

Confirmed Minutes

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Michael Commissioners
held in the Commissioners' Office on
Wednesday 5th May 2021**

Members Present	
In Attendance	Mr Matthew James Diehl (MJD) (Chairman)
	Mrs Kerry Ann Best (KAB) (Vice Chairman)
	Mr Michael Anthony Neary (MAN)
	Mr Andrew Walter Berry (AWB)
	Mr Paul Leslie Clark (PLC)
	Mrs Avril Mary Muller (AM)
	Mr John Duncan Livingstone (JDL)
	Policy Minister Raymond Harmer
	Mrs Diane Brown, Head of Planning & Policy (Cabinet Office)
	Mr Andrew Corrin (Cabinet Office)
	Mr Tim Baker MHK
	Mr Alfred Cannan MHK
Members of the Public	4
Apologies	No Apologies Received.

Item Number	Minute	Action By
1.	APOLOGISES.	
	No Apologies had been received.	
2.	MEETING WITH THE POLICY MINISTER RAYMOND HARMER AND CABINET OFFICE OFFICERS REGARDING THE (NORTH & WEST AREA PLAN)	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed the Policy Minister Raymond Harmer, The Head of Planning & Policy Mrs Diane Brown, and Mr Andrew Corrin an Officer from the Cabinet Office to the meeting. Minister Harmer introduced his Officers and explained that they were here to discuss the first formal stage of the planning for the North & West Area Plan. Once they have received any information submitted, they will pool all the information together to present a Draft North & West Plan. At this moment, the Department have just put together a list of applications for land that has been asked for now and in the past for planning. Michael is the first Local Authority that the Department have been asked to visit and there will be two drop-in sessions held, one in Peel and one in Ramsey. The Area Plan for the North and West is the local implementation of the policies and vision set out in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016. Subject to Tynwald approval, it will replace the existing development plans currently in place: the local plans for Ramsey (1998), Peel (1989), Kirk Michael (1994), Sulby (1999), St John's (1999), Foxdale (1999), as well as the remaining parts of the 1982 Plan which covers much of the countryside between the above settlements. This plan represents a vital piece of the new generation of area plans, which first began with the approval of the Area Plan for the South in 2013 and the Area Plan for the East in 2020. The completion of an Area Plan for the North and West will be a stepping stone to an All-Island Area Plan which will be easier to review and update. He explained that they have a date of 2025 for the Strategic Plan to be prepared and in place. A discussion ensued regarding submissions and Mrs Diane Brown told the Board that personal submissions can be made as can one from the Commissioners but if any member has a conflict</p>	

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	<p>of interest, they must declare and not comment on that area. She said that the Department have a year to produce the Draft Plan and the completion date overall is 2023. The Plans for St Johns, Peel & Kirk Michael are about 39 to 40 years out of date, and they have brought the first submission plans with them. She asked that if anything on the plans does not look right the Department would like to know. JDL asked if the first process could be extended as the time scale is very tight. A discussion ensued regarding this and Mrs Diane Brown stated that sometimes they can extend the first process but because of the Town & Country Planning Act the Department need to produce the Draft Plan within a year. She confirmed to PLC that the date was the 25th June 2021 and It has already been extended from the first published date which was the 4th June 2021. JDL asked if the 12 months for producing the plan started on the 25th June 2021 to which she replied it was, but views and submissions need to be into the Department as soon as possible. Infrastructure issues were discussed as was the Coastal Erosion, which Minister Harmer said could be looked at as part of the plan for Kirk Michael. Alfred Cannan MHK said the Coastal Erosion which includes Kirk Michael is now at the Design stage and before further development is submitted the Peel to Michael Road erosion needs to be addressed. AM stated that active travel was a problem and that the cycling and walking paths are not well maintained, and the paths are badly flooded in various areas and the Raad Ny Follian needs to be also looked at as there is no active trail of well-maintained paths. Mrs Diane Brown said that this is a maintenance issue which may not be directly affected by this plan but should be brought up with the right Department. AM also said that the buses need looking at for the North & West. Kirk Michael use to have a 30-minute service it is now an hourly service and a two-hourly service on a weekend. The Connect Villages Service failed, and we should be able to access all parts of the island from here and Land Lock of the Michael School should not be able to happen in case it needs to be extended in the future. Tim Baker MHK stated that this exercise is not to solve all the problems, and this is a DOI issue not a Planning one. Mrs Diane Brown said that the next time they meet with the Board they will have a stack of plans plus a proposal map. KAB asked the Officers if they communicate with other Departments to ask what is needed for each area, for example health & education, to which they answered they do. JDL asked if the Commissioners could ask for a Doctors Surgery to be added if a Developer builds 200 houses. KAB also asked if the Plan can specify how many houses can be built and if the Plan can add a Doctors Surgery as Peel have a problem as they have a lot of houses and not enough Doctors for all surrounding areas. A discussion ensued regarding the Infrastructure issues and Planning Appeals and the Strategic plan around these matters. The 2016 Census was discussed, and Mrs Diane Brown said that the 2016 Census showed that the migration is not as high as it was expected to be. The island does not need as many houses, but the North & West Plan is still working on the same figures, and they may need Strategic reserves for housing, but some villages do not lend themselves to development as easily as others do. Alfred Cannan MHK stated that the plan does show how many houses are being considered in Michael and Tim Baker MHK said that it is difficult for people to get the idea of how many sites will be used for development and was sure a lot of sites would just drop out. Mr Andrew Corrin said that they need to move on from the 1982 plan and have a new framework to work to and next year the new Strategic Plan will be produced. The Commissioners agreed that they will organise a meeting to put a submission forward. MJD the Chairman thanked the Officers for attending and all their help.</p>	
3.	<p>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</p>	
	<p>The minutes for 10th February & 19th April 2021 were agreed and signed by the chairman.</p>	
	<p>KAB left the meeting 9.30PM</p>	
4.	<p>DEVELOPMENT REPORT 05/05/2021</p>	
	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION</p>	

