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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Michael District Commissioners held in the Commissioners on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

<b>Members Present</b>	
<b>In Attendance</b>	Mrs Carole Josephine Lillywhite (CJL) (Chairman) Mrs Catriona Joy Livingstone (CJLIV) (Vice Chairman) Mr Matthew James Diehl (MJD) Mr Barry Patrick Murphy (BPM) Mr Paul Leslie Clark (PLC) Mrs Avril Mary Muller (AM) Mrs Diane Louise Kelly (DLK) Mrs Krystina Hodgson (Clerk) Mr Alfred Cannan MHK Mr Tim Johnston MHK
<b>Apologies</b>	No Apologies had been received.
<b>Members of the Public</b>	2

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>MINUTE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1/10/21</b>	<p><b>MEETING WITH ALF CANNAN MHK AND TIM JOHNSTON MHK</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed and thanked the MHKs for attending the meeting and congratulated them on being elected. She had felt it was important to invite Tim Johnston to update him on the items that are important for the Michael community.</p> <p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal Erosion – It was reported that members of the board had provided Tim Johnston with background on the local erosion problems and also progress with DOI on getting a solution approved and installed. Tim agreed to fully support the proposals going forward.</li> <li>Road Design – Discussion on current status and possibility of a walk through with DOI, wheelchair access, Cannan Court entrance area, Belisha beacon. The Clerk to report back to DOI.</li> <li>North &amp; Western Plan – Discussion on future housing requirements and the planned meeting with Dandara to discuss the future development in the village. The Clerk to contact Cabinet Office / Diane Brown for confirmation of dates for the update meetings that were indicated at the initial meeting.</li> <li>MHKs surgeries – Mr. Cannan confirmed there will be surgeries, but the MHKs are yet to decide how they will be organised.</li> </ul>	<b>CLERK</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government support for Commissioners – PLC raised a concern about lack of support / training for Commissioners from both Central Government and Local Government Unit. After discussion Mr. Cannan advised that changes are in plan to reorganise LGU.</li> <li>• Commissioners meeting minutes – Mr. Cannan asked for both MHKs to be added to the monthly meeting minutes circulation once approved. The Clerk to action this.</li> <li>• The Chair and Board thanked the MHKs for attending the meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2/10/21</b></p>	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>The Chair told the Board that if they wished to speak would they please raise their hands so that the meeting would run more smoothly.</p>
<p><b>3/10/21</b></p>	<p><b>DEVELOPMENT REPORT 01/10/2021</b></p> <p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION</b></p> <p><b>21/01153/C</b> Additional use of a dwelling as tourist living accommodation, Cronk Urleigh Lodge, Douglas Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1AU. Applicant: Richard Charles Haley. <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p><b>21/01127/B</b> Removal of two chimneys, re roofing works and rendering works to dwelling. Rheyann Cullynn Rhencullen, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 2HA. Applicant: Mr Billy Woodbridge. <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p><b>21/01098/B</b> Alterations, removal of chimney and erection of extension, Ballahowin, Orrisdale, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 2HP. Applicants Mr &amp; Mrs Hancox. <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p><b>21/00998/B</b> Erection of raised decking (retrospective) Villa Rhencullen, Rhencullen, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 2HA. Applicant: Mr Peter Sharples. <b>OBJECTION</b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked, when replying to the planning department, to urge the planning officer to uphold the material planning considerations listed in their guidance document, in their consideration of this planning application.</p> <p><b>21/01158/B</b> Erection of extension and creation of an additional windows to dwelling. 22 Kerroocruin, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1AG. Applicants Mr &amp; Mrs Joe Edge. <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p>

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	<p><b>21/01081/B</b> Erection of an agricultural building to replace existing buildings. Site Adjacent Rheayrt Ny Cronk, Balleira Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 1EE. Applicant Robert Ian Boyde. <b>NO OBJECTION</b></p> <p><b>DECISIONS BY THE DOI</b></p> <p><b>21/00801/B:</b> Installation of replacement roof slates. Chapel Cottage, Ballaleigh Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1HJ. Applicant: Julia Ann Ozen. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>21/007836/B:</b> Erection of two infill extensions to dwelling. Linden Lea, 16 Cannan Avenue, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1HF. Applicant Mr David Grisdale. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>21/00805/B:</b> Application of render to exposed brick work (not including chimney, garage or honeycombed decorative brick) 13 The Meadows, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1EU Applicant Mr Richard Thompson. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>21/00587/B:</b> Erection of a detached dwelling with associated detached garage. Hazeldene Orrisdale, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 2HL. Applicants: Mrs June Saville. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>21/00644/B:</b> Erection of replacement building to provide 5 industrial units and creation of associated parking, service road and vehicular access. PennyBridge Barn (former riding school &amp; Field 234228) Main Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man. Applicants PennyBridge Investments Ltd, The Old School House, Main Road, Sulby, IM7 2HP. <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>21/00652/B:</b> Erection of a two-storey extension to southwest elevation. The Gatehouse, Ballaleigh Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1HJ. Applicants Mr James &amp; Mrs Jennifer Creasey. <b>APPROVED</b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>The minutes from the previous meetings of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Matters from Previous Meeting.</b>
<b>5/10/21</b>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that all matters had been dealt with and were on the agenda and that some items had been deferred to the November meeting due to important items on this agenda requiring more time.</p> <p>A meeting had been held regarding Glen Mooar with DEFA. Attendees: Jason Bolt (Head of Forestry, Amenity and Lands); Oliver O'Meara (Property and Infrastructure Manager); Paul Clark (Michael Commissioner) the Date of meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and minutes of the meeting are as follows.</p>

