

Confirmed Minutes

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Michael Commissioners
held in the Commissioners' Office on
Wednesday 5th February 2020
at 6.00PM**

Members Present	Mr Matthew J Diehl (Chairman)
	Mr Andrew W Berry
	Mr Michael A Neary
	Mrs Carole J Lillywhite
	Mrs Kerry A Best (KAB)
In Attendance	Mrs K A Hodgson (Clerk)
Members of the Public	4
Apologies	Mr Stephen Shaw (SS)

Item Number	Minute	Action By
1.	MEETING WITH THE DOI AND TIM BAKER MHK RE ROAD DESIGN	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed Mr Jeffrey Robinson, Director of Highways DOI, Mr Blair Aitcheson, Design Engineer BSc DOI and Mr Tim Baker MHK to the meeting. Mr Baker explained to the Board the difficulties and differences of opinion regarding the new road design. Alfred Cannan MHK had met with some of the mothers at the school to ask what they would consider acceptable to keep their children safe. Mr Blair Aitcheson and CJL had me with the Disabled people who used wheelchairs to also ask their views on safety. These comments were all taken back to the DOI's Director of Highways, Mr Jeff Robinson and discussed at some length. A meeting was then held with the two MHKs and a compromise was put forward for the Commissioners to approve and agree with. Mr Jeff Robinson said that he felt the Commissioners should agree to the plan before it went forward. The MHKs and Director had discussed the design being a two stage one. The DOI would first of all put in the new wider pavements and continues walkways, add three normal crossings and also add the mirrors at Slieau Curn Park so that there would be a clearer view onto the Main road. After receiving correspondence from the Commissioners and a couple of residence, Faaie Ny Cabbal entrance would no longer be narrowed. Douglas Road Corner would also not have any changes made to it at this moment in time. The crossings that the DOI would put in place would not be raised and with the agreement of Mr Kevin Almond a Puffin crossing would be added. The Five speed signs would still be added with ten poles so that they would be moved around. The other items would be looked at in twelve months time if this first phase did not improve matters. This was discussed at some length and Mr Jeff Robinson told the Board that he had explained that the Commissioners had to be happy with this as they had been fighting to get the improvements for a number of years. The Commissioners agreed that any crossings would be an improvement for the disabled people and children and wider pavements were badly needed. The speed in the village may still be an issue but Mr Robinson said they and the Police would</p>	

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	Functions.	
	No updates.	Clerk
9.2.	Retention of Records and Public Records Office & GDPR Training for Records/Policies Update.	
	This matter is ongoing.	
10.	MICHAEL COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTRE	
10.1.	PR/Website/CCTV	
	The new computer had now been delivered. The Clerk was asked to contact Opti Fi to add the web site, printers and firewall etc and run the old computer side by side until carbonite had downloaded all the documents to the new computer.	Clerk
11.	AMENITY AREAS	
11.1.	Street lighting.	
	The letter regarding the new Contract agreement from the MUA was read. An increase on the streetlights has been added which resulted in the quarterly inspection fee would be increasing from £4.05 to £4.66 per column, but the repair fee will reduce from £106.22 to £95 per repair based on the annual average of 10 repairs under taken for Michael Commissioners. This rebalance of fees will result in an overall estimated annual increase of £8.96 compared to the current 2019/20 contract. This was noted.	
11.2.	BMX Park Glen Wyllin.	
	No issues reported. The Clerk was asked to add the BMX to the Grass and Amenity Area Cutting contract.	Clerk
11.3.	Public Toilets.	
	No issues reported.	
11.4.	Dog & Litter Bin.	
	MJD reported that the three new dog bin bag dispensers had now been ordered. One of these would be placed in Orrisdale at the lane leading to Glen Trunk. The others would have places sources for them and placed when sourced.	MJD
11.5.	Play Grounds.	
	The Broogh Wyllin steps onto the play equipment slide need repairing. The Clerk was asked to contact Andrew Livesey to ask him to repair them and give the equipment a safety check. Also a price had been received for the new play equipment safety matting for Crowes Field, to match the already installed new swings. The price with delivery and VAT would be £1,254.00. It was PROPOSED BY CJL and SECONDED by MAN that this was ordered, All agreed. The installation cost would still need to be agreed when received.	Clerk
12.	OTHER BUSINESS	
12.1.	Young Commissioners Updates.	
	CJL reported on the Young Commissioners meeting. The 14 th March will be 125 year celebration and old pupils are invited to attend between 10am and 2pm to create a leaf for the tree. There is also a May Ball to be held in Ramsey on	CJL
12.2.	Western Housing Committee.	
	AWB reported on the opening of St Pauls Court which was officially opened in Monday 3 rd February 2020.	
12.3.	Western Swimming Pool.	
	MAN reported that the Manager is now retiring from her role and the Deputy will more than likely take over but they will be interviewing for the best candidate.	