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	PLC asked if the Clerk would send an email to the DOI regarding a monthly update for the Commissioners on the progress of the road works as discussed at the DOI meeting. The Clerk was also asked to enquire if a welcome to Rhencullen Sign could be installed. Clerk to contact the DOI design team regarding this.	Clerk
8.1.2.	Disabled Parking Space.	
	The Clerk had sent out letters regarding the Commissioners proposing a Disabled Parking space on the Main Road near the shops. Only three replies had been received regarding the issue and two residents did not feel this was needed. A discussion ensued regarding the DOI Enforcement Officer to make more frequent calls into the village for enforcement on the Main Road and the DOI Car Park as a lot of residents are parking for longer than the allotted times. The Clerk would contact the DOI regarding this issue and any resident that is in breach of parking times. The Clerk was also asked to contact the DOI to ask if there is a possibility for a Disabled parking place on the Main Road.	Clerk
9.	MICHAEL COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTRE	
9.1	Website/CCTV	
	The Clerk was asked to add the Financial Statements for 2020 and any of the minutes that maybe missing and a note for the Minutes not called because of Covid. The Clerk explained she had sent them but will chase the company to put them on and update the site so that she can add the items herself as was agreed when the Board agreed to use them for the website and IT support.	Clerk
10.	AMENITY AREAS	
10.1.	Street lighting.	
	No update on the survey. The Clerk to send an email to chase a date.	Clerk
10.2.	BMX Park Glen Wyllin.	
	The Chairman asked the Clerk to order 4 ton of 4 mil dust for the BMX Park from A V Craines. Access would need to be obtained for the delivery driver. The Clerk would speak to Government regarding this.	MJD Clerk
10.3.	Public Toilets.	
	No issues to report.	
10.4.	Dog & Litter Bin.	
	A discussion ensued regarding the dog/litter bins. Two bins have bin lids missing. One at the top of the steps at Orrisdale / Rhencullen and the other one at the bottom of Balleira. The Clerk was asked to get two new bins ordered and installed.	Clerk
10.5.	Playgrounds (Equipment Order)	
	The Playground Equipment order was discussed at some length. JDL said he thought the order should be agreed when the new Board came on in August. PROPOSED BY JDL and SECONDED BY PLC. ALL AGREED.	
11.	OTHER BUSINESS	
11.1.	Friends of Michael School Updates.	
	No Update Received.	
11.2.	Young Commissioners Updates.	
	No Updates Received.	
11.3.	Western Housing Committee.	
	No Meeting.	
11.4.	Western Swimming Pool.	
	No Meeting.	
11.5.	Western Civic Amenity Site.	

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	PLC reported on the meeting held and was asked to report back at the next meeting how waste is taken from other areas and if the Western Rates payers are paying for other areas.	PLC
11.6.	Neighbourhood Policing Team Local Tasking.	
	No Meeting.	
11.7.	NPRCB	
	No Meeting.	
11.8.	The Municipal Association	
	The Chairman reported on the Meeting held. Michael Commissioners are due to host the Municipal Association AGM for 2021. It was agreed at the April Meeting that the AGM would be held in August due to the Local Elections proposed to be held on the 22 nd July 2021.	
11.9	Manx Erosion Group	
	It was reported that a Design has been done and has been put into Government for approval.	
12.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
12.1.	The Old Court House	
	The Chairman reported on a meeting that had been held with proposed buyers. The issue with parking for a business wanting to have parking is holding up the sale. The Clerk was asked to contact the Conservation Officer regarding help in this matter.	
13.	DATES FOR DIARIES	
14.	SESSION IN PRIVATE	
15.	DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING	
15.1.	Wednesday 2 nd June 2021	
16.	CLOSURE OF MEETING	
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.48pm	
	Signed: <i>MD</i>	
	Date: 2-6-21.	