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	<p>The site meeting was held at the request of the Mr Clark, to discuss the current condition, constraints and future plans for the closed riverside footpath section within Glen Moorar. The following is a summary explanation of the points discussed.</p> <p>The Department explained that the current path remains closed due to the extensive erosion in two key areas along the section of footpath: one associated with river erosion, the other associated with a significant landslip. Both incidents have resulted in complete loss of the footpath and associated infrastructure, including steps, raised timber boardwalk and handrails. The path is therefore unsafe for public use and totally impassable; the Department has been required to close the path off at each egress point with HERAS fencing as previous fencing attempts have been breached. The Department acknowledges and accepts that these are unsightly but are a necessity for visitor safety where other types of fencing are being breached/ignored.</p> <p>Whilst the Department accepts that the closure has been in place for a significant amount of time, and it apologises for this, we have been working hard to find a cost efficient and sustainable solution to reinstate the path. We have been consulting with local engineers and contractors, along with biodiversity officers, to find a suitable solution. Unfortunately, we have been unable to develop a plan that would be economic, low maintenance and importantly sustainable. The quantity of engineering required along with significant access restrictions being the primary constraints. Alternative paths were discussed and considered; however, these too share the same constraints. Therefore, it has with reluctance, been agreed that the path will not be reinstalled in its entirety.</p> <p>The future plan is to now create a 'cul-de-sac' footpath with some associated seating – from the viaduct to the point where the footpath has eroded; this will involve some footpath improvements and vegetation management, for which plans are now being produced and will be undertaken by a local contractor – we are unable to provide an exact timescale, but it is hoped to be completed in the next 12 months. We explained to Mr Clark that any works, especially engineering, are restricted to certain months of the year, especially where we work in or adjacent to water, in addition to any further constraints presented by the presence of bird, bat or protected habitats which may delay the repair and improvement works.</p> <p>Once the footpath improvements are completed all fencing will be removed. In the interim we agreed to install some signage outlining our intentions.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b> <b>6/10/21</b></p>	<p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <p>The Finance report for September 2021 was reviewed and approved.                  PLC raised a number of questions on the Ledger Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEARCH FEES – Discussion on current £90 fee and the board agreed to increase this to £110.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>CLERK</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a discussion on the lack of clarity of the various Payroll items and their locations within the Ledger Report.</li> <li>CLEANING – Board agreed to move "Payroll" item into "Wages" section and to add "Cleaner" to the narrative. This should be corrected on all 2021/22 Ledger entries.</li> </ul> <p>WAGES – Board agreed to change "Payroll" entry to "Payroll – Clerk". This should be corrected on all 2021/22 Ledger entries.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT of INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS.</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Footpaths/Car Parks/Highways/ Road Design.</b>	
<b>7.1.1</b>	<b>Road Design Update.</b>	
<b>7.1.1/10</b> <b>/21</b>	The DOI/Station Road Car Park was discussed at some length and MJD suggested that we canvas the local residents about the change in the parking arrangements as we had already canvassed the local businesses (thank you BPM) and the Vicar. It was agreed that there be a request put on our Facebook page for views.	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>7.1.2.</b>	<b>Proposed All Island Weight Limit Order response due 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b>7.1.2/10</b> <b>/21</b>	The correspondence that had been received regarding the All-Island Weight Limit Order was discussed and as there are no roads the Michael District with weight limits the Clerk was asked to reply to say the Board have no objection.	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>MICHAEL COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTRE</b>	
<b>8.1.1/10</b> <b>/21</b>	<b>Update on progress for refurbishment of Community centre.</b>	
	The refurbishment for the Community Centre was discussed at some length and it was agreed that a vent in the Clerks office window should be installed once planning had been approved which would be needed as the building is in the conservation area, although if health and safety is paramount then a retro planning application is required.	<b>CLERK/AM</b>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>HOP TU NAA PARTY</b>	
<b>8.2/10/</b> <b>21</b>	The Hop Tu Na Party was discussed and DJK gave the Board a sheet proposing something different keeping the covid situation in mind, proposing a Hop Tu Naa word search around the village that anyone in the village will be able get involved with plus an on-line Fancy-Dress competition with children's, adult and family/group categories and maybe even a best scene/theme category. The Board agreed. DJK and BPM to organise the details.	<b>DJK/</b> <b>BPM</b>
	<b>Christmas Party/ Event</b>	
<b>8.3/10/</b> <b>21</b>	The Clerk had received an enquiry from the Kirk Michael Fire Officer to ask if the Commissioners had any events/dates in mind for Christmas as he had planned on having an event and Christmas tree at the Fire Station and did not want to clash with the Commissioners. The Clerk was asked to send a reply to say that the Board had not planned anything that would clash this year so for him to go ahead and plan his event.	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>8.4/10/</b> <b>21</b>	<b>Visibility. – change to Noticeboard</b>	

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	PLC had asked for this item to be added to the agenda. He had supplied the Board with details and prices for new notice boards around the village in different locations. This was discussed at some length and in principle it was agreed that two notice boards would be added at the entrance to the railway line and at Cannan Court.	PLC
<b>9</b>	<b>AMENITY AREAS</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Street lighting.</b>	
<b>9.1/10/21</b>	The Street Lighting contract was discussed as it had been brought to the Boards attention by the MUA that a streetlight needed replacing. MJD explained how the contract worked for BPM so that he would get a better idea when the MUA Survey of all the columns and the findings were sent to the Board. CJL said that she hoped the MUA would recommend which lights needed urgent attention. The Clerk was asked to send an email to the MUA and ask if they had a date for the start of the survey.	CLERK
<b>9.2.</b>	<b>Grass Cutting Contract.</b>	
	Grass Cutting Contract was discussed and MJD confirmed that he has marked up location maps that visually define the scope of the Contract and he agreed to supply them to the board.	MJD

<b>10</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Young Commissioners Updates.</b>	
	The Clerk was asked to email the Headteacher to ask when it would be possible for her and BPM to attend a meeting and set up a new Board of young Commissioners.	CLERK CJL BPM
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Western Housing Committee – AM reported on the meeting held.</b>	AM
<b>10.3</b>	<b>Western Swimming Pool. DLK reported on the meeting held.</b>	DLK
<b>10.4</b>	<b>Western Civic Amenity Site. PLC reported that the advised meeting with DOI had taken place and the outcome will be shared at the next Board meeting.</b>	PLC
<b>10.5</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Policing Team Local Tasking – CJLV reported on the meeting held.</b>	CJLV
<b>10.6</b>	<b>NPRCB – BPM reported on the meeting held.</b>	BPM
<b>10.7</b>	<b>The Municipal Association. CJL &amp; CJLV reported that they had attended the meeting in place of MJD and reported on the meeting.</b>	MJD
<b>10.8</b>	<b>Erosion Group - Update on Coastal Erosion Protection between Glen Wyllin and Balleira</b>	PLC
	PLC reported on the meeting that had been held with the DOI regarding the Coastal Erosion issues. Below are the minutes provided by the DOI.  Aidan McCusker, Head of Design, gave an update on progress in the development of the project since the last update to the Commissioners and this can be summarised as follows.	

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	<p>Representatives from the DOI Highway Services met with Treasury representatives in June 2020 to discuss on the methodology to develop Climatic Change Projects around the Isle of Man coastal towns. These included Climatic Change Projects, Peel, Castletown, Gansey, Strathallan Douglas and Coastal Erosion along the section of the coastline at Kirk Michael Village. Treasury concurrence was given to the Department to progress a Stage 1 of a 2-stage process whereby DOI would engage with specialist teams from the UK to develop these schemes. The development would utilise existing frameworks deployed by the Environmental Agency to assist with the 2-stage process. The Treasury concurrence was only given for the development and completion of Phase 1 whereby the engaging of a specialist UK coastal management contractor and associated consultants for cost and design would develop the projects to provide cost certainty and programme at the end of Stage 1. On completion of Stage 1 the DOI Highway Services would present the findings of the Stage 1 costs and programme to Treasury with hopefully recommendations to progress to Stage 2. Progression to Stage 2 would be dependent on further Treasury concurrence.</p> <p>Aidan McCusker confirmed that following discussions with the Team it is hoped that Phase 1 could be completed by December 2021 however, this would be dependent on the resolution of some design requirements.</p> <p>Kirk Michael District Commissioners and other concerned attendees with properties in close vicinity of the Coastal Erosion explained that they were fully supported of the rock revetment project.</p> <p>Paul Clark explained a Manx Erosion group was created a few years back and that they have done research and found a rock source on Loch Linnie, close to Oban on the west coast of Scotland. The Design Team will contact them during phase 1 to introduce this information into the feasibility study.</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>SESSION IN PRIVATE</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021</b>
<b>SIGNED</b>	<p><b>CLOSURE OF MEETING</b>          The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CSM</i></p>
<b>DATED</b>	<p style="text-align: right;">3/11/21.</p>