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	keep an eye on it. It was PROPOSED by CJL and SECONDEED by MAN and all agreed that the work goes ahead in September 2020. Mr Robinson told the Board that he would put a Press Release together and ask the Board to add their comments.	
2.	MEETING WITH DEREK SEWELL CLERK TO PEEL	
	The Chairman welcomed Mr Sewell to the meeting. The Board had asked Mr Sewell to attend as The Board had an issue with how the site was being run. The Commissioners had received numerous complaints that residents had been turned away from the site as they were driving vans which they had either hired or borrowed to disposal of household items ie beds etc. This was causing a fly tipping problem within the Michael District. This was discussed at some length and Mr Sewell explained that the WCAS had asked for £200,000 to facilitate a recycling plant and a kerbside collection/recycling. The WCAS order paper states that this is not how the Amenity Site should be being run. The Manager has bought a number of electric cars and is going to schools etc collecting various items when he should be managing the site. He now also wants to go into schools and give a talk to the children and teachers regarding this which is also a worry as when does he do the management role he is employed for. The increase on the rate payer was also discussed and Mr Sewell explained that Peel Commissioners are paying 50% more than last year but as they receive £40,000 from the builder for the new build they are able to keep their rate the same. Peel Commissioners had written to the WCAS and are now awaiting a reply on this matter. They suggested the Michael Board did the same which they agreed. Clerk was asked to look at the paperwork and send an email.	Clerk
3.	APOLOGISES.	
	Apologies received from SS for personal issues.	
4.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
	Minutes of the 8th January meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
5.	MATTERS ARISING, BUSINESS CONTINUING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
5.1	Matters from Previous Meeting.	
	All matters from the last meeting had been addressed.	
6.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT	
	No Chairman's Announcements.	
7	DEVELOPMENT REPORT (05/02/2020)	
7.1	DECISIONS BY DOI	
	19/01362/B: Alterations, erection of extensions, landscaping works and installation of a canopy. Berk Farm House, Peel Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1AP. Applicants: Mr Timothy and Mrs Ann Groves. APPROVED	
	19/01345/B: Erection of ground floor extension, The Firs, Glen Wyllin, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, IM6 1AW. Applicant: Mr Leslie Kenneth Austin. APPROVED	
	19/01197/B: Alterations and erection of extensions. Little Acres, Baltic Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 1EF. Mr & Mrs G Naylor. APPROVED	
	19/01442/LAW: Certificate of lawful use for the erection of a replacement sun room. 15	

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	<p>Slieau Curn Park, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 1EH. Applicant: Nigel Gordon Kean</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION</p> <p>1901456/C: Additional use of dwelling as tourist accommodation. The Rowans, Main Road, Kirk Michael, IM6 1AH. Applicants: Bryony Emma Friar & Charlotte Rowan Friar. Apple Tree House, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1PT NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>19/01459/B: Erection of a detached triple garage with storage above. 80 Slieau Curn Park, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man Im6 1EW. Applicant: Mrs Lorna Johnson, 12 Rheast Mooar Close, Ramsey, Isle of Man, IM8 3LT. NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>20/00014/B : Erection of an agricultural building to house cattle. Field 234713, Ballagregga Farm, Peel Road, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man. Applicant: William Richard Caley, Ballaleigh, Ballaleigh Road, Kirk Michael, IM6 1HJ. NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>ON APPEAL</p> <p>19/00873/B: Conversion of existing equestrian riding school to provide eight light industrial (class 5) units. Pennybridge Stables, Main Road, Kirk Michael Isle of Man IM6 2HD. Applicants: Pennybridge Investments Limited, The Old School House, Main Road, Sulby, IM7 2HP REFUSED NOW ON APPEAL</p> <p>19/01094/B: 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. REFUSED NOW ON APPEAL</p>	
8.	FINANCE REPORT.	
8.1.	The Finance Report for January 2020 was reviewed and approved by the Chairman.	
9.	DEPARTMENT of INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS.	
9.1.	Footpaths/Car Parks/Highways/ New Road Design & 20 MPH Speed Limits	
	The Orrisdale Loop Road was discussed at some length. A resident had once again complained that the road was flooding on the South side and that it needed drainage putting in. The Clerk was asked to send an email to the DOI regarding this matter. Also, the new steps and ramp at the Orrisdale South Bridge onto the Railway Line were discussed. The Clerk was asked to send an email to the DOI and ask for confirmation if the ramp would be safe for disabled people as well as bikes etc.	Clerk
9.1.1.	Local Government Reform & Structure of Local Authorities and Transfer of	

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12.4.	Western Civic Amenity Site.	
	No Meeting.	
12.5.	Neighbourhood Policing Team Local Tasking.	
	No Meeting.	
12.6.	NPRCB.	
	AWB reported that a new Clerk had now been appointed and they are just waiting for approval from the Government.	
12.7.	Western Traffic Management.	
	No Meeting.	
12.8.	The Municipal Association.	
	CJL reported on the meeting.	
12.9.	Manx Erosion Group.	
	CJL reported that Mr Clark had said there had been two large land slips in the last couple of weeks.	
12.10.	Western Strategy Group	
	This matter is ongoing.	CJL
13.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
13.1.	Dog Bye-law Updates	
	The playgrounds are now being added to the Bye-laws but will need approval by Tynwald as soon as possible.	
14.	DATES FOR DIARIES	
	Malew Parish Commissioners, Annual Civic Service to be held at Abbey Church, Ballasalla on Sunday 1 st March 2020 at 3.00pm.	
15.	PRIVATE SESSION	
15.1	Tenders for Guttering and Rendering the Commissioners Offices.	
	The Commissioners are awaiting a further quote.	
15.2	Previous Land Sale.	
	A resident had been in touch with the Clerk regarding the land sale last year on the parcel of Land in Faaie Ny Cabbal. They had asked to look at the minutes from 2005 and 2006 regarding the sale agreement with the former Board. The resident and Clerk could not find any paperwork or notes in the minutes to uphold how the sale had been agreed. The Clerk told the resident she would advise her Board and would go through the minutes for the last few years before 2006. The Clerk explained to the resident that this agreement was before her time and also no members of this Board had been on the Board at that time. The Clerk told the Board that nothing about selling the land was ever mentioned when she took on the Clerks position not by the old Board or by the previous Clerk. This was discussed at some length and the Commissioners said that surely this would have been noted in Land registry or picked up by the Advocates. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would go through the minute books and papers once again and also invite the resident in with his papers.	Clerk
16.	DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING	
16.1.	Wednesday 4 th March 2020	
17.	CLOSURE OF MEETING	
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm.	

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	Signed: <i>MDL</i>	
	Date: 4-3-20.	