

Minutes of PUBLIC MEETING OF MICHAEL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS	
held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11th February 2026 at the Commissioners' Office	
1	<u>Attendees</u>
	D Livingstone (DL), A Muller (AM), Sarah Jones (SJ), C Lillywhite (CL), J Thomson (JT), C Livingstone
	In Attendance: Clerk, G O'Donnell (GO) 2 Members of the Public
	Apologies: Paul Rowley (PR)
2	<u>Minutes of last meeting signed.</u>
3	<u>Residents Concerns</u>
I	<u>Rates for 2026-2027.</u>
	The two residents who attended were invited to discuss their concerns regarding the Rates Rise. The Commissioners explained the reasons for the rise. A chart was presented which showed the figures for the Commissioners portion of the Rates Invoice. DL apologised for how the information was released to the public. The rate over the last six years is 3.93% per year. The rates were kept exceptionally low and the Reserves used to cover rising costs. CL discussed the List of Functions that the Commissioners are responsible for. AM discussed how The Community Centre is an asset to the Community and can start to generate additional funds. The District receives all its funding from Ratepayers being a small district and have very little commercial property. DL pointed out that there is a lack of understanding generally about how the rates are generated. CL discussed how the rates are calculated. The Commissioners only control their own portion which is approximately one third of the total rates. JT proposed that the spreadsheet showing the rates rise be published on the website and put on the Noticeboards. CLIV (2 nd). Carried.
4	<u>Brought forward from last meeting</u>
i	<u>Discharge from pipe onto Railway Line.</u>
	Environmental Health and MUA have completed their inspections, including using a camera in the Pipe. They have advised that DOI should look at the Drainage again to stop the fluid going onto the railway track. GO to contact DOI.
ii	<u>Controlled Parking Zones and signage</u>
	GO has written to the DOI to arrange the removal and reposition of the Sign.
iii	<u>New Play Equipment</u>
	SJ/GO/AM Brainstorming session for Funding ideas.
vi	<u>First Aid Training – Ongoing SJ</u>
5	<u>New Items</u>
ii	<u>Internal Audit</u>
	GO waiting for update on who is approved to act as Auditors.
6	<u>Michael Community Civic Centre</u>
	<u>The hall will be used bi-monthly for Wellbeing Drop in Sessions. First one - Friday 20th 10am -12.30pm.</u>

7	<u>Government Consultations</u>	
8	<u>Young Commissioners and community projects</u>	
	SJ to update on Manx Language for Young Commissioners	
9	Development Report	
	25/90283/B – Bishopscourt Mansion House – Conversion of Garage Block to covered swimming pool with service rooms. – Approved.	
	25/90764/B – Kiongroghad Barn, Orrisdale - First Floor Extension over existing garage with skybridge – Pending Consideration	
10	Finance and Governance - Bank Accounts at 12/01/2026	
	Isle of Man Bank Business Reserve account	£10,000.00
	Isle of Man Bank Business Current Account	£45,632.86
	Total at Bank	£55,632.86
	<u>Accounts requested for payment: -</u>	
	Invoices to be paid (see separate sheet)	£4,078.44
	Balance remaining after invoices paid (approximate)	£51,554.42
11	<u>Correspondence (Letters, emails and Phone Calls)</u>	
12	<u>Reports from External Bodies/Committees</u>	
	Generally, already communicated by minutes via e-mail. Clerks' Forum; WCAS; LAFOG; DoI; Highways; Housing; Planning; Police; Swimming; Waste	
	Peel and Western Housing	AM
	ii) Western Swimming Pool	CLIV
	iii) Western Civic Amenity Site	CL
	iv) Neighbourhood Policing Team Local Tasking	PR
	v) Northern Parishes Refuse Collection Board	DL
	vi) Coastal Erosion	JT
13	<u>Up and coming Business to Note in Diary</u>	
i	16/02/26 – 30/03/26 - Ballaleigh Road Resurfacing and drainage work to be carried out.	
ii	20/02/26 – Wellbeing Drop In Sessions. 10am to 12.30pm. Every two weeks.	
iii	25/02/26 – Commissioners meeting with Minister Crookall regarding Local Authority Amendment Bill.	
iv	27/02/26 – Manx Wildlife Northern Group meeting – CL and PR to attend.	
v	07/03/26 – Annual Plant and Seed Swop 10-12. Civic Hall, Kirk Michael	
vi	05/03/26 – Triskellion WI Meeting.	
	<u>AOB</u>	
i	Archiving – Filing cabinets now in store room. Ongoing.	
ii	Request for DOI to put a gate at end of Railway Track at Orrisdale Road - GO to email DOI	

iii	GO to contact DOI regarding plans for the Bus Stop Layby opposite the Petrol Station.
iv	AM requested that GO contact DOI regarding the extension of the 30mph past Rhencullen.
v	GO to contact DOI regarding the Sodbanks and drains in Orrisdale Loop Road.
vi	GO has contracted DOI regarding the flood risk by Whitehouse cottages
vii	AM to arrange a meeting with Manx Lottery Fund.
viii	Letter received regarding access to School. GO to find out more details.
ix	AM – The WI have sent their thanks to the Commissioners for the use of a cupboard in the kitchen.
15	Date of next meeting at 7pm - 11th March 2026.