

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

**Date:** 6 October 2025

**Time:** 19:00

**Location:** Castletown Town Hall

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**Present:** Full Board

**In Attendance:** Colin Meakin - Temporary Deputy Clerk and Gill Low

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**PS/042      Opening of the Meeting**

The Meeting was opened by **Mr Brown OBE Chairman**

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**PS/043      Suspension of Standing Order 10A (1)**

**Proposed:** JJC

**Seconded:** CQ and unanimously agreed that Standing Order 10A (1) regarding digital recording be suspended.

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**PS/044      Approval of Minutes held on 1 September 2025.**

**Proposed:** JJC

**Seconded:** WFG and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of a Meeting held on 1 September 2025 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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**PS/045      Business out of the same**

With reference to Minute PS/036 it was reported that the matter had been discussed by the Leisure Committee and it was recommended that the suggestion to site the statue of King Orry on the top of the Smelt Monument be refused.

Agreed Mr R H Bedford be thanked for his suggestion and advised of the decision of the Board.

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**PS/046** With reference to PS/037 regarding the parking on Victoria Road, it was agreed to chase the DOI Highways Department regarding this matter.

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**PS/047      Notices of Motion (Standing Order 5(1)(L))**

None

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**PS/048 Reports**

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

**1. Business, Development and Finance Committee**

JJC reported that the Committee met during the last week of the month and whilst most elements were unfortunately private, JJC reported that a significant project had been resolved and the Committee wished to apologise to tenants who had been affected by events not of the Committee's making.

The Board had experienced difficulties in processing Direct Debit rent payments through staffing and other system issues which had resulted in a two-week rent payment gap. Both these issues had now been resolved and it was envisaged that there would not be a recurrence. Everybody was thanked for their patience and to our Housing Manager who has and will be working hard to reconcile the payments.

**2. Infrastructure Committee**

MPP reported that the Committee was disappointed that Treasury had still not allocated the funds for Phase 2 School Hill Re-development.

**3. Leisure Committee**

CQ reported that:

Works were ongoing regarding the upgrading of the Board's play areas and a meeting was to be held shortly with a contractor.

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**PS/049 Chairman's Report**

1. With regard to comments made about the Commissioners Website, it was reported that the Commissioners were looking to replace it with a more modern website.
2. Reported that the Board was in favour of providing a new Notice Board in the vicinity of the Market Square. This will require planning approval as it will be situated in the Conservation Area. It was hoped to include this in the estimates for 2026.

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**PS/050 Written Questions (Standing Order 5(1)) put by a Member to be answered by the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of a Committee.**

None

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**PS/051** Consideration given to an email from Elaine Higgins regarding a walk from the Buchan School, Westhill to King William's College at 10.30am on 1 November 2025 passing all previous properties used as the School in the Town.

Thereafter a service to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the School would be held in the Chapel at King William's College followed by a lunch in the Barrovian Hall.

The Chairman advised that he hoped to undertake the walk if his knee injury permitted but would attend the Service and lunch.

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**PS/052**

Details of the Southern 100 Pre-TT Classic Races and the Steam Packet Road Races for 2026 were read and noted by the Board.

The Southern 100 Race Committee requested that the Market Square be closed on the evenings of 24 May 2026 and 9 July 2026 between 7pm and midnight for prize presentations.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that no objections to the Market Square being used for the Prize Presentations on the dates specified.

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**PS/053**

Consideration given to an email from Jill Finch advising that three vans were blocking the path and entrance to her property. Agreed Jill Finch be advised that the area was a no waiting area and therefore it was suggested she contact the Police regarding the problem.

Vans should not be parked there permanently when work is carried out to properties in the street. Materials should be unloaded and the vans moved on.

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**PS/054**      **Notices of Motion (Standing Orders 5(1) and 6**

None

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**PS/055**      The Chairman invited questions from the residents attending the Meeting.

1. Mr Tony Quayle pointed out a number of Health & Safety issues that the Board should be aware of:
  - a) In the Ballalough Play Area access to the Bypass was still possible for small children that frequent the area. The access needed to be blocked off.

- b) The platform for the zip wire at Poulson Park had a hole in it and was dangerous.
- c) The gate at the entrance to the public footpath abutting the Witches Mill had been partly removed. This was dangerous for children.
- d) The directional sign at the end of the Bypass which was removed for the Southern 100 Race Meeting needs to be reinstated.

The Chairman thanked Mr Quayle for his observations and stated that they would be actioned as soon as possible.

In conclusion, Mr Quayle stated that the new Board was making positive improvements throughout the Town.

- 2. Mr Alan McCulloch stated that he was of the opinion that the large yellow deck chair on the Market Square was dangerous as small children were climbing all over it and if they fell, the Commissioners could be liable for any possible injuries.

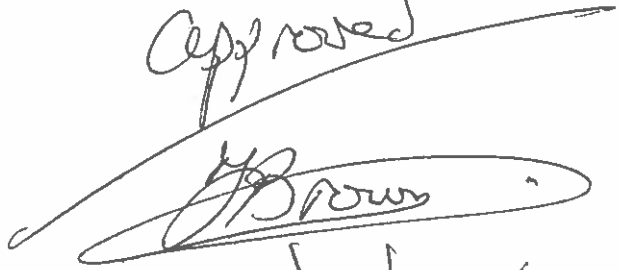
Mr McCulloch was thanked for his observation which would be considered.

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**PS/056      Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Board would be held at 7pm on Monday, 3 November 2025.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.35pm.

Approved  
  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025