

**Port St Mary Commissioners
Ordinary Board Meeting
Public Session**

Wednesday 26th October 7:30pm

Present:

Mrs Bernadette Williams (Chairman)
Mr Richard Ashcroft
Mr Alan Grace
Mr Christopher Kinley
Mr Alec Merchant
Mr Ian Skelly
Mr Andrew Phair

Apologies received:

Dr Michelle Haywood
Mr Robert Hirst

1. Welcome, apologies and declarations.

The Chairman welcomed the members present, noted apologies for absence and that there were no declarations of interest received. It was further noted that the commissioners clerk, Mr Alastair Hamilton was not present, with the Boards approval.

To approve as a correct record and sign the public minutes of the:

1.1. Ordinary Meeting held on 12th October 2016

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2016 were considered.

The chairman advised of an amendment as follows:

The reference request for the two most improved seniors to do a bible

reading was in relation to item 5.6 Celebration of Christmas 2016 and not item 5.5 Remembrance Day 2016 Service

Subject to the above amendment, it was resolved that the minutes be confirmed as corrected above and signed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Mr Grace

Seconded by Mr Merchant

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1 PSM16/158 Mariners Shelter email from Mr J. Chatwood, Property Manager, Department of Infrastructure.

An email from Mr Chatwood which advised that the Department of Infrastructure was happy for the dilapidation survey and proposed external paintworks to go ahead was considered.

It was agreed by the board that a letters of thanks be sent to Mr Norman of Fistard Project Services and Lightfast Limited who had made the offer of a free survey and Keim paints for the shelter.

Mr Skelly offered to speak to Mr Norman to progress the matter, there were no objections.

Other items

PSM16/195 Mr Skelly enquired as to whether quotes had been received yet for the proposed works to guttering at Creggan Beg, and **PSM16/196** whether there was any progress on the sale of the road sweeper.

PSM16/158 Mr Grace enquired whether any progress had been made on prices for the revised proposed works to the Mariners Shelter.

It was agreed that these questions be answered by the clerk on his return.

3. Finance

3.1. List of invoices for payment

PSM16/159 Mr Skelly queried the costs relating to the removal of a vehicle from one of the car parks, and whether the removed vehicle had to be taken to a compound prior to disposal.

Mr Skelly queried whether we were still hiring a van, pointing out that the board had been informed some time ago that the rental would soon cease.

It was agreed that these questions be answered by the clerk on his return from annual leave.

The list of invoices for payment was considered and approved for payment.

Proposed Mr Kinley
Seconded Mr Ashcroft

4.2 Charging for waste

PSM16/198 A report prepared by the clerk regarding the disputed legal basis for changes to the charging structure for waste disposal at the Energy from Waste Plant was considered.

The Board noted that currently, invoices for waste disposal remained unpaid, but accrued for and that the matter was now subject to arbitration and the outcome was awaited.

4.3 **PSM16/198** Lamppost on Station Road

A report prepared by the clerk regarding the removal and replacement of a lamppost on Station Road during the current road closure was considered.

The board noted that the works are being carried out by Haven Homes, are being supervised by Manx Utilities, and that there is no cost to the authority.

4. Special projects

There were no special projects for consideration.

5. Public correspondence

6.1 PSM16/175 Port Erin Commissioner and Rushen Commissioners.

The letters of response regarding the suggested formation of a joint committee to explore the feasibility of a single local authority were considered.

The Board noted Port Erin Commissioners disappointment that there was no wish to proceed with their proposal, and that they remain open to revisit the issue should views change.

Mr Skelly expressed concern that the response from Port Erin Commissioners made no reference to the boards resolution in favour of a joint committee to explore further opportunities to work together as separate authorities.

6.2 Valuation List - 3rd Supplemental List 2016

The 3rd Supplemental List of the Rating Valuation Report for 2016 was considered.

The Board noted that that the rateable values of properties on the list showed an increase from £286 to £715.

6.3 Request from Isle of Man Constabulary for meeting with the board.

A letter from the Isle of Man Constabulary requesting a meeting so that Sergeant Shimmin and/or Inspector Kneen might introduce themselves to the board was considered.

The chairman advised that the first available date would be prior to the December board meeting.

It was agreed that Seargent Shimmin and the Inspector Kneen should be invited to attend at 7pm, prior to the December board meeting.

6. Consultations

7.1 Isle of Man seismic survey consenting process.

The consultation was noted; no submissions were proposed.

7. Planning matters

7.1. Planning Applications

7.1.1. 16/01152/B

Creation of off-road car parking space. South Brent, Cronk Road.

There were no objections.

7.2. Planning Approvals

7.2.1. 16/01006/B

Demolition of existing wall and construction of new ring beam and decking area. Cliff Cottage, Bay View Road.

16/00988

Alterations and amalgamation of apartments. Perwick Bay Apartments 1 & 2, Perwick Road.

The planning approvals were noted.

7.3. Planning Refusals – there were no planning refusals reported.

7.4. Planning Correspondence – there was no planning correspondence for consideration.

8. **Civic invitations** – there were no civic invitations for consideration.

9. **Any other business**

Mr Grace

- **PSM16/200** suggested that the pickup trucks could do with being painted.
- advised that gaps in the concrete opposite Smokey Joes needed attention. **PSM16/201** Polysulfide had been used in the past to try and prevent water ingress which now needs redoing.
- **PSM16/202** asked whether the movement of slabs on the Catwalk could be brought up again with the Department of Infrastructure.

Mr Skelly

- advised that Clifton Road North was being resurfaced by Highways.

- **PSM16/202** asked for an update on the clerk's discussions with the Department of Infrastructure regarding the painting of the catwalk railings.
- **PSM16/203** advised the board that police officers were doing evening foot patrols in the village.

Mr Kinley

- **PSM16/204** asked if there was any information regarding the removed wall opposite the old Police Station as it was removed quite some time ago and nothing seems to be happening with it.

It was agreed that the above items be actioned/replied to by the clerk on his return.

The public session ended at 20:05

B. Williams, Chaima
9.11.16