

Confirmed Minutes

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Michael Commissioners
held in the Commissioners' Office on
Wednesday 4th November 2020
at 7.00PM**

Members Present	
	Mr Matthew James Diehl (MJD) (Chairman)
	Mrs Kerry Ann Best (KAB) (Vice Chairman)
	Mr Michael Anthony Neary (MAN)
	Mr Andrew Walter Berry (AWB)
	Mrs Avril Mary Muller (AMM)
	Mr John Duncan Livingstone (JDL)
	Mr Paul Leslie Clark (PLC)
In Attendance	Mrs K A Hodgson (Clerk)
Members of the Public	5
Apologies	No Apologies

Item Number	Minute	Action By
1.	APOLOGISES.	
	The Chairman (MJD) welcomed the new Board members to the meeting and onto the Board of Michael District Commissioners. The Clerk asked them to read and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. No apologies had been received. AM had requested previously that she would like it documented that she wasn't comfortable that at a meeting where three new members of the board were being sworn in, with our two MHKs present, as she felt that this was not the norm. As the MHK's had already been invited to the meeting and they had confirmed their attendance, the Chairman and Vice Chairman had decided the meeting would still proceed with the MHKs present.	
2.	MEETING WITH ALF CANNAN MHK AND TIM BAKER MHK	
	The Chairman thanked Alfred Cannan MHK and Tim Baker MHK for attending the meeting. KAB told them that they had been invited so that the Commissioners could discuss the three main issues, which are causing a few concerns for the Board. The Road design was the first item to be discussed. Tim Baker told the Board that the Department dealing with the design had been spoken to and it had been held up due to unforeseen circumstances, but the work would start in January 2021. KAB asked how long the work would take and thought the Board had been told it would take up to five months, she also asked what considerations had been taken regarding TT. PLC asked about the speed signage and when these could be looked at? PLC also asked about the entrance to Station Road and the problematic issues around this. Tim Baker said he would speak to the Department and the people dealing with these issues and ask if anything had been sorted out. AM asked about the vegetation being cut back on the Main A3 road and the trees that were causing street lighting issues. Tim Baker told her that if the trees belonged to private land owners, then it was their responsibility to cut them back, but if not the Department would take	

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a look and cut them back. AM also acknowledge the work the owner of the old Rectory had done to the hedge row adjacent to the pavement, but the actual base of the hedge encroaches onto the pavement so also needs remedial action. This would now be rectified with the new road design starting in January 2021. COVID had stopped a lot of items being actioned on time. AM also asked about a disabled spot for the chemist and also for the shops. This was discussed and Tim Baker said that the Commissioners had never requested one and other members suggested that this was not needed as Blue Badge holders and people loading and unloading can stop on double yellow lines for a short time, with their hazard lights on. AM had also requested 1 permit parking space for the use of the pharmacy staff, but other Board members explained that these had already been added in the Station Road DOI car park by the DOI. AM asked Tim Baker what could be done about the long standing issue with flooding on the Orrisdale Road, he advised the most efficient way would be to log it on the government website as we would be given a number so we could follow the progress.

The Coastal Erosion group was also discussed. Alf Cannan updated the Commissioners on the discussion that had ensued. The Erosion Group had put in quotes to the Treasury who are now looking at design fees and rock revetments which had now reached the table for the 810mtr stretch. Tim Baker told the Board that they need to just deliver the core scheme before agreeing to anything else. The transferring of functions are all now under the DOI for full responsibility which previously had been under DEFFA the Sewage and DOI, so we are in a better position for action to be taken. The Ministers said that there is a need to follow the following route, Design (first) Capital Program (Second) and Budget (Third). There is still a long way to go and there will be an update at the Budget in February. Unfortunately, COVID has taken a lot of the funds that the Treasury had available and the Island are still not at the end of this. Alf Cannan said that costs are still piling up and there would be questions asked as Kirk Michael are not in isolation for the situation of major work being needed. AM also asked Alf Cannan what advise he could give the Commissioners regarding long standing none payments of rates and not (Covid-19 period). Alf Cannan commented that he was sure that the government would be able to advise and potentially take action and would come back to us.

JDL asked about the Dandara Planning Application which would be considered at this meeting, and asked about the entrance road going onto the TT course. Tim Baker replied that each Planning Application is determined on its own merit so the seven new properties will be determined as the seven new properties and not more. PLC asked if both MHKs thought that more plans would come in when the Strategic Plan for the Western Area comes out. Both Alf & Tim replied that when the Western Area Plan comes out the Commissioners would need to take an interest, if they feel this is an issue. A discussion ensued regarding the larger development that may go ahead in the future. The Heritage Trail was also discussed. Tim Baker told the Board that it will be finished at the Orrisdale steps for the time being and hopefully will go all the way to Ramsey in the future. The Clerk asked if the steps going down to the Balleira Road from the Railway could be looked at as they are becoming very dangerous and a resident had nearly had a bad accident. Tim asked the Clerk to use the ticket system (DOI report a problem) when possible for any issues, as this would be a lot quicker. MJD thanked Alf Cannan and Tim Baker for attending the meeting and their help in all the matters. The Clerk was asked to invite Mr David Humphreys (Dandara) to the next meeting)

3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT 04/11/2020

DECISIONS BY DEFFA

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20/01069/B: Erection of two static caravans and storage containers for use as temporary accommodation and associated storage. Ballarhennie Farm, Orrisdale, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 2HJ. Applicants Mr Alan & Mrs Allison Kermode. **APPROVED**

20/00889/B: Alterations to existing door and window and erection of extension. 7 Mull View, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 1AQ. Applicant: Mr David Caughey.

APPROVED

20/00795/B: Erection of a detached garage/carport, Villa Rhencullen, Rhencullen, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 2HA. Applicants: Mr & Mrs Sharples.

APPROVED

2000913: Application for a Certificate of Lawful use or Development Ballaleigh, Ballaleigh Road, Kirk michael, Isle of IM6 1HJ. Applicants: Mr & Mrs Andrew Walker.

(ISSUED)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

20/01025/B: Removal of existing dwelling and erection of seven detached dwellings with associated drainage, landscaping, and highways work. Residential Curtilage of Knock-Tholt and parts of gardens of adjacent dwellings Court Hey, Ty Hesq & Westlands, Douglas Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man. Applicants Dandara Homes Ltd.

NO OBJECTION

The Commissioners are not objecting to the seven houses that are proposed on this application as they are on land which is already zoned for building, but they would need further discussions and clarification if a developer, in the future, considered added a Planning application for a further 65 properties as stated in the Proposed Residential Development, Kirk Michael Transport Assessment dated September 2020. The introduction in 1.2 states that the proposed site access onto the A3 could accommodate in the region of up to 65 dwellings, in addition to the proposed 7 dwellings which would make a total of 72.

20/01151/B: Replacement of existing windows with patio doors. 34 The Meadows, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1EY. Applicant Mrs Lyn Jones.

NO OBJECTION

20/01171/CON: Registered Building Consent for the creation of first floor shower room (retrospective) RB 23. Holly Lodge, Bishops Court, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 2EZ. Applicant: Mr Steven James Ward.

NO OBJECTION

20/01147/B: Installation of replacement roof (Retrospective) Sun Cottage, Main Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 2HG. Applicant: Mrs Julie McClelland.

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	<p>20/01121/GB: Repair works to a west facing Tower window and an East facing window in the South Transept (in association with 20/01122/CON) St Michaels Church, Main Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1ER. Applicant: Stephen Wilson Hamer for Vicars & Wardens. NO OBJECTION</p> <p>20/01122/CON: Registered Building consent for repair works to a West facing Tower window and an East facing window the South Transept (in association with 20/01121/GB) Registered Building no 248. St Michaels Church, Main Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1ER. Applicant: Stephen Wilson Hamer for Vicars & Wardens. NO OBJECTION</p> <p>20/01112/B: Installation of 12 replacement windows. Bayer Dowin Cottage, Baltic Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1EF. Applicants: John Belcher & Elaine Patricia Belcher. NO OBJECTION</p> <p>20/01169/B: Construction of Steel truss pedestrian Bridges. St Johns to Kirk Michael Heritage Trail, Glen Wyllin Bridge, Glen Mooar Bridge and A1 Peel Road Bridge, Isle of Man. Applicants: Department of Infrastructure. NO OBJECTION</p> <p>ON APPEAL</p> <p>20/00175/B: Fields 234227 & 234228 Glebe Farm, Main Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man. Charge of use of land to create a camp site, creation of hard standing for camping vehicle with associated electric hook up points, installation of cladding to add relocation of existing toilet/wash facilities and erection of an attached motorcycle shelter, relocation of a wooden structure to provide a café and social area and construction of decking.</p> <p>(Rebuttal Statement Received from Planning)</p> <p>19/01094/B: Appeal against the refusal of Erection of a detached dwelling and associated detached garage. Stables rear of Cooil Avenue, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man. Applicant: Northwest Ltd, Beach Villa, Shore Road, Kirk Michael. (Appeal Dismissed)</p>	
4.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The Minutes from the 7 th October meeting were confirmed and approved.	
5.	MATTERS ARISING, BUSINESS CONTINUING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.	
5.1	Matters from Previous Meeting.	Clerk
	All matters from the last meeting had been addressed.	
6	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT	
6.1	No Chairman's Announcements.	
7.	Finance Report	

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	The monthly finance report was viewed and approved by the Board.	
8.	DEPARTMENT of INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS.	
8.1.	Footpaths/Car Parks/Highways/ New Road Design.	
	The Clerk was asked to report a problem as the trees need cutting around the streetlights on the Main Road. The sign at Mull view was discussed due to a parking space being taken up by the sign. MJD said he would look at having the sign moved.	Clerk MJD
8.2.	New road Design.	
	This was dealt with in the Meeting with the MHKs.	
9.	MICHAEL COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTRE	
9.1.	Hop Tu Naa	
	MJD reported on the annual Hop Tu Naa Party. He thanked David Diehl for the free popcorn and candy floss for the children and Brian Diehl for helping with the games and lighting systems which Mike Collins also helped with. MJD also thanked the new Commissioner AM for attending and helping and Helen Neary, Michael Neary's wife for her usual help and attending with her husband also, the Clerk and her husband for their help on the night. Help is always needed with these events or they cannot go ahead.	Clerk
9.2.	Children's Father Christmas Sleigh.	
	The Clerk reported that she had ordered the Selection Boxes as per the Chairman's instructions. The Sleigh had also been reserved for the 20 th December via Ian Davison from Peel Commissioners. Mike Collins would pick up the Sleigh the evening before the event and will take up his special role on the day. Commissioners will attend on the day to walk the route with Santa in his sleigh. As previously agreed a bucket collection will take place in aid of FOMS and Kirk Michael Playschool. MJD to confirm to Commissioner what time they will be needed on the day.	Clerk /MJD
9.3	Website/CCTV	
	MJD reported on a fire in the litter bin at the Crowes Field playground. The Clerk was asked to report this issue to Sgt Lee Wright at Peel Police Station. CCTV was once again discussed for the Crowes Field playground. A discussion ensued regarding the issue round the Playground and it was agreed a quote would be needed for a lighting pole and a power box coming in from the kerbside. Clerk to contact Lee Smith at the MUA.	Clerk
10.	AMENITY AREAS	
10.1.	Street lighting.	
	No Update.	Clerk
10.2.	BMX Park Glen Wyllin.	
	MJD informed the Board that four tons of milner dust would now be ordered for the BMX park as access can now be gained through the Trout Hatchery.	MJD Clerk
10.3.	Public Toilets.	
	MJD reported that a new pipe was needed for the toilet at the Glen Mooar car park. The Clerk would contact Jonathan O'Rourke and ask him to repair and replace the damaged pipe.	Clerk
10.4.	Dog & Litter Bin.	
	MJD told the Board that new dog poo bags were needed for the dispensers as they have a long delivery time on them, so he would purchase them and give the Clerk the invoice for repayment.	MJD
10.5.	Playgrounds.	

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	The Clerk reported that she had received the paperwork and confirmation that the Broogh Wyllin Land would be signed over to the Commissioners from Dandara.	
11.	OTHER BUSINESS	
11.1.	Friends of Michael School Updates.	
	KAB reported that a meeting would be held on the 10 th November 2020 at 7pm.	
11.2.	Young Commissioners Updates.	
	Mrs Riley had not confirmed if the Young Commissioners would continue.	
11.3.	Western Housing Committee.	
	No meeting.	
11.4.	Western Swimming Pool.	
	MAN reported on the meeting held. A new Manager is now in place.	MAN
11.5.	Western Civic Amenity Site.	
	AWB reported on the meeting held. The Manager had reported that the site floods on a regular basis when there is a lot of rain.	AWB
11.6.	Neighbourhood Policing Team Local Tasking.	
	KAB reported on the meeting held.	KAB
11.7.	NPRCB.	
	AWB reported on the meeting held. He reported that John Quayle though retired is still mainly doing the role of Clerk as the new Clerk has not been fully trained. They are looking at disposing of the old bin wagon and new bin charges are going to increase a fair amount from £45 to £100	AWB
11.8	Western Traffic Management.	
	KAB reported that the Western Traffic Management Group would now be taken off the agenda as it no longer exists. Andrea Hawley from the DOI will now attend the Western neighbourhood Policing Team to discuss issues.	KAB
11.9.	The Municipal Association.	
	MJD reported on the meeting held with the Education Minister Alex Allinson and the Berman Report which was discussed at the meeting. Also, discussed was the young people returning from University and bringing back COVID which he felt was not a problem.	MJD
11.10	Manx Erosion Group.	
	A discussion ensued regarding the Manx Erosion Group and the conflict of interest that PLC may now have. MJD said the Group was set up as a separate role from the Commissioners and should remain separate. He asked if someone else could head the group up and not PLC. PLC said that the meetings now only happened when there was something to report so not on a regular basis. PLC also reported that three engineering companies are involved.	
12.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
12.1	Balleira River & Baltic River.	
	A discussion ensued regarding Japanese knotweed which had been spotted in the Balleira River and the Baltic River which is very overgrown. The Clerk was asked to contact DEFA to ask them to investigate the issue.	Clerk
13.	DATES FOR DIARIES	
13.1	National Service of Remembrance and Re-Dedication, Royal Chapel of St John and the National War Memorial, St John's on Sunday 8 th November 2020 at 2.45pm for 3.00pm.	
13.2	Michael Parish Church Service of Remembrance, Michael Church, Main Road, Kirk Michael, Sunday 8 th November 2020 at 10.45am for 11am.	
13.3	Tynwald Christmas Carol Service: Thursday 17 th December 2020 at 1.10pm. St George's Street,	

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	Douglas.	
14.	SESSION IN PRIVATE	
15.	DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING	
15.1.	Wednesday 2 nd December 2020	
16.	CLOSURE OF MEETING	
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.50pm.	
	Signed: <i>MD</i>	
	Date: <i>10/2/21.</i>	