous standards required and, to comply with best practice in respect of Health and Safety, and accessibility.

The Commissioners confirm that this project continues to be a top priority scheme.

Whilst we are unable at this time to confirm a date for the re-opening of the play area, we can give an assurance that we are working to have the play area completed and open as soon as possible, with the intention of it opening during the coming summer.

In the meantime, the Town's main children's play area in Poulson Park has been subject to work to refurbish it, and it remains available for enjoyment by the children.

**END**

**Issued: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

Contacts: Deputy Clerk. Tony Brown, Chairman.

### **Note to Editors**

#### ***Extract from CTC July 2025 statement:***

*"The Commissioners have reviewed the situation of the removal and proposed installation of the new children's play equipment that the previous Board of Commissioners purchased earlier this year for the children's play, unfortunately the plans for replacing the existing equipment have not adequately progressed to enable the installation of the new play equipment to be available for this summer season.*

*Whilst it was the ambition of the new Board of Commissioners to have the new play equipment installed in a timely manner to enable the play area to re-open in time this summer season, it has become clear that this cannot be achieved